

Personnel Committee Report



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MEMO

To: Dr. Joseph Kremer, President, Faculty Senate
From: Dr. John O'Connor, Chair, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee
Date: April 24, 2017
Subject: **2016 - 2017 Personnel Committee Report**

In addition to me, the Personnel Committee consists of the following members: Jennifer Boggess, Dr. Galen Hansen, Dr. Denice Kirchoff, and Dr. Charles Shields.

The committee met three times during the course of the academic year, and conducted business several times via email. The meetings were devoted to consideration of three applications for sabbatical leave, six applications for promotion to associate professor and tenure, three applications for promotion to professor, and five recommendations for emeritus status. The committee unanimously approved all of the applications and recommendations and notified Dr. Rose.

Respectfully,

John O'Connor

John O'Connor, Ph.D.
Professor/Senior Level: Theatre



Curriculum Committee Report

Date: 5-5-2016

Joseph Kremer
Faculty Senate President
Fairmont State University
1201 Locust Avenue

Dear Mr. Kremer,

This letter serves to provide a summary of the Fairmont State Curriculum Committee activities for the 2016 – 2017 academic school year. The FSU curriculum committee met each month on the following dates:

August 30, 2016
September 27, 2016
October 25, 2016
November 29, 2016
December 2016
January 24, 2017
February 28, 2017
March 28, 2017
April 25, 2017

The committee reviewed and approved the following proposals for the 2017 – 2017 academic school year and recommended these proposals be reviewed by FSU Faculty Senate:

#16-17-01 Nursing General Studies 2	#16-17-11 Professional Writing
#16-17-02 Math Support and Course ReNumbering	#16-17-12 Math Updates
#16-17-03 Math Support Simplification	#16-17-13 Computer Science Updates
#16-17-04 Intro to Folk Music	#16-17-14 Ocean Issues
#16-17-05 Sociology	#16-17-15 Occupational Safety.pdf
#16-17-06 Exercise Science	#16-17-16 Spanish
#16-17-07 Physical Education	#16-17-17 BSN Admission Requirements
#16-17-08 Community Health	#16-17-18 General Studies
#16-17-09 History Electives[1]	#16-17-13 AMENDMENT Computer Science Updates
#16-17-10 Spanish Teaching Specialization	#16-17-19 Science Teacher Certification
(Withdrawn)	#16-17-20 School Health Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Hoag
FSU Curriculum Committee Chair

General Studies Committee Report

**Report to FSU Faculty Senate
General Studies Committee
2016-2017**

During the academic year 2016-2017, the General Studies Committee's business consisted of the following:

- 1) Creating a new transfer course credit policy and form for courses transferred to FSU without a clear parallel course in our catalog.
- 2) Creating a policy for courses using the 1199 number.
- 3) Creating a revised new course application process and form.
- 4) By far the largest item on the committee's agenda for the year has been assessing the General Studies program, with assistance of Content Area Teams of faculty teaching the accompanying course.

In the fall, the following Outcomes were reviewed:

- 5: Information Literacy
- 6: Technology Literacy

In the spring, the following outcomes were reviewed:

- 1: Critical Analysis
- 3: Written Communications
- 4: Teamwork

When all outcomes have been reviewed, the committee will begin the process of creating a simplified General Studies program.

- 5) As part of the assessment activities above, the committee explored the possible value of Takstream Aqua, and finally settled on an LAT space for the assessment work.
- 6) The committee approved the following changes to the the 2015-2016 catalog:
 - Changing the numbering of Math courses according the the corresponding Math curriculum proposal
 - Removed SFTY 2250, GEOG 3340, and GEOG 3370
 - Added ALLH 3341, SFTY 4480, and MUSM 1100

International Education Committee Report

International Education Committee

Annual Report 2016-17

submitted by Erin Hippolyte, 1 May 2017

Members:

Ingrid Bircann-Barkey
Susan Cato-Chapman
Daniel Eichenbaum
Beverly Michael
Angela Schwer
Julie Furrow
Joshua Smallridge
Sunil Surendran
Harry Baxter
Shinichi Asano
Erin Hippolyte (chair)
Geneva Hines (ad-hoc)
Jack Kirby (ad-hoc)

Summary:

Committee met monthly on the second Tuesday from 12:30-1:20 in JH311. We discussed international education priorities in light of the FSU Presidential Search, and the What Matters Most discussion cycle.

