

ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

APRIL 20, 2007

The Athletic Advisory Committee of the University Senate met on January 17, 2007 in the Office of the Athletic Director.

The Committee had received inquiries from the faculty, especially from faculty who had in their class, freshmen members of the men's basketball team. The team including these freshmen missed an entire week of classes during the Fall semester.

There is a formal scheduling policy published by the Athletic Department for all teams to create a quality experience for all athletes. Unfortunately, during the Fall semester, two problems cropped up with the travel to one of the tournaments for the Men's Basketball team. The departure flight to the tournament scheduled a year in advance was canceled by the airlines. The option of a charter flight was too costly. The return flight was delayed because of the weather. This was an unusual situation. Villanova's team is in demand now for tournaments and we are able to pick and choose which tournaments in which to participate. Some of these tournaments will pay for housing and travel. The consideration of the students' schedules will be a prime concern when choosing tournaments in the future as it has been in the past.

The very good news from the Athletic Department and the Office of Academic Support for Athletics is the GPA for student athletes for Fall 2006 was 3.071. Sixteen teams had a GPA of 3.0 or higher; this is a total of 315 students of 58% of the student athletes. Twelve student athletes had a GPA of 4.0.

The target time for the opening of the new athletic facility is October 2007. It will house facilities for the Women's and Men's Basketball program as well as a student facility. The softball field will be on Pike Field since the new College of Nursing building will be built on the former softball field next to the Health Services Building. The outdoor track will be refurbished during the Summer of 2007.

The Big East has a new TV contract which will be in effect until 2013. ESPN2 will be hosting the NCAA tournament.

Football is moving to the Colonial conference.

Submitted by Daniel T. Regan, Chair.