

**FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS**

2017-2018

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Faculty Senate Academic Computing & Educational Technology (ACET) Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

In 2017-18 the ACET committee met six times. A summary of the committee's deliberations and recommendations follows.

Information and Data Security

The committee met several times with Chief Information Security Officer Andrew Weisskopf to discuss security-related findings from a report by IT consulting firm Gartner Associates. The ITS team has been working to implement a number of the recommendations and is working with another campus committee (Information Security) to process potential changes to the way information is stored and accessed. Various potential security solutions (including encryption of hard drives on laptop computers, multi-factor authentication, required password updating) were discussed with the committee.

The committee supports the need to increase data and information security, but urged ITS to move carefully and in broad consultation with faculty in considering potential changes to security practices and protocols. No specific policy changes in password protocols or drive encryption were scheduled to be implemented at the time of the committee meetings. The committee will continue to meet with Andrew Weisskopf to provide faculty feedback to potential policy and practice changes.

NIST 800 171 Project -- this is a compliance standard for campus data security that is required for various types of funded research. Currently our infrastructure cannot be compliant. There are campus projects underway that will make it possible for us to become compliant. We are building a "bubble" to make it possible for people to apply for grants that require this compliance standard during this interim period

Changes in Information Technology Services

In Fall 2017, the Chief Information Officer announced plans to take a position elsewhere. Vice President for Operations JoAnn Navarro assumed overall responsibility for ITS and instituted a distributed leadership model with senior staff. A search was initiated for a new CIO; the result was the appointment of Niyazi Bodur as Binghamton's new CIO in May 2018.

Committee Charge

The committee discussed its charge in Fall 2017. The current charge includes outdated names and terms and should at least be updated to reflect current organizational structures and names. The committee was in the midst of considering some more wide-ranging potential changes to the ACET charge when CIO Sharon Pitt announced her departure from campus. The discussion will resume in Fall 2018 with the participation of the new CIO.

Technology Maintenance Day

In February, the committee discussed the upcoming Technology Maintenance Day; the maintenance day is scheduled when classes are not in session, but at a time when several campus offices are in a very intense part of their work cycles. Since virtually all technology was scheduled to be unavailable, concern was expressed about the extent of the possible disruption to

campus services. The committee and ITS participants discussed various alternatives, as well as ways to communicate more effectively about the extent of upcoming service disruptions.

In follow-up actions, ITS rescheduled some of the planned maintenance in ways that spread the service outages out over multiple days and at off-peak hours.

Accessibility in MyCourses

A new addition to the MyCourses (Blackboard) environment is Blackboard Ally, an accessibility tool to provide additional support for students who need it. The cost is ca. \$20k/year. The committee discussed the extent to which this is a need on campus, and whether this is the best way to address the need.

Committee members noted that the discussion raised a larger question: how are software purchases made? Who has the opportunity to recommend a purchase, how is the funding allocated to purchase and maintain particular products, and who decides that a particular product is (or is not) a high priority for the campus?

ITS representatives indicated that ITS is looking for ways to make software and hardware purchasing easier on campus. Perhaps ACET could function as an advisory group to help with some of the decision-making.

SUNY has an Accessibility Commission working on policy decisions related to the creation of accessible materials and related uses of technology. It was not clear to the committee how we as a campus deal with these issues.

Classroom Technology in the Lecture Halls

The committee discussed feedback from faculty using new projectors in the lecture halls who were concerned that the new aspect ratio resulted in screen displays that are much smaller than they have been accustomed to seeing. Concerns included the ability of students further back in the room to read the screen. The Center for Learning and Teaching will provide assistance in developing/converting PowerPoint slides to show better on the screens. The longer term issue, however, will be the issue of replacing the existing screens and projection technology. The technology is quite old and will be expensive to replace.

Computer replacement for faculty and staff

In the past, funds were available centrally to replace older computers on a regular basis. Those funds are no longer available, and since then many faculty members have not had an opportunity to replace computers. A funding model that requires departments to support the equipment replacement for their faculty is not sustainable. Some departments have virtually all faculty with computers that are 6-8 years old. ITS staff indicated that a typical lifespan or replacement cycle for computers would ideally be 3-5 years.

Overall, Binghamton University's computer lifespan is longer than optimal, whether in computer labs or department/faculty desks. Currently there is no real campus-wide inventory of desktops/laptops that could tell us what the average age of computers on campus is. Could this be compiled by ITS?