Chair and Assistant Provost discussed new opportunities for faculty-led study abroad through our new institutional affiliate KEI. Faculty should contact the chair (Hippolyte) for more information, as the International Study Coordinator. Committee members were asked to spread the word to faculty and students about new study abroad opportunities. See www.keiabroad.org information about the provider.

During the spring semester, the committee supported the ISO and International Student Office in the Flag Raising and Taste of the World activities.

Institutional Review Board Committee Report

Institutional Review Board
2016-2017
Year-End Report

I. Members:

Julie Furrow
Debra Hoag
Theresa Jones
Tadashi Kato
Janie Leary
John McLaughlin
Jennifer Myers

Michael Ransom (Chair)
Aimee Richards
Clarence Rohrbaugh
Joe Shaver
Joshua Smallridge
Fran Young
Jennifer Yerdon-LeJeune

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 2016 Approvals

1. Minimal risk approval(conditional approval) given on August 1, 2016 for Dr. Harvey's and Dr. Howley's NSF STEM grant.162001
2. Minimal risk approval given on August 18, 2016 for Dr. Reneau's student-Jonathon Mitchell.162002
3. Minimal risk approval given on August 18, 2016 for Dr. Ransom's Positive Psychology class.162003
4. Minimal risk approval given on August 30, 2016 for HEPC Grant Assessment. 162004
5. Minimal risk approval given on September 2, 2016 for Dr. Tasker's Active Learning Project. 162005
6. Minimal risk approval (conditional approval) given on September 22, 2016 for Prof. Shroyer's dissertation data collection.162006
7. Minimal risk approval given on October 6, 2016 for Dr. Reneau's PHED 4410 class- 14 students.162007
8. Minimal risk approval given on October 6, 2016 for Dr. Smallridge's project on white collar crime.162008
9. Minimal risk approval given on October 10, 2016 for Dr. Sidwell's and Dr. Leary's project on community needs from the flooding. 162009

10. Minimal risk approval given on October 12, 2016 for Dr. Rohrbaugh's PSYC 3390 class- 24 students.162010
11. Minimal risk approval given on October 26, 2016 for Dr. Pittman's literature discussion. 162011
12. Minimal risk approval given on October 26, 2016 for Dr. Ransom's Directed Research project with KDeBolt on emotion and money. 162012
13. Minimal risk approval given on January 1, 2017 for Dr. Leary's HHP course-5 students. 162013

Spring 2017 Approvals

1. Minimal risk approval given on January 30, 2017 for Dr. Leary research amendment.171001
2. Minimal risk approval given on February 23, 2017 for Dr. Asano's Phed 4410 class- 9 students.171002
3. Minimal risk approval given on February 23, 2017 for Dr. Ransom's Directed Research with JLewis- meditation and creativity.171003
4. Minimal risk approval given on March 1, 2017 for Dr. Kato's Psyc 3390 class- 6 students.171004
5. Minimal risk approval given on March 6, 2017 for Dr. Smallridge and Snyder.171005
6. Minimal risk approval given on March 6, 2017 for Dr. Leary photovoice project.171006
7. Minimal risk approval given on March 6, 2017 for Dr. Ryan's Phed 4410 class- 13 students.171007
8. Minimal risk approval given on March 10, 2017 for Dr. Harvey's and Dr. Howley's NSF STEM grant.171008
9. Minimal risk approval given on March 14, 2017 for Dr. Ransom's Psyc 3390 class- 17 students.171009
10. Minimal risk approval given on April 13, 2017 for Dr. Cook- Bioinformatics.1710010

