

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Board on Athletics
April 26, 2023
200 Main Building 12:30pm-2:00pm

Members Present: Corey Angst, Patricia Bellia (Chair), Alex Blachly, Malcolm Chaka, Brian Coughlin (on behalf of Rev. Gerard Olinger), Darren Davis, Patrick Holmes, Jeff Kantor, Randy Kozel, Mary Ann McDowell, Cara Ocobock, Kevin Vaughan

Members Excused: Ann Firth, Tracy Kijewski-Correa, Jack Swarbrick

Athletics Liaisons: Heidi Uebelhor

Guests: Jess Kerr (recorder), Jadin O'Brien (Student-Athlete), Brandon Roach (Office of the General Counsel)

1. Opening Prayer

Professor Patricia Bellia called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm and offered the opening prayer.

2. Legal Update

Professor Bellia invited Mr. Brandon Roach, Associate General Counsel, to provide the Board with an update and to respond to Board questions about the legal landscape of intercollegiate athletics and the potential impact of related issues on the University.

3. Q&A with Student-Athlete Jadin O'Brien

Professor Bellia invited Ms. Jadin O'Brien, junior student-athlete and recent NCAA indoor track & field pentathlon champion, to share her story and student-athlete experience with the Board. Ms. O'Brien offered insights and responded to Board questions about her training methodologies and path to the championship, the challenges of balancing academics and athletics, and her hopes for the future.

4. Minutes of Meeting of March 29, 2023

With no changes, Professor Corey Angst moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2023. Professor Kevin Vaughan seconded the motion. All present and voting members voted to approve.

5. Chair's Announcements

Professor Bellia informed the Board of the following schedule requests that she had approved on its behalf:

Fall Sports, Non-Traditional Segment Schedule Approvals

- Men's Soccer: Revision due to opponent/time change for home event
- Women's Soccer: Revision due to away event date change

Spring Sports, Traditional Segment Schedule Approvals

- Baseball: Revisions due to weather-related home event time changes
- Softball: Revision due to weather-related home event time change
- Women's Lacrosse: Revision due to weather-related home event time change
- Men's Golf: Revision due to added competition date

Spring Sports, Post-Season Competition Schedule Approvals

- Women's Golf: ACC Championships
- Women's Tennis: ACC Championships
- Women's Lacrosse: ACC Championships
- Men's Golf: ACC Championships
- Men's Tennis: ACC Championships

Individual Student-Athletes – Athletically-Related Class Misses

- Football: Participation in DC legislative meetings re: NIL
- Women's Soccer: Participation in DC legislative meetings re: NIL
- Baseball: Revisions due to weather-related schedule change
- Softball: Revisions due to weather-related schedule change
- Rowing: Revision due to away event practice time changes and flight changes
- Outdoor Track & Field: Initial schedule

6. Annual Student-Athlete Profile Report

Professor Bellia invited Mr. Pat Holmes, Rees and Carol LaBar Director of Academic Services for Student-Athletes (ASSA), to share the 2022-23 Student-Athlete Profile Report. A copy of the report was distributed to meeting participants. Mr. Holmes shared information about the purpose and design of the report and provided a high-level summary of the information contained in the report. He highlighted and responded to Board questions about a number of relevant topics, including the increased number and overall high performance of students taking graduate level courses, the allocation of grant-in-aid funding, transfer portal challenges, and the way in which changes to standardized test score requirements and other factors have affected how ASSA evaluates performance and supports student-athletes.

7. Adjournment

Professor Bellia adjourned the meeting at 2:08 pm.