It might be that this type of spending is determined by the school/college. The situation in Watson may be very different than in Harpur, for example.

Similarly, could there be an analysis of broad software needs to determine if software purchases could be consolidated to take advantage of volume pricing?

ACTIONS:

- a) ITS will initiate a broad campus computer inventory to find out what the current age of computers is
- b) ITS will initiate a software request survey, possibly through department chairs
- c) ITS will also attempt to determine a \$/user cost for some campus software, in part by pulling usage data from PODS and from Virtual Environment data

The committee will continue this work in the Fall with new CIO Niyazi Bodur.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Loewen, 2017-18 (Committee Chair)

Committee members:

Michael Allington
Kenneth Chiu
Kartik Gopalan
Dikran Karagueuzian
Tongshu Ma
Pamela Mischen
James M Pitarresi
Erin E Rushton
Kathleen Sterling
Andrew Tucci
Matthew T Wetzel

Faculty Senate – Committee for the University Environment

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The Committee for the University Environment is charged with making recommendations about the use of the campus grounds and natural areas. Over the 2017-2018 academic year, CUE has been involved with a variety of projects and activities on the campus.

Nuthatch Hollow

Nuthatch Hollow is a 70+ acre property located on the west side of Bunn Hill road adjacent to campus. In 2011, the property was donated to the campus by Robert Schumann. Schumann's will stipulates that the property is to be used as an "outdoor laboratory" and "wildlife sanctuary" in conjunction with the Environmental Studies Program. The property is the site of an in-progress "Living Building," a structure designed with regenerative principles. The building has been designed (by architects at Ashley-McGraw in partnership with campus architects) and will feature a multi-use room (outfitted for lectures, events), an office, and a basic laboratory facility. Construction is slated to begin in the Winter of 2018/19. In addition to the Living Building, the Binghamton Foundation is transferring an additional 70+ acres that are located to the north of the property to be included in the Nuthatch Hollow property. As a result, the Nuthatch property will span much of the lower part of the Bunn Hill watershed.

CUE involvement with this project has been largely focused on advising the use of the natural areas that will be the location for our outdoor laboratory activities. For example, we are designing a deer fence to surround as much of the property as possible. The cost of this fence will be substantial (\$100K+) but is essential to the development of habitat for wildlife management related to research and teaching. Funds for the fence will largely come from RoadMap funding and the Nuthatch Endowment.

Campus Sustainability Plan

CUE is particularly thrilled that the campus has adopted a Sustainability Plan and that this plan includes a number of items related to the university environment. First, it calls for a conversion of 10% of our non-athletic field mown-grass areas into naturalized/pollinator habitats. This task is assigned to Physical Facilities to implement and we look forward to seeing this project move forward. CUE members have a long interest in encouraging facilities to reduce pesticides and activities that require mowing (while also having great interest in increasing natural habitat). Given the many areas of campus in which mown grass serves no purpose (other than tradition), changing practice should not be difficult. The MacArthur School grounds provide an excellent example of what is possible.

Second, we are also pleased that the Campus Sustainability Plan includes a call for the development of an overall environmental assessment. This assessment is long overdue and will go a long-ways towards measuring the impact (positive or negative) of our campus practices.

Campus Hericide Use

CUE has long argued that the campus uses too much herbicides on its properties. These herbicides pose at least some risk to human users (particularly immediately after application) but have severe impact on amphibians and fish populations in our waterways. David Green (Grounds Manager) reports a reduction of 7% of herbicides from 2016. We look forward to continuation of this practice and continue to urge facilities to reduce herbicides or eliminate altogether in areas where not needed (such as naturalized plots). CUE will continue this discussion next year.

Year-Round Connector Road Opening

The Connector Road adjacent to the Nature Preserve has been closed over the winter for 20+ years. The primary reason its closure is to accommodate the annual endangered yellow-spotted salamander migration. As the campus has grown, some people argue that opening the road during the winter is important for the convenience of people moving from one side of campus to the other. After consultation with campus biologists, CUE agreed that the connector road could be safely opened as long as a number of conditions were met in terms of timing, notifications, and road modifications. First, and most importantly, the connector road must be closed during the salamander migration, which only during certain times of the year. Second, the use of road salt, which is deadly to the salamanders, must be reduced and road salt usage data shared with CUE to allow so we could track the amount of salt applied to the campus roads and how it impacts the nearby water ways. Finally, during the fall semester, CUE and Facilities together developed an operational plan that defined who would decide when the road would be opened and closed. Dylan Horvath, Steward of the Campus Natural Areas together with the Campus Ground Manager, David Green would consult with each other and decide the status of the road and how to communicate that to the campus.