11. Minimal risk approval given on April 13, 2017 for Dr. Ransom's Directed Research with CREigel- bully behavior; Dr. Ransom's Directed Research with TRaby- self-affirmation and self-threat; Dr. Ransom's Experimental class- moral credentials and sexist decisions.1710011
12. Minimal risk approval given on April 26, 2017 for Dr. Kato's Directed Research with DThomas-Rogers- language and the brain.1710012
13. Minimal risk approval given on May 1, 2017 for Professor Jone's Dissertation Research- 1710013

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.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

2016-17 Annual Report

Legislative Advocacy Committee

The Legislative Advocacy Committee organized a meeting with then gubernatorial candidate Jim Justice and nine faculty members on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Jim Justice confirmed that he is against WVU taking over the regional institutions. He believes the regional institutions should stay autonomous. Jim Justice consistently says that he believes that higher education is a major economic driving force in West Virginia. Jim Justice promised that he will meet with faculty again if elected. Jim Justice was given documentation as to what Fairmont State University has had to do as a result of the budget cuts.

The Legislative Advocacy Committee organized a Legislative Forum that took place on Thursday, February 2, 2017. Senators Bob Beach and Roman Prezioso and Delegates Mike Caputo, Tim Miley, Joe Statler, Amy Summers and Guy Ward attended. There were about thirty five administrators, faculty and staff in attendance. A lot of discussion about a number of issues occurred. The “speed-networking” format was utilized and most who attended felt that it was informative and productive.

The committee in consultation with President Rose determined the important issues for this year’s legislative session. The main legislative issues were to insure that WVU doesn’t take over the regional institutions, 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 meeting with a number of legislators in Charleston.

Two members of the Legislative Advocacy Committee traveled to Charleston on Thursday, February 23^d and Thursday, March 2nd. Meetings took place with Senate President Mitch Carmichael, House Speaker Tim Armstead, Senate Education Chair Kenny Mann, Senate Education Vice Chair Robert Karnes, House Education Chair Paul Espinosa, House Education Vice Chair Joe Statler, Senate Finance Chair Mike Hall, Marion County Delegate Guy Ward, and others. We also met with Democratic Senators and Delegates. However, since they are the minority party, they are very limited in terms of what they can do.

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

Library Committee Report



Library Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Joseph Kremer, President
Faculty Senate

FROM: J. Robert Baker *JRB*

RE: Library Committee Report

DATE: 1 May 2017

The Library Committee met three times this academic year. At its first meeting, the Committee elected J. Robert Baker chair. At the second meeting in January, the Committee received Thelma Hutchins's report on the state of the Library and commended her for her years of service to Fairmont State University and for her remarkable development of our Library.

After its second meeting, the Committee sent a letter to Presidents Rose and Johnson, expressing its concerns about the Library in the wake of Hutchins's retirement. The Committee also invited John Lympany to meet with it to discuss those concerns.

Please let me know if you or members of the Senate have any questions or need additional information.



Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee
Annual Report to the Senate
2016-2017

The Nominating Committee was convened by Senate President Joseph Kremer in April 2017 with the following members confirmed by the Faculty Senate that month: Robin Payne (Chair), Gina Fantasia, Amanda Metcalf, William Harrison, Anthony Gilberti.

The Nominating Committee subsequently met to discuss nominations for the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Following that meeting, the following nominees agreed to stand as candidates for election:

- Vice President: Amanda Metcalf
- Secretary: William Harrison
- Webmaster: Daniel Eichenbaum
- At-Large Member: Mark Flood
- At-Large Member: Amy Godfrey
- At-Large Member: Donna Long

During the upcoming May 2017 Faculty Senate meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor and the final slate of candidates will be voted upon by the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Payne
Assistant Professor of History
Chair, Nominating Committee

Faculty Development Committee Report

The Faculty Development Committee

Members:

