

**Scholastic Standards**  
**Thursday, October 16, 2014**  
**Hall Dorm**  
**1:30-3:00pm**

Attendees: Jill Livingston; Karen Bresciano; Bethany Brown; Jaclyn Chancey (on behalf of Jennifer Lease Butts); Robin Coulter; Susanna Cowan; Joseph Crivello; Lauren Digrazia; Hedley Freake; Gerald Gianutsos; Larry Gramling; Katrina Higgins; Tom Recchio; Peter Tribuzio (via phone)

Absent: Larry Armstrong; Stuart Brown; Jennifer Lease Butts; David Clokey; Carolyn Teschke

- 1) Student athlete attendance \*
  - Scott Brown (Educational Psychology and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative)
  - Ellen Tripp (CPIA)

The committee had an informative question and answer session with Scott Brown and Ellen Tripp to learn more about the measures taken to encourage and assist student athletes in communicating anticipated absences to faculty.

- Ellen and Scott work directly with concerned faculty. Ellen is in her second year as head of CPIA, but has been in the department for 16 years. Scott reports directly to the President and works with coaches and faculty.
- Game schedules do not always come out before the season. This is the case with basketball. The weather and travel (students fly coach) can present unanticipated changes to schedule. Injuries, particularly concussions, can also cause students to miss classes.
- One role of knowledgeable CPIA counselors is to help students choose classes that accommodate known or anticipated schedules. They will try to avoid scheduling classes on high travel days. Students also take summer and intercession classes to minimize absences during the fall and spring semesters. Students also miss games at times in order to attend class, when alternate arrangements cannot be made.
- Counselors travel with the teams and hold daily study halls. Students also have tutorial support available to them; they can skype or facetime with tutors while traveling.
- Ellen encourages student from pre-season on to look at their schedules and pursue arrangements.
- CPIA provides students with schedules via email. The department also sends letters to faculty. In the past, emails from CPIA counselors differed depending on the counselor. These emails are now consistent across counselors.
- If a student is going to miss a final exam, Ellen works with Karen to contact faculty to arrange accommodations.
- Students are encouraged to talk to their faculty in-person. It was noted that the by-laws state that students will contact faculty in writing.
- UConn was admitted to a new conference last year (the University determines the athletic conference.) CPIA is now tracking missed class time as well as looking at any patterns with team GPAs.
- There are a maximum number of competitions set for each team by the conference. There are also a max number of preseason games.

- Practices are not limited to the afternoons. They are scheduled to accommodate student attendance in their courses. Facility space is limited and restricts when practices can be held. The new basketball facility will help ease facility congestion. Practices start as early as 6am and as late as 4pm. The change in travel time between classes, which has pushed the 4<sup>th</sup> course block back, has had little impact on practices conflicting with classes.
- Cheerleaders and band members do not report to athletics.
- When students are engaged in the recruiting process, they are prescreened by the AD and Ellen for academic cred. Despite a concern that had been voiced in the Senate several years ago, there is no evidence/data to support the notion that as the University's admissions standards have risen, the student athletes struggle more in classes.
- Some students do not want to inform their faculty that they are a UConn athlete. In this case, confidentiality will be honored and faculty will not be asked to provide academic progress reports.
- The language provided by PAAC (normally distributed each semester by the Provost) says that students should contact faculty for absences related to events coordinated by a University official. This language is potentially confusing. This language was also not shared with the CPIA counselors until this meeting, which is an area of concern, for the new Director.

2) Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2014  
Deferred to October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting

\*William Berensten (Geography faculty) was unable to attend due to illness and will attend a future meeting.

**Missed Class Time 2013-2014**

<b>Sport's Team</b>	<b>Total days missed</b>	<b>Post season</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>
Baseball	21.5		
Field Hockey	13.5		
Football	4.5		
Men's Basketball	22.5	10	
Men's Cross Country	0		
Men's Golf	15	3	
Men's Ice Hockey	5.5		
Men's Soccer	15.5	7	
Men's Swimming	10	6.5	
Men's Tennis	18	3	
Men's Track	12		
Softball	20		5
Women's Basketball	17.5	10	
Women's Cross Country	5.5	3	
Women's Ice Hockey	4.75	0.25	
Women's Lacrosse	10		
Women's Rowing	5		3
Women's Soccer	6		
Women's Swimming	10	6.5	
Women's Tennis	19.5	3	
Women's Track	17	3.5	1
Women's Volleyball	13		

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