We put the plan into operation over the winter. A number of issues cropped up over the season:

- The opening of the road and application of salt resulted in heaving/potholes due to the road repeatedly freezing and thawing. This process led to a major failure of the road bed (near the east entrance) and the road had to be closed for much of the winter. The road has now been repaired (at a cost of somewhere ca. \$50K), but it is clear that opening the road during winter months may not make sense due to the dramatically increased cost of upkeep.
- We are concerned that the Connector road was kept open during the coldest stretch of winter (January 5th) when the road was extremely icy (requiring excessive salt) – though such opening was not necessary (and indeed detrimental). Excessively large amounts of salt were deposited, despite the “low salt” directive – in order to keep road unnecessarily open. Given our concerns about impact to the amphibians as well as the non-vital nature of having the road open in the first place, this action is of concern to members of CUE. Keeping the road open - regardless of impact – is not along the

spirit or the details of the agreed upon operation plan. From our discussions, the Steward of the Natural Areas and the Grounds Manager were to mutually agree to the opening/closing of the road. The assumption of many committee members is that the management of the road would be based on best practices and relative conditions. Ultimately, the action this winter may have led to damage of important natural areas.

Along with a review of the impact (via water quality data we've collected) to the nearby waterways due to the road being opened and heavily salted this year, CUE will discuss this event in the fall. We will use this discussion to consider the operation plan and decide upon best practices for the next winter, including a reevaluation of whether the road can be safely opened or not (and under what conditions).

Battle Drive Parking Lot

Over the past year, construction began on a new parking lot near the entrance to campus. The construction of this parking lot includes surface water mitigation and the establishment of a new wetland that will provide runoff treatment from uphill lots on the west side of campus (i.e., the "M" lots). Despite the fact that additional parking encourages driving to campus, we expect the new lot to be a net benefit to the campus given the storm water runoff management and reduction of pollution in the Susquehanna River.

Construction on the parking lot and wetlands stalled over the last year but has begun again. Joe Graney has continued to work with Facilities design staff to help select plants that will be placed into the wetlands storm water management feature. We look forward to the initial plantings and establishment of the wetland in the near future. We have planned to install water quality monitors at the outflow of the new wetlands to demonstrate the value of this water treatment feature.

Tree identification tags

CUE has continued to work on a project to install taxa identification tags for campus trees. These tags will be added to trees across campus and provide information as to the species. Our goal is to enhance the educational dimensions of the campus natural areas. A vendor has been identified for the tags which will cost about \$1 each. Funding for the project will come from the Nature Preserve endowment. Over the past year, Dylan Horvath has been working with David Green (Grounds Manager) to generate an inventory and geospatial locations of trees. We hope to implement this project in the Fall of 2018.

Campus trees

CUE has been in active discussion regarding threatened trees on campus. Like areas across the northeast, our white ash trees are infested with the invasive emerald ash borer beetle. Many of our trees will likely die in the next few years. In the fall, David Green (Grounds Manager) recommended the removal of a large number of infested ash trees in the south areas of campus. CUE approved this request and a contractor removed trees over winter break of 2017/18. Additional trees will need to be removed in the coming years as the ash borer infestation is spreading. At Nuthatch Hollow, we are planning to

have ash trees logged and turned into lumber in advance of their demise. This practice will lower the cost of the lumber needed in the Living Building project.

Like the white ash trees, our hemlock trees become infested with pests -- the hemlock woolly adelgid, a small aphid-like insect. Hemlocks play an essential role in holding soil on steep slopes and providing habitat for amphibians and other species. Thus, their loss would be devastating for our campus natural areas. With mapping help from Environmental Studies and Geography undergraduate students, and funding from the Nature Preserve endowment, Dylan Horvath has been proactively treating key hemlock trees in an effort to preserve at least some. This work is ongoing and will continue for the next few years.