Chair Brian Blackwood - Dept of Computer Science, Math & Physics

Crystal Smith - Dept of Education

Susan Ross - Dept of Health and Human Performance

Theresa Jones - School of Nursing & Allied Health Adm

Adam Podlaskowski - Dept of Social Sciences

Leisa Muto - School of Business

Erica Harvey - Dept Biology, Chemistry & Geoscience

Jason Bolyard - Dept of Technology

Sharon Mazure - Library

Chris Lavorata, Provost - Ex Officio

Activity:

- The Faculty Development committee met 6 times over the course of the year.
- Rubrics were revised to better reflect the stated selection criteria for the Boram, Straight, and Faculty Recognition Awards. In addition, changes were made to the Faculty Grants rubrics.
- The webpage was updated to include the new members as well as new awards recipients. Also, updated rubrics were posted to the webpage.
- Committee members visited numerous classrooms to observe the teaching of potential award recipients during the Spring semester.
- Future plans were made to make a better distinction between the Boram Award selection criteria and Faculty Recognition Award selection criteria.

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Athletic Committee Report

Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Report 2017

The Athletic Committee met Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in ED 309. Those attending included: Tim McNeely (AD), Ryan Courtney (Asst. AD – Internal Operations), Pat Snively (Asst. AD - Compliance), Chad Fowler (Asst. AD - Development), Don Moroose (Faculty Athletic Rep - FAR), Bob Mild, Ned Radulovich, Tony Morris, Bill Harrison Veronica Gallo, and Budd Sapp

I. Athletic Program – Overview of Responsibilities and Brief Report

The AD Tim McNeely introduced himself and staff in attendance made introductions as well. Ryan Courtney 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 (not in attendance due to Acrobatic & Tumbling -A&T Coaching) is Senior Women Administrator and Advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

Don Moroose (FAR) explained his role and responsibilities with coaches and students. He stated the most recent initiative at FSU and the Mountain East Conference (MEC) is providing more awareness and assistance with student-athletes and Mental Health Issues.

The Athletic Staff stated they would welcome any questions and are willing to speak/meet with faculty and staff as can be arranged. They look forward to sharing information with faculty each year and appreciate all that faculty do to assist FSU student-athletes.

- II. Athletic Teams: Update – The athletic staff gave an update on the athletic teams, individual accomplishments of several athletes, and overall team accomplishments (See Appendix). FSU over the past few years has moved from 8th in the Overall MEC Sport Standings to 6th – and possibly higher this year.
- III. NCAA Division II Update –Pat Snively provided a Report related to Newly Adopted NCAA Legislation (See Appendix). It was explained how Pat, Kristi Kiefer, and SAAC work collaboratively related to NCAA Division II Legislative Proposals. They share their viewpoints with the MEC reps and national reps. Kristi Kiefer explained in the past how 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.” 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 4-year synopsis indicates that over \$500,000 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, 2016 \$50,000 (outlier due to hosting A&T National Championship), and 2017 \$40,000. 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 and that they are doing well enough to put some money in reserves.

V. Miscellaneous Items/Questions & Answers – Other items of discussion included but were not limited to: televised games on Root Sports (Ned Radulovich asked if FSU athletics received money to be televised – response was we pay to play; Bob Mild inquired about MEC conference and its function related to being beneficial to FSU and member institutions (still a “young” conference and yet to be determined); 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.

It was noted that 1.15 million watched the national championship basketball game on CBS and that FSU made the Big Board (recognizing website “hits” as a national leader) with Side Arm Sports (host of athletic website). Season ticket sales for football and basketball have increased (may be a slight increase in cost this year) – and FSU Basketball was in the Top 5 nationally in attendance.

55th Annual All Sports Reception was announced for May 4, 2017 at the Feaster Center at 5:30 pm – Invitation was shared with the group.

