

Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

2015-16 Annual Report

Legislative Advocacy Committee

The Legislative Advocacy Committee organized a Legislative Roundtable Discussion that took place on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Senators Beach and Prezioso and Delegates Campbell, Caputo, Longstreth, Manchin, and Statler attended. There were about fifty administrators, faculty and staff in attendance. A lot of discussion about a number of issues occurred.

Several committee members had several meetings with President Rose to determine the important issues for this year's legislative session and to keep each other informed as to what was transpiring in the Legislature. The main legislative issues were to insure that WVU doesn't take over the regional Colleges and Universities, inform the legislators about the consequences resulting from the budget cuts that have occurred over the last few years, and to ask the legislators to adequately fund the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). The committee met several times to formulate the talking points for these legislative issues and to prepare for the trip to the legislature to meet with several of the Senators and Delegates on the House and Senate Education Committees and the House and Senate Finance Committees.

Two members of the Legislative Advocacy Committee traveled to Charleston in early February. This involved spending two days meeting with legislators about FSU's important issues. We continue to depend upon the FSU faculty at large to make phone calls, and/or write letters when such action is deemed necessary. Several members attended PEIA events to protest decreases in coverage. Members continue to attend local legislative events in support of FSU's interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Baxter

Chair, Legislative Advocacy Committee

Admissions and Credits Committee Report

Committee on Admissions and Credits
Annual Report to the Senate
2015-2016

During the current academic year, the Committee conducted two meetings, in the first of which Leland George was elected to serve as chair for the current academic year.

The Committee recommend to the Senate that the By-Laws be amended to designate the Associate Provost as an *ex-officio* member.

One student appeal was heard.

The Committee recommended changes to the Senate in the Probation and Suspension policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland M George, PhD
Professor of English
Chair, Committee on Admissions and Credits

Athletic Committee Report

The Athletic Committee met Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in ED 309. Those attending included: Tim McNeely (AD), Clark Riley (Asst. AD – Internal Operations), Pat Snively (Asst. AD - Development), Kristy Kiefer (Sr. Women Administrator), Don Moroose (Faculty Athletic Rep), James Weekley, Veronica Gallo, and Budd Sapp

Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Agenda Items

I. Athletic Program – Overview of Responsibilities and Brief Report

The AD Tim McNeely introduced himself and staff in attendance made introductions as well. Clark Riley is responsible for internal operations and the day-to-day activities related to the 16 athletic teams; Chad Fowler is responsible for development (fund-raising); Pat Snively is responsible NCAA II compliance (away at a conference), and Kristi Kiefer is Senior Women Administrator and Advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

The Athletic Staff stated they would welcome any questions and are willing to speak/meet with faculty and staff as can be arranged.

- II. Athletic Teams: Update – Clark Riley gave an update on the athletic teams, individual accomplishments of several athletes, and overall team accomplishments (See Appendix A).
- III. NCAA Division II Update –Pat Snively provided an Academic Report (included) to be presented to the committee and Kristi Kiefer explained how they work collaboratively with SAAC related to NCAA Division II Legislative Proposals. An overview of the proposals and voting record is attached. Kristi Kiefer also explained that SAAC is a very active organization and raises funds for Make-A-Wish which is the non-profit identified to benefit by NCAA II – and - that for the past 10 years or more SAAC has provided graduation stoles at commencement for graduating athletes.
- IV. Athletic Strategic/Master Plan and Facilities Update – AD McNeely provided an overview of the Athletic Strategic/Master plan progress as a result of the athletic consultant group’s report from several years ago and shared that the 2 main points were: 1) Title IX Compliance, and 2) Increasing Private Fund Raising. In addition, a Facilities Master Plan is “in the works” with an RFP going out in the near future (a possibility of a future indoor athletic facility on campus was mentioned). FSU has added Women’s Soccer and plans to add Women’s Lacrosse or Womens’ Track & Field in the future. FSU athletics has a constant watch on Title IX compliance. Asst. AD Fowler explained the “private fund raising” – and included information on the following: completing the \$1.2 million funding for the Feaster Center and Joe Retton Arena renovations; the