Campus Grounds Manager

CUE was pleased to work with David Green, Campus Grounds Manager. David was collaborative in his approach to the management of the campus environment, sought input, and was willing to pursue creative ideas in a reasonable and thoughtful fashion. In many ways, his work provided a positive and practical bridge between the various campus stakeholders related to the grounds. We are disappointed that his contract will not be renewed past September. CUE will request that it be involved with the replacement search and that the next Grounds Manager embody the same kind of collaborative and proactive spirit that David espoused.

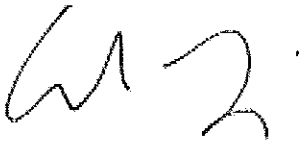
Facilities future plans and process

CUE has been actively engaged with developing a routine input and review process for future university building projects. While CUE has focused on the campus natural areas in past years, CUE has begun to serve as a means for various campus stakeholders to discuss future development projects across the various areas of campus and to provide input into the environmental measures necessary to meet the campus' sustainability and carbon footprint reduction goals. We are all committed to the notion that this process to be pro-active and collaborative.

One major concern voiced by CUE committee members as they reviewed the Pharmacy School research building plans this past year is that the CUE review was far too late in the process to be of much use. The designs presented are largely in completed form. Thus, CUE considerations are perceived to be either after-thoughts or impossible to accommodate due to decisions made early in the process. Committee members believe that CUE could make more productive contributions were they involved earlier in the design discussions. Given the range of expertise by the committee members as well as a solid representation of campus stakeholders (faculty, administration, students, staff), the CUE can contribute substantially to the overall design process. We have requested that JoAnn Navarro, Vice President for Operations, make the needed changes to the design process to facilitate this. Over this next year, we will continue to work with Facilities to make CUE a more effective body for shaping building and infrastructure development on campus in accordance with the CUE's mission and the university's new sustainability plan.

Overall, it has been a productive and fruitful year for CUE and one that has been marked by effective collaboration from its members and the campus at large. We look forward to continuing this activity over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,



Carl P. Lipo, Committee Chair

CUE Committee members

- Chair: Carl Lipo, Anthropology
- Deborah Taub, Student Affairs
- Joshua Reno, Anthropology
- George Catalano, Bioengineering
- Joseph Graney, Geological Sciences
- Carolyn Pierce, provost's appointee
- James Pitarresi, provost's appointee
- Kim Jaussi, provost's appointee
- JoAnn Navarro
- Patrick Doyle, PSS representative
- JJ Brice, Residential Life representative
- Sally Oaks, Physical Plant representative
- Dylan Horvath, Steward of the Nature Preserve
- Nick Corcoran, ex-officio
- Madeline Bay, ex-officio

Faculty Senate Calendar Committee
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During 2016-17, the University Calendar Committee prepared calendars running through Spring 2020. As a result, there was no need to meet in 2017-18. I will convene the committee in early October 2018, to develop calendars for 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Nieman, Committee Chair

The 2017-2018 Calendar Committee members included:

Barbara Wolfe, Theatre

Karen Barzman, Art History

Carol Miles, Biology

Siobhan Hart, Anthropology

Judith Quaranta, School of Nursing

Nadia Rubaii, CCPA

Mark Fowler, Watson

Donald Loewen, Provost's Office

Randall Edouard, Undergraduate Admissions

Michelle Ponczek, Course Building/Academic Space

Michael Kukawa, Physical Facilities

Suzanne Howell, Residential Life

Pamela Mischen, President's Office

David Eagen, Athletics

Kate Tashman, Undergraduate student

Plash Scahdeva, Graduate student

Donald Nieman, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (chair)

Faculty Senate Committee on Committees
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The Committee on Committees has continued our aim to diversify participation across programs, departments, and colleges. As a committee, we rely heavily on the *Survey of Faculty Interest in Serving on Committees*, which is distributed electronically in March. Using those results and some investigative work, the CoC identifies prospective members, makes a request (typically by email), and the names of those who agreed to serve are forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for approval.