Respectfully submitted by G. H. Budd Sapp

Appendix A

Regional / National Recognition

National Runner-up: **Men's Basketball Team**

MEC Regular Season Champions: **Men's Tennis Team**

CSCAA Fall Academic Honors: **Women's Swim Team**

Colebank Award: **Fabian Guerra, Shammgod Wells, Breanna Blot**

Feaster Award: **Jacob Whitmore, Harley Boyd**

Football

Jacob Jean-Charles (Don Hansen All-America Team)

Quincy Redmon (D2Football.com All-America Team)

Gazette Super Region 1 Honors: **Quincy Redmon, Jacob Jean-Charles, Laurence King, Marcus Porter, Stephen Turner**

CCA All-Super Region 1: **Jacob Jean-Charles, Quincy Redmon**

Quincy Redmon (MEC Defensive Player of the Year)

Laurence King (MEC Offensive Freshman of the Year)

Quincy Redmon (finalist for Cliff Harris Award)

Fabian Guerra (All-time school leader in receptions)

Volleyball

Mackenzie Harrison (CCA All-America Honorable mention, 1,000 Kills)

Women's Swimming

Marlena Dudek (NCAA DII Women's Swimming Qualifier and All-American)

Men's Basketball

Matt Bingaya (consensus first team All-American)

Thomas Wimbush (second team All-Region)

Shammgod Wells (all-time school leader in assists and steals)

Jerrod Calhoun (MEC and Basketball Times National Coach of the Year)

Men's Tennis

Lucas Alves (MEC Freshman of the Year)

Kyle Hoffman (MEC Coach of the Year)

- 59 Student-Athletes earned MEC Fall Academic Honors (21 named to All-MEC Academic Team for having a 3.70 GPA or higher)

Team-By Team Summaries

Men's Basketball

- Fifth-consecutive 20-win season (34-3 overall)
- Set a program record with 34 wins on the season
- 17th 25-win season in program history
- Ranked top five in the country for the final 13 weeks of the season and were ranked No. 1 in the country this season for the first time since 1976
- Won first regular season conference championship in 21 years
- Won first regional title since 1998
- Second NCAA Division II Elite Eight appearance in program history
- First ever NCAA Division II National Championship game appearance in program history
- Matt Bingaya (the Mountain East Conference Player of the Year, D2CCA Atlantic Region Player of the Year and consensus first team All-American, 1 of 10 finalist for the Bevo Francis Award)
- Thomas Wimbush (All-MEC first team, second team All-Atlantic Region, Atlantic Regional all-tournament team, Elite Eight all-tournament team)
- Jason Jolly (Elite Eight all-tournament team)
- Shammgod Wells (All-MEC honorable mention)
- Jerrod Calhoun (2017 Mountain East Conference and Basketball Times National Coach of the Year.

Men's Cross Country

- 6th at MEC Championships (up one spot from a season ago)
- Andrew Shade placed 21nd at MEC Championships (top 20 receive all-league honors)

Women's Cross Country

- 4th at MEC Championships
- Logan Frame & Julianna Butcher (second team All-MEC)
- Butcher placed 11th at MEC Championships. Frame placed 16th, and Courtney King placed 21st.

Football

- 10-2 (9-1 MEC)
- First ever 10-win regular season in program history
- First-ever NCAA Division II Playoff berth
- Ranked as high as No. 18 in the AFCA National Coaches' Poll
- 15 players named All-MEC
 - Quincy Redmon was named MEC Defensive Player of the Year
 - Laurence King was named MEC Offensive Freshman of the Year
 - Six All-MEC first team players (Quincy Redmon, Laurence King, Rodney Carroll, Marcus Porter, Jacob Jean-Charles and Stephen Turner)
 - Six All-MEC second team players (Cooper Hibbs, Terrell Charles, Fabian Guerra, Cody Wilburn, Jerry Iweh and Emanuel Ivey)
 - Three All-MEC honorable mentions (Josh Ballard, Demonne Cox, and Sam Keil)
- Laurence King, Marcus Porter, and Stephen Turner all received third team Super Region 1 honors

- Jacob Jean-Charles (First team Super Region 1, third team All-American by Football Gazette)
- Quincy Redmon (First team Super Region 1, honorable mention All-American by D2Football.com, Cliff Harris Award finalist)