\$1000 Club Initiative and “Friends of Accounts” (Friends of Women’s Basketball, for example) have added private donations and funding opportunities to benefit specific sports and athletic scholarships – a 3-year synopsis indicates that over \$330,000 has been raised; fund raising specific to the Athletic Department has been accomplished via advertising for various athletic events and has increased over a 3-year period 2014 = \$24,000, 2015 = \$40,000, and 2016 \$50,000+. It was stated that the athletic department is in a stable financial position and hopes to continue and improve upon that trend – and it was noted that Athletics is subject to the same budget cuts as the rest of the campus.

- V. Miscellaneous Items/Questions & Answers – Other items of discussion included but were not limited to: the announcement that home football games will be played on Thursday evening with the exception of a Homecoming Saturday game; student athletes were commended for their impressive graduation rate and overall GPA and it was stated that the athletes as a cohort obtain efficient and effective advising; and, the \$1000 Club was explained as a way to increase athletic fundraising that supports both the athletic teams of one’s choosing as well as athletic scholarships – and payroll deduction is a possibility for faculty interested.

Respectfully submitted by G. H. Budd Sapp

Appendix A

Individual Honors

- Matt Bingaya (First team All-Atlantic Region by NABC)
- Shammgod Wells (First team Academic All-District)
- Logan Johnson (National Pitcher of the Week/No-Hitter)
- Kaitlyn Witsaman (1,000 Career Kills)
- Thomas Wimbush/Matt Bingaya (1,000 point scorers)

-52 Student-Athletes earned MEC Fall Academic Honors (18 named to All-MEC Academic Team for having a 3.70 GPA or higher)

Men's Basketball

- Fourth-consecutive 20-win season (25-5 overall)
- NCAA Atlantic Regional Bid as the #3 seed (fell to Virginia State in the opening round)
- Recorded their best regular season finish (25-3) since the Falcons went 24-2 back in 1999-00
- 15th 25-win season in program history
- Were ranked in the NABC National rankings the entire season, including a top 10 ranking in 14 of the 15 polls this season (set a program record for consecutive weeks in the top 10 of the rankings)
- Ranked as high as No. 2 and were in the top five for seven weeks
- Matt Bingaya (first team all-region and first team All-MEC)
- Thomas Wimbush, Jamel Morris (second team All-MEC)
- Shammgod Wells (first team Academic All-District)

Men's Cross Country

- 7th at MEC Championships (up one spot from a season ago)
- Andrew Shade placed 22nd at MEC Championships (top 20 receive all-league honors)

Women's Cross Country

- 4th at MEC Championships (up two spots from a season ago)
- Logan Frame & Sara Younker (second team All-MEC)
- Frame placed 12th at MEC Championships, Younker 20th

Football

- 6-4 overall (6-4 MEC)
- Tied for 3rd in league standings, highest season finish since 2001 as a member of the WVIAC
- Nine players earned All-MEC honors, including first team Jacob Jean-Charles
- Jean-Charles also earned third team Don Hansen All-Region honors
- Fabian Guerra, Quincy Redmon, Darius Lee and Marcus Porter earned second team all-league honors
- First winning season since 2011

Women's Soccer

- 2-14-2 overall
- First NCAA Division II season in program history
- Courtney Webb, Shawna Graham earned All-MEC honors
- First win in program history, Oct. 9, 2015 at Shepherd

Men's Golf

- Bailey Mohr (MEC Honorable Mention)
- 1st place at Highlands Cup, 6th at WJU Invitational and MEC Fall Classic
- 8th MEC Fall Championships, 9th MEC Spring Invitational

Men's Swimming

- Finished eight at BMC Championships
- 5-2 dual meet record
- 5th 200-yard free relay, 6th 400-yard free relay
- Nik Seymenov placed sixth in 100 freestyle with a time of 45.74