The chair handled a number of vacancies during the academic year as they arose, including recommendations for non-Faculty Senate committees including:

- Auxiliary Services
- Excellence Awards Selection
- Personal Safety Advisory
- Information Security Council
- Parking and Transportation Stakeholders
- Ross Fund Selection

The committee met in April, 2018 to fill upcoming vacancies for the 2018-2019 academic year. Stephanie Hess will step into the chair role for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Mulcahy, Committee Chair

Committee members

Elizabeth Di Gangi
Ann Fronczek
Julia Glauberman
Stephanie Hess
Leslie Lander
Candace Mulcahy
Joshua Reno

Faculty Senate Evaluation Coordination Committee
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- The ECC met 4 times during the academic year.
- Chair Meder and Jonathan Karp met with members of the Professional Staff Senate ECC

Fall 2017—ECC:

Initial Meeting September 28, 2017

- Chaired by Jonathan Karp
- Call for election of Chair
- Anthony Meder agreed to serve as Chair for 2017-2018 with support of the Committee members
- Planned timeline for evaluations of Dean Laura Bronstein and Chief Diversity Officer Valerie Hampton

Second meeting November 30, 2017

- Chaired by Anthony Meder
- Discussed the survey results for Dean Bronstein and CDO Hampton
- Proposed final reports circulated to those who could not attend
- Finalized evaluation reports regarding Dean Bronstein and CDO Hampton forwarded to Laura O'Neil.
- Discussed Spring 2018 meeting dates, agreeing to begin the Committee's work early in February 2018

Spring 2018—ECC:

Initial meeting February 14, 2018

- Chaired by Anthony Meder
- Brendan McGovern and Courtney Ignarri of the PSS ECC were present as guests
- Joint PSS ECC / FSEC ECC discussed
 - Potential to use Qualtrics rather than SurveyMonkey to generate evaluation data
 - Continued concerns with Faculty Senate By-laws and the ability to share survey results
 - Jonathan Karp will continue the discussion within the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- Discussed timeline for evaluation of V.P. of Student Affairs Brian Rose

Second meeting—ECC April 18, 2018

- Discussed V.P. Rose's survey results
- Proposed final report circulated to those who could not attend
- Finalized report forwarded to Laura O'Neil
- Preliminary discussion for 2018-2019
 - Chair Meder agrees to continue as Chair, if desired
 - Early Fall semester meeting expected to finalize who will be evaluated in 2018-2019

Special meetings regarding potential Joint evaluations with Professional Staff Senate ECC

Meeting with members of the Professional Staff Senate ECC December 11, 2017

- Attended by Anthony Meder & Jonathan Karp of the FSEC ECC
- Attended by Courtney Ignarri, Brendan McGovern, and Kevin Boettcher from PSS ECC
- Discussed potential of joint evaluations of certain officers
- PSS will begin evaluating certain officers and supervisors with management responsibilities over certain staff members. Some of those are officers the FSEC ECC is also evaluating
- Does it make sense to perform these as joint evaluations?
 - Multiple surveys could be confusing
 - 'Survey fatigue' could lead to diminished responses for both ECCs
- What about confidentiality?
- Is this even allowed under Faculty Senate By-laws?
- Both ECCs will take the ideas to their respective Senate executive committees for further consideration

Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting March 13, 2018

- Anthony Meder attended re: joint ECC work
- Courtney Ignarri and Brendan McGovern also attended to discuss joint evaluations

Meeting with members of the Professional Staff Senate ECC March 28, 2018

- Meeting between Anthony Meder, Jonathan Karp, Courtney Ignarri, and Brendan McGovern
- Fully joint evaluations were not possible in Spring 2018
- FSEC ECC sent surveys regarding V.P. Brian Rose
- PSS ECC wanted meeting to discuss the impact of two surveys for one officer
- Miscommunication led to PSS not knowing our survey release date
- PSS was concerned their survey, being after ours, may have a depressed response rate
- The misunderstanding was resolved and both groups are still dedicated to working jointly, to the extent that each group's by-laws and rules allow

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A Meder, Committee Chair

Committee members

Leon E. Cosler
Heather L Fiumera
Leslie C. Gates
Stephanie P. Hess
Sharon L. Holmes
Jonathon Karp
Changhong Ke
Carolyn Pierce

Faculty Athletics Representative Summary **Annual Report 2017-2018**

Continued with scheduled meetings with Director of Athletics Patrick Elliott, as well as regular contact with Assistant Provost/Associate Director of Athletics, Academics and NCAA Compliance, David Eagan. Based on the NCAA's Faculty Athletics Representative Handbook, key FAR roles include verifying student eligibility for athletics participation and financial aid, monitoring academic progress and performance of all student-athletes, and participation in a comprehensive compliance program. Reports for those key areas are presented below.