Women's Soccer

- 2-12-3 overall
- Courtney Webb, Abigail Johnson earned All-MEC honors

Men's Golf

- 2nd at Wally Edgell Championship
- Ben Knight won the Wally Edgell Championship, with Chase Voithofer finishing in second.
- Zac Gower took first place at OVU Highlands Cup Challenge (Team took 3rd)
- 5th at MEC Fall Invitational
- Zac Gower, Logan Collins finished top 15 at the MEC Fall Invitational
- 2nd at Cedarville Invitational (spring)

Men's Swimming

- Finished ninth at BMC Championships
- 4-3 dual meet record
- 6th in 200 medley relay at BMC Championships
- Alex Quintao became the first FSU swimmer to race in a Championship final at the 2017 BMC Championships, qualifying with a prelim time of 1:40.99 in the 200 freestyle. Quintao finished seventh in the championship final with a time of 1:42.98.
- Logan Lehosit earned Bluegrass Mountain Conference swimmer of the week honors the first week in January. He broke the Feaster Center pool record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 57.92.

Men's Tennis

- MEC Regular Season Champions (first for the program since 1989)
- Ranked 7th in Atlantic Region during each weekly release (three weeks)
- Kyle Hoffman (second-straight MEC Coach of the Year)
- Joao Lucas Alves (MEC Freshman of the Year, First team All-MEC)
- Micah Hornak (All-MEC first team)
- Matias Higuera (All-MEC second team)

Acrobatics & Tumbling

- 1-6 dual meet record
- Five events qualified for national event finals
- Nicole Uccello (NCATA Honor Roll, 2/11/17)
- Karah Naples (NCATA Honor Roll, 4/12/17)

Women's Basketball

- 19-12 overall (14-8 MEC)
- Four seniors, Amanda Ruffner, Makenzie White, Emily Puskarich and Deidra Combs all went over 1,000 career points this season
- 3 All-MEC selections
 - Amanda Ruffner named First Team All-MEC

- Deidra Combs and Makenzie White named Second Team All-MEC
- First Mountain East Conference Tournament Championship appearance
- Emily Paskarich set the single-game MEC Tournament record with eight three-pointers against NDC

Women's Golf

- Under first-year head coach Sarah Yost

Women's Swimming

- Finished 9th at BMC Championships
- 3-6 dual meet record
- Marlena Dudek named All-American honorable mention (200 breaststroke). She qualified for NCAA championships in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events. Her seed-time of 2:14.15 in the 200 breaststroke was the fifth-fastest time in NCAA Division II.
- 5th in 800 free relay at the BMC Championships
- Dudek finished 6th in the 100 breaststroke at the BMC Championships

Women's Tennis

- Finished 8-10 overall (1-6 MEC)
- Trinite' Klamadji named First Team All-MEC

Volleyball

- Went 21-14 overall and 11-5 in the MEC (3rd in final MEC standings)
- Mackenzie Harrison (1st Team All-MEC, 1st Team Atlantic Region, All-American Honorable Mention)
- Jessica Furda (2nd Team All-MEC)
- Megan Clerico (Honorable Mention All-MEC)
- Rebecca Feeney (All-MEC Freshman Team)
- Fourth-straight appearance in MEC Tournament finals
- Earned NCAA Tournament Bid as the 7th seed (first NCAA appearance since 1998)

Baseball

- Second in MEC North (24-18, 16-8 MEC)

Softball

- Fifth in MEC North (16-27, 9-16 MEC)

Newly Adopted NCAA Legislation

All 18 proposals passed during the Division II business session at the NCAA convention.