Men's Tennis

- 6-14 overall
- Currently 5th in the league standings

Acrobatics & Tumbling

- 6-6 this season
- Sixth seed at NCATA National Championships this weekend

Women's Basketball

- 20-11 overall and 12-10 in MEC
- Three 20-win seasons in the last four years
- 5th in MEC Regular Season Standings/MEC Tournament Semifinals
- Amanda Ruffner, Makenzie White – 2nd team All-MEC honors

Women's Golf

- Finished 6th at MEC Fall Championships, 7th at MEC Northern Tournament
- MEC Spring Invitational will be next weekend (All-MEC teams TBA)

Women's Swimming

- Finished 9th at BMC Championships (four spot improvement over last season)
- 2-7 dual meet record
- T-3rd at MEC Relay Meet, 4th at WV State Games

Women's Tennis

- Went 11-9 under third-year head coach Kayla Kurczak
- First winning season since 2011-12 season
- Taylor Nichols – 2nd team All-MEC for third-straight season

Volleyball

- Went 25-8 overall and 14-2 in the MEC (2nd in MEC Regular Season standings)
- MEC Regular Season & Tournament Runner-Up
- Erin Harwood & Mackenzie Harrison (1st Team All-MEC)
- Courtney Kress & Kaitlyn Witsaman (MEC Honorable Mention)
- Megan Clerico (MEC All-Freshman Team)
- Third-straight appearance in MEC Tournament finals

Baseball

- 13-18 overall (4-10 in the MEC)
- Pitcher Logan Johnson threw a no-hitter and was named National and Atlantic Regional Pitcher of the Week
- Two MEC Players of the Week (Austin Norman, Jacob Whitmore) and MEC Pitcher of the Week (Logan Johnson)

Softball

- 16-18 (11-9 MEC)
- Courtney Iacobacci (MEC Player of the Week)

**Fairmont State University Athletics
Academic Report – April 12, 2016**

Grade point averages by gender:

Female student-athletes: 3.08 Fall GPA
 3.08 Cumulative GPA

Male student-athletes: 2.50 Fall GPA
 2.55 Cumulative GPA

Graduation Rates & Academic Success Rate, 2008-09 cohort:

*percentage of freshmen who entered as first-year students in academic year 2008-09 and graduated within 6 years.

All FSU Students: 33%

*all full-time, degree-seeking students are provided to the NCAA each year and separated by gender and ethnic group.

All FSU Student-athletes: 41%

*for this figure, only student-athletes who received athletics aid are counted.

Student-athlete ASR: 65%

*ASR adds transfer students, and second-term enrollees who received athletics aid in addition to those freshmen who did not receive athletics aid to the equation. Students from the entering cohort who are considered allowable exclusions (i.e., those who either die or become permanently disabled, those who leave the school to join the armed forces, foreign services or attend a church mission), as well as those who left the institution prior to graduation, had athletics eligibility remaining and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned to that institution, are removed from the equation.

Faculty Senate Athletic Committee
Tentative Agenda Items
April 12, 2016 - Noon
Education Building 309

I. Athletic Program – Overview of Responsibilities/Brief Report

II. Athletic Teams: Update

III. NCAA Division II Update

IV. Athletic Strategic/Master Plan and Facilities Update

V. Miscellaneous Items/Questions & Answers

Athletics

- White, Craig (2016) Beh.Sci.
- Moroose, Don (2016) SOE
- Snyder, Troy (2016) SOFA
- Weekley, James (2016) BCG
- Sapp, Budd (2016) SOE
- Radulovich, Ned (2016) Soc. Sci
- Gallo, Veronica (2017) Nursing
- Tony E. Morris (2017) BCG
- Kiefer, Kristi (2017) HHP
- Ex—Officio: Director of Athletics and University NCAA Academic Representative

Institutional Review Board Committee Report

Institutional Review Board
2015-2016
Year-End Report

I. Members:

Julie Furrow
Debra Hoag
Mahmood Hossain
Theresa Jones
Tadashi Kato
Janie Leary

Jennifer Myers
Michael Ransom
Clarence Rohrbaugh
Robynn Shannon
Joshua Smallridge
Fran Young

II. Activities:

A. The committee reviewed applications for approval to conduct research involving human subjects from individuals planning projects for school courses, and faculty working on individual or departmental research projects.