Eligibility. Initial and continuing academic and financial eligibility is assessed each semester, for every student-athlete, with data generated from the Office of Student Records and Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA). Binghamton University's student-athlete GPA eligibility requirement (2.0) for participation (at the start of each academic year) exceeds those established by the NCAA, where eligibility GPA ranges from 1.8 to 2.0 depending on year of enrollment. Despite GPA standards more stringent than NCAA requirements, greater than 99.9% of BU's student-athletes were eligible for participation and/or competition in Fall 2017 and 100% were eligible in Spring 2017.

Academic Performance. BU's student-athletes posted a record-high 3.25 average GPA for Spring 18. This performance resulted in 72% of BU's student-athletes named to the America East Honor Roll, the highest percentage in BU's history. Overall, student-athletes maintained an average 3.23 GPA for Academic Year 2017-2018, the 12th consecutive semester the student-athletes recorded at least a 3.10 GPA (Fall 17 GPA was 3.21). Female student-athletes averaged a 3.37 GPA, and male student-athletes averaged a 3.11 GPA (reports compiled by OIRA). Notable 2017-2018 academic year achievements included 52% of the student-athletes earning a GPA of at least 3.3 in Spring 18 and being named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, more than 100 student-athletes named to the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll by earning a GPA of at least 3.5 for Spring 18; 29 (Fall 17) and 28 (Spring 18) student athletes (from 14 different teams) earning a 4.0 GPA; and, a record-high 46 inductees into Chi Alpha Sigma (National Honor Society for Athletes). Additionally, based on a multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) measure for eligibility, graduation and retention, men's cross country and golf received NCAA recognition for achieving APR rates which placed these BU teams among the top 10% in the nation for their respective sports during the 2016-2017 academic year (*note*: award notification occurred in July 2018 for AY 2016-2017).

Compliance. All reported violations were examined by the FAR through a direct link to the NCAA database. Violations for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 were self-reported by BU, and either assigned the lowest classification of violation (i.e., Level 3) reflecting a minor infraction, or were dismissed by the NCAA as non-violations. For each Level 3 violation, BU proposed corrective action which the NCAA subsequently ruled acceptable.

NCAA Choices Grant. Binghamton University's Athletics Department received a competitive \$30,000 three-year grant (AY 16/17- AY 18/19) from the NCAA to develop and deliver programming designed to reduce excessive drinking on campus. The BU program, entitled 'Explore, Engage and B You,' is administered by Principal Investigators in Athletics (Assistant Athletics Directors Dr. Kristie Bowers and Linda Reynolds), and co-principal investigator Associate Professor Nadine Mastroleo (CCPA, substance-use intervention researcher). In Year 1,

18 student-athlete leaders were accepted into the program for the purposes of training student leaders in alcohol interventions and leadership development. In Year 2, the program expanded to include student leaders nominated by Residential Life. In Year 3, the program will expand to include club sport student leaders. The student-athletes, Residential Life and club sport leaders will work together to develop programming that empowers student leaders to role model and promote healthy choices regarding alcohol consumption on campus, while serving as mentors within the program as enrollments increase each year. Specifically, *Explore, Engage and B You* programs are designed to increase student knowledge regarding alcohol use, communication techniques and transformational leadership.

Resignation. Due to a new position as Associate Dean in the School of Management, I resigned from the Faculty Athletics Representative role effective June 30, 2018. The new Faculty Athletics Representative is Associate Professor Nadine Mastroleo from CCPA. She assumed the FAR role effective July 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Dionne, Faculty Athletics Representative



2017/2018 REVIEW

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

1. ENSURE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR NCAA, CONFERENCE & UNIVERSITY

- Confirm initial and continuing academic eligibility (reports prepared by office of Assistant Provost for Athletics Compliance)
 - Includes eligibility for practice, financial aid and intercollegiate competition
 - Reviewed for each athlete on each team (by semester)
- Verify student data generated directly from Office of Student Records (Registrar)
- Member, Admissions Review Committee for Special Talent UG Admissions