NCAA MEMBERSHIP (Article 3)

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE

- **Change:**
 - Requires schools to establish an administrative structure where the primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) would have unchallengeable authority on medical management and return-to-play decisions.
 - Requires schools to designate an athletics health care administrator to oversee the school's administration and delivery of athletics health care and ensure best practices are followed.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 3.3.4

AMATEURISM (Article 12)

COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES FROM AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR

- **Change:**
 - Permits a student-athlete to receive competition-related (actual and necessary) expenses from an outside sponsor other than an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests or a professional sports organization for participation in an outside event.
- **Effective date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 12.1.3 and 12.1.4
- **Definitions:**
 - *Actual and necessary expenses:* (1) meals directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (2) lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (3) apparel, equipment and supplies; (4) coaching and instruction; (5) health/medical insurance; (6) transportation; (7) medical treatment and physical therapy; (8) facility usage; (9) entry fees; and (10) other reasonable expenses.
 - *Outside competition:* Athletics competition in which a student-athlete participates as an individual or as a member of a team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the institution.

PRIZE MONEY FROM AMATEUR TEAM OR EVENT SPONSOR IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- **Change:**
 - Allows a student-athlete, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, to accept prize money in individual sports in an open event, provided the competition

occurs outside the school's declared playing season during the school's official summer vacation period; the prize money is provided only by the sponsor of the event; and the prize money does not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses of the event.

- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 12.1.3 and 12.1.4
- **Definitions:** *See above for actual and necessary expenses*

PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

- **Change:**
 - Permits a student-athlete to try out for a professional athletics team and permits a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, provided the student-athlete does not miss class.
- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 12.2.1

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES; MONETARY AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Change:**
 - Eliminates the requirement that all money gained from a permissible promotional activity must go directly to the member school, the conference or a charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency.
 - Eliminates the requirement that an authorized representative of the agency must sign a release statement.
 - Requires the school to provide educational material to the agency about proper use of a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness.
- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 12.5.1.1
- **Definitions:**
 - *Promotional activity:* Any event in which a student-athlete participates to support the charitable or educational activities of an institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit entity or to support activities considered incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics.

RECRUITING (Article 13)

REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO CONTACT FROM NAIA INSTITUTION

- **Change:**
 - Eliminates the requirement for a Division II school to receive permission to contact an NAIA student-athlete before initiating recruiting.
 - Requires Division II schools to send a courtesy notification to the NAIA school before contact.
- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*, for prospective student-athletes transferring from an NAIA institution for the 2017-18 academic year and thereafter.

- Bylaw Affected: 13.1.1.2

INSTITUTIONAL PRE-ENROLLMENT FEES (also found in Article 15, Financial Aid)

- **Change:**
 - Allows a school to waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has committed to the school.
- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 13.2, 15.3.3.1.4
- **Definitions:**
 - *Pre-enrollment fees:* Any fee that is required of a prospective or incoming student by the institution.

CONFERENCE RECRUITING MATERIALS

- **Change:**
 - Eliminates conference restrictions on providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes, their parents, legal guardians and/or coaches.
- **Effective Date:** *Immediate*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 13.4

FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR

- **Change:**
 - Revises the football recruiting calendar to begin the winter contact period on the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 13.17.3
- **Definitions:**
 - *Contact period:* Period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

ELIGIBILITY (Article 14)

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT (also found in Article 10, Ethical Conduct)

- **Change:**
 - Clarifies when academic misconduct involving student-athletes falls within the purview of the NCAA and when it should be strictly an institutional matter.
 - Expands the academic misconduct legislation's reach to any situation in which a college or university staff member who performs work for the athletics department is involved.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 10.1, 14.02, 14.1.2, 14.9

HARDSHIP WAIVERS AND SEASON-OF-COMPETITION WAIVERS

- **Change:**
 - Increases the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete could compete and remain eligible for a hardship waiver or a season-of-competition-while-eligible waiver. The new maximum would be three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the playing season.
 - Requires that the student-athlete's participation occur in the first half of the playing season.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*, for any incapacitating injury or illness, or other extenuating circumstance occurring on or after August 1, 2017. [Any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs prior to August 1, 2017 will be evaluated under the old legislation]
- **Bylaws Affected:** 14.2.5 and 14.2.7
- **Definitions:**
 - *Medical hardship waiver:* Granted to a student-athlete due to an incapacitating injury or illness that prevents the student-athlete from participating in the remainder of a season in which the student-athlete has already triggered the use of a season of competition.
 - *Season-of-competition-while-eligible waiver:* Granted due to an extenuating circumstance (e.g., life-threatening injury or illness to an immediate family member, extreme financial difficulties) that prevents the student-athlete from participating in the remainder of a season after the student-athlete has already triggered the use of a season of competition.