Fall 2015 Approvals

1. Minimal risk approval given on July 28, 2015 for Dr. Ashley Tasker's faculty research.153001
2. Minimal risk approval given on July 28, 2015 for Dr. Deb Hoag's faculty research.153002
3. Minimal risk approval given on August 11, 2015 for Dr. Jeremy Price's faculty research.153003
4. Minimal risk approval given on September 3, 2015 for Dr. Theresa Jones' faculty research.153004
5. Minimal risk approval given on September 4, 2015 for Dr. Julie Furrow's (Mitchell) faculty research.153005
6. Minimal risk approval given on September 11, 2015 for Marshall Sherry's graduate school faculty research.153006
7. Thirteen students in Dr. Tad Kato's Foundations of Psychology submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on October 7, 2015. 153007
8. Dr. Mike Ransom and three students received IRB approval on October 12, 2015 for minimal risk research as part of a Directed Research class.153008
9. Minimal risk approval given on October 20, 2015 for Dr. Sidwell's faculty research.153009

10. Fourteen students in Dr. Reneau's PHED 4410 submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on October 20, 2015. 1530010
11. Four students in Dr. Leary's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on November 20, 2015. 1530011

Spring Approvals

1. Minimal risk approval given on January 19, 2016 for Dr. Vincent's faculty research.161001
2. Two students in Dr. Leary's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on February 4, 2016. 161002
3. One student in Dr. Leary's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and was approved for minimal risk studies on February 10, 2016. 161003
4. Minimal risk approval given on February 12, 2016 for Andrea Pammer's research.161004
5. One student in Dr. Leary's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and was approved for minimal risk studies on February 12, 2016. 161005
6. Dr. Mike Ransom and three students received IRB approval on February 23, 2016 for minimal risk research as part of a Directed Research class.161006
7. Six students in Dr. Jess Alsup's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on February 25, 2016. 161007
8. Dr. Mike Ransom and two students received IRB approval on March 14, 2016 for minimal risk research as part of a Directed Research class.161008
9. Minimal risk approval given on March 21, 2016 for Dr. Ross' faculty research.161009
10. Five students in Dr. Clarence Rohrbaugh's Foundations of Psychology submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on March 24, 2016. 16010

11. Three students in Dr. Jess Alsup's Health and Human Performance class submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on March 28, 2016. 161011
12. A full review was conducted and research was approved for Dr. Jess Alsup's research with her student Danielle George on April 26, 2016. 16012
13. Minimal risk approval given on April 29, 2016 for Drs. Lindstrom and Jones' faculty research.161013

B. The committee individually reviewed applications in .DOC, .RTF, or .PDF format sent over University email. Email was used by committee members to provide feedback on all applications.

2016/2017 Senate Meeting Dates

FSU FACULTY SENATE MEETING DATES 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

(All meeting dates are the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.)

September 13, 2016

October 11, 2016

November 8, 2016

December 13, 2016

January 17, 2017*

February 14, 2017

March 21, 2017*

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

*Third Tuesday of the month

Probation Suspension Policy Revision

PROBATION/SUSPENSION POLICY

(Revised February 23, 2016)

Satisfactory Academic Standing

A student is deemed to be in Satisfactory Academic Standing when his/her cumulative grade point average, based upon coursework taken at FSU, is 2.0 or higher.

Unsatisfactory Academic Standing

A student is deemed to be in Unsatisfactory Academic Standing when his/her cumulative grade point average, based upon coursework taken at FSU, is below 2.0.

Academic Warning

At the end of each term, an active student whose **term** GPA falls below a 2.0 will be placed on Academic Warning and a notation of Academic Warning will be placed on the academic transcript. Academic Warning is not punitive and does not alter or affect a student's current or subsequent term registration. Instead, the student will be referred to appropriate academic offices for guidance, tutoring or other services as required. A student on Academic Warning is required to meet with his/her assigned academic advisor. This policy does not supersede the Academic Suspension policy.