2. MONITOR ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND PERFORMANCE OF STUDENT ATHLETES

- Review academic performance for each team (reports prepared by Office of Institutional Research and Assessment)
 - Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) meetings:
 - Spring 2017 (3/19/2018 & 5/2/2018)
 - Academic performance reports: Senior Associate Athletic Director
- Notable Student-Athlete Academic Achievements**
 - Fall 2017 GPA overall 3.21
(70% exceed 3.00 GPA; 29 athletes earn 4.0)
 - Spring 2018 GPA overall 3.25
(71% exceed 3.00 GPA; 28 athletes earn 4.0)
 - NCAA Recognition for Top Ten Academic Performance Rate (AY 16-17)
 - ♦ Golf (Men's) ♦ Men's Cross Country
 - 2017-2018 Academic Year GPA summary: Women 3.37; Men 3.11
 - 46 Chi Alpha Sigma Inductees (National Honor Society for Athletes)
 - 12 consecutive semesters of 3.10 GPA for Bearcat Athletics
 - 72% of BU athletes placed on America East Spring Academic Honor Roll

- Facilitate scholarship applications, academic award nominations, and/or recommendations as needed for BU student-athletes

3. MONITOR COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Notification of all compliance violations (self-report and/or reported) from office of Assistant Provost for Athletics Compliance
 - ♦ Ongoing awareness of NCAA compliance violations review processes, findings and recommendations
 - ♦ Monitor processes in place to implement/adhere to limitations in athletic abilities as directed by NCAA
- Review travel and competition schedules (prior to semester start)
- Comprehensive rules education program and compliance processes maintained (via office of Assistant Provost for Athletics Compliance)
 - ♦ Receive educational pamphlets, daily e-mails on compliance education, meeting attendance, etc.

4. KNOWLEDGE OF NCAA AND CONFERENCE RULES

- NCAA Division I Operating Manual
 - ♦ Academic Eligibility (Bylaw 14)
 - ♦ Recruiting (Bylaw 13)
 - ♦ Financial Aid (Bylaw 15)
- America East Conference operating rules as required

5. DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENT ATHLETES

- Active membership on Student-Athlete Advisory Board
- Advisor and Trainer, Student-Athlete Leadership Institute
- Attend orientation for entering student-athletes
- Review exit interviews for graduating/departing student-athletes
- Attend athletic events (Men's and Women's teams)

6. MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ADMINISTRATION

- Monthly meetings and/or regular contact with Athletic Director
- Annual FAR Report
 - ◆President's Office
 - ◆Athletic Director
 - ◆Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- Active athletic committee memberships
 - ◆Intercollegiate Athletics Board (IAB)
Fall 2017 (12/4/2017) and Spring 2018 (1/17/2018)

7. CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION

- America East Conference
- Faculty Athletics Representative Association - America East Liaison
 - ◆November 2017 conference

KEY:

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- Indicates FAR engagement within standard
 - Indicates no FAR engagement initiated within standard
- (Note: below non-engaged standards are proposed dates for initiating FAR engagement)*
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September 12, 2018

Harvey Stenger, President
Binghamton University
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Binghamton, NY 13901

President Stenger,

For the academic year 2017-18 the Intercollegiate Athletics Board met once each semester, December 4, 2017 and January 17, 2018. We had very good participation with representatives from faculty, staff, alumni, students and student athletes present at each meeting.


Subject matters discussed included: student athlete academics, APR academic eligibility, athletic student fees, scholarship costs, athletic catastrophic insurance coverage, and projected financial deficits. In addition, tours of physical facilities were made available by the Athletic Director.

Subject matters voted on included a three year Athletics Student Fee proposal.

Details of all of these subject matters can be found on the posted meeting minutes; Link <https://www.binghamton.edu/iab/agenda-minutes.html>

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the IAB over the past 7 years.

Sincerely,



Terrence M. Kane
Chief of Staff to the President

Committee Members

Leslie Heywood, English
Michael Pettid, Asian and Asian American Studies
J. Koji Lum, Anthropology
Michael Lewis, Computer Science and IAC Chair
David Warner, Psychology
Shelley Dionne, Faculty Athletics Rep and School of Management
Jake Thomas, men's baseball
Griffin McIver, women's softball
Kristin Ross, women's basketball
Callon Williams, men's lacrosse
Johann Fiore Conte, Director of Health and Counseling Services
Gerald Mollen, '74 Harpur, Broome County District Attorney's Office
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