FINANCIAL AID (Article 15)

FINANCIAL AID: INSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS AID ONLY

- **Change:**
 - Counts only athletics aid toward individual and team equivalency limits, exempting other forms of institutional aid such as academic and need-based aid.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2018*, for athletics aid agreements signed for the 2018-19 academic year. [The athletics aid agreement may be signed prior to August 1, 2018, subject to applicable NCAA legislation and National Letter of Intent procedures]
- **Bylaws Affected:** 15
- **Definitions:**
 - *Athletics aid:* Financial aid awarded by the institution's athletics department, including institutional aid (e.g., leadership scholarship, tuition waiver) for which the athletics department is involved in selecting the recipient.

FINANCIAL AID: TERM-BY-TERM AWARDS

- **Change:**
 - Eliminates the ability to issue term-by-term financial awards, but establishes certain exceptions for when a term-by-term award is appropriate.

- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2018*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 15.02.6 and 15.6.3

FINANCIAL AID: INCREASE FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME

- **Change:**
 - Permits increases in athletically related financial aid at any time, for any reason
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2018*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 15.6.4.2

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS (Article 17)

MISSED CLASS TIME FOR COMPETITION IN NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT: TEAM SPORTS

- **Change:**
 - Permits student-athletes in team sports to miss class during the nonchampionship segment once every four years for competition against member schools in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Canada.
 - Permits student-athletes on team sports at schools in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada to miss class for competition on the United States mainland once every four years during the nonchampionship segment.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 17.1.6.6.2

NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENTS

- **Change:**
 - In all sports with a nonchampionship segment, prohibits all countable athletically related activity for two days each week.
 - In all sports with a nonchampionship segment other than golf, rowing and tennis, limits a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activity to four hours per day and 15 hours per week during a 4-consecutive-day period, with exceptions for school vacations, exams, and closures.
 - In golf and tennis, limits student-athlete participation in countable athletically related activity to four hours per day and 20 hours per week during a 60-consecutive-day-period, with the above exceptions.
 - In rowing, limits student-athlete participation in countable athletically related activity to four hours per day and 1 hours per week during a 65-consecutive-day period, with the above exceptions.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaws Affected:** 17.1.6, 17.2.8, 17.4.8, 17.6.8, 17.9.8, 17.11.8, 17.14.8, 17.16.8, 17.19.8, 17.20.8, 17.22.5.1, 17.22.8, 17.25.2.8
- *Sports with a nonchampionship segment:* baseball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis, and women's volleyball.

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP (Article 20)

MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS: WOMEN'S LACROSSE AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- **Change:**
 - Increases the minimum number of contests required each year to meet sports sponsorship for women's lacrosse from eight to 10.
 - Increases the minimum number of contests required each year to meet sports sponsorship in women's volleyball from nine to 15.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 20.10.3.3

DIVISION II PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

- **Change:**
 - Amends the Division II philosophy statement to reflect the refreshed "Make It Yours" brand.
- **Effective Date:** *August 1, 2017*
- **Bylaw Affected:** 20.10

Athletics

- Gallo, Veronica (2017) Nursing
- Harrison, William (2018) Soc. Sci
- Kiefer, Kristi (2017) HHP
- Mild, Robert (2018) SOFA
- Moroose, Donald (2018) Education
- Morris, Tony E. (2017) BCG J E M i
- Radulovich, Nenad (2018) Soc. Sci
- Sapp, Gerald (2018) Education
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• Chad Fowler - C L M. F. L

• Ryan Coustrey - R y C

• Tim McNelly - J A M N e l l y

Donald Moroore

• Patrick Snively - P a t r i c k S n i v e l y

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