Academic Probation

- 1) The status of Academic Probation is automatically applied to a student when the **cumulative** grade point average, based upon coursework taken at FSU, falls below 2.0.
- 2) The status of Academic Probation will be removed only after the cumulative grade point average, based upon coursework taken at FSU, is 2.0 or higher.
- 3) A student on Academic Probation may continue to enroll on a full-time basis, but will be limited to 15 semester hours.

Academic Suspension

The academic record of each student on probation will be reviewed at the end of each regular (fall and spring) semester with regard to Academic Suspension. The following guidelines will be used in the review:

- 1) Academic Suspension occurs when a student's cumulative grade point average, based upon coursework taken at FSU, falls below the minimum required GPA, determined as follows in relation to overall institutional and transfer hours attempted:

Credit Hours*	GPA
16-29	1.45
30-59	1.75
60+	2.00

*Attempted hours at FSU plus transfer credits.

- 2) The suspension list will be compiled at the end of the fall and spring semesters.
- 3) A student will be placed on probation for one (1) semester before he/she is subject to Academic Suspension (see **Academic Probation** above).
- 4) A student can be placed on suspension if he/she has been on probation in any previous semester.
- 5) No student with a current semester GPA of 2.0 or higher will be subject to Academic Suspension.
- 6) A student who is academically suspended will not be permitted to enroll in coursework at FSU for the period of suspension as defined below:

For a first suspension, a student will not be permitted to enroll in coursework at FSU for one (1) full semester plus the summer terms. This means that a student suspended at the end of the fall semester cannot enroll again until the next fall semester. A student suspended at the end of the spring semester cannot enroll again until the next spring semester.

For a second suspension, a student will not be permitted to enroll in coursework at FSU for one (1) full year. A full fall and full spring semester plus the summer terms constitute the required suspension period.

For a third and any subsequent suspension, a student will not be permitted to enroll in coursework at FSU for four (4) full years. Upon readmission, after the full four (4) year suspension, the student may be eligible for academic forgiveness. Whether academic forgiveness will apply will be determined by the Academic Forgiveness Policy in effect at the time of readmission.

- 7) A student who has been academically suspended for the first or second time is automatically eligible for readmission after the period of suspension is over, but must reapply through the Office of Admissions to have his/her Academic Suspension hold removed.

- 8) A student who has been academically suspended for the third time may apply for readmission after the period of suspension is over, but readmission is not automatic. The student's record will be reviewed to determine if it is academically possible for the student to attain Satisfactory Academic Standing and complete his/her degree program within a reasonable amount of time. A determination of eligibility for academic forgiveness will also be made before readmission is granted. If a student is determined to be eligible for academic forgiveness, the student must apply for academic forgiveness at the appropriate time (Please see "Academic Forgiveness Policy", page 41).
- 9) FSU will not accept credit for courses taken at any institution while a student is suspended.
- 10) FSU reserves the right to deny admission if a student has been academically suspended from any institution(s) three (3) or more times.

Appeals, Academic Suspension

A student who is suspended may appeal the suspension decision to the Admissions and Credits Committee of Fairmont State University. A written appeal must be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Admissions and Credits Committee. Notices of the appeal deadline will be provided in the student's suspension letter. ***Late appeals will not be accepted.***

The decision of the Admissions and Credits Committee may be appealed to the President of Fairmont State University or his/her designee. For additional information concerning this procedure, contact the Associate Provost or the Chairperson of the Admissions and Credits Committee.

Amended Bylaws of Curriculum Committee

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE.

The Curriculum Committee shall:

- a. Review the initial decisions concerning curriculum change as reported by the Academic Vice President;
- b. Hear any appeals from Deans, Chairpersons, or other members of the Faculty concerning disposition of curriculum proposals;
- c. Undertake research into the successes and failures of the University curriculum; and
- d. Develop policy guidelines that will assist the University in curriculum development.

All four functions of the Committee will result in recommendations reported to the Faculty Senate for final action. The Curriculum Committee shall consist of one member elected by each Academic Unit. The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs [and the University Registrar](#) shall serve as **an ex-officio** members.