

Wright State University
Faculty Senate Minutes
September 9, 2013
2:25 p.m., E156 Student Union

1. Call to Order

Faculty President Dan Krane called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

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| ✓ Alvarezz-Leefmans, F. | ✓ Garber, Fred | ✓ Russell, Anne* |
| ✓ Berberich, Steven | ✓ Gillig, Paulette | ✓ Schieltz, Bev |
| ✓ Bergdahl, Jacqueline | Goldstein, David | ✓ Schneider, Tamera |
| ✓ Brewer, Tracy | ✓ Jagow, Shelley | ✓ Self, Eileen |
| ✓ Bukovinsky, Dave* | Khalil, Naila | ✓ Vadeboncoeur, Yvonne |
| ✓ Carrafiello, Susan | ✓ Kollman, Kathleen | Zhang, Will |
| Cubberley, Mark | ✓ Loranger, Carol* | |
| ✓ Davis, Stephanie | ✓ Milligan, Barry | ✓ Krane, Dan* |
| ✓ Doom, Travis* | ✓ Mirkin, David* | ✓ Rizki, Matt* |
| ✓ Excoffon, Kate | ✓ Naidu, Sirisha | ✓ Hopkins, David |
| ✓ Farmer, Berkwood | Petkie, Doug | Narayanan, Sundaram |
| Fernander, Allision | ✓ Pollock, Sean | ✓ Winkler, Jonathan |
| | ✓ Ramey, Linda* | ✓ Riley, Cindy |
| | ✓ Reo, Nicholas | ✓ Nethers, Bryan |

2. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2013

Minutes were approved as written.

<http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senmin/documents/SenMinApr13complete.pdf>

3. Report of the University President and VP for Curriculum & Instruction

President Hopkins

Good afternoon everyone and let me officially welcome you to the first Faculty Senate meeting. I look forward to working with Professor Krane and the Faculty Senate to have another great year at our university. Let me bring you up-to-date on a few things that I'd like to share with you:

Enrollment

- The university is looking at enrollment that is similar to last year; a little over 1,100 students at our Lake Campus and just under 16,700 at our Dayton Campus, so approximately 18,000 students that we will be serving this year.
- The mix of students is a little bit different than we've seen in past years, which has a significant impact on our budget.
 - Direct from high school: Approximately 2,200 (down from 2,366); 87 of those students are valedictorians and this class of direct from high school students is a better-prepared class than previous years.
 - Transfer: 1300 and 300 new post-traditional students
 - Graduate Enrollment: Almost 1,100 new graduate students, a record number
 - International: Approximately 1,500 international students enrolled, a record number
- This mix of students is more favorable to our budget than a typical mix of students

I'd like to thank all of those who attended last week's President's Award for Faculty Excellence. It was a wonderful ceremony along with the University Convocation, but the highlight of the event was to really celebrate our great faculty. It was a wonderful event and I congratulate those faculty members again.

State Level Announcements

I'd like to congratulate Professor Krane who was recently elected as Chair of the Ohio Faculty Council (which speaks on behalf of the faculty of Ohio's 13 four-year state universities). At the same time I have been elected to chair the state's Intra-University Council (IUC; which speaks on behalf of the presidents of Ohio's 13 four-year state universities). We're very pleased to be in a position with the State Faculty and IUC to have a great opportunity to shape the conversation about higher education. All of our leaders at Wright State will be chairing the different IUC committees, so as we take over those chairs we will certainly be in the heart of things.

Regarding the last biannual budget, we were able to work with Governor Kasich to get a Capital Bill. Four years ago we received \$0 in terms of building, renovation, or maintenance dollars. In the last budget the governor changed the process and created a Capital Bill Commission led by President Gee from Ohio State. No longer under this governor do we have a formula that divvies up a certain amount of money to each university. We have to make the case for renovation, restoration, and new buildings; so in the last budget we made the case for a new building, which was the Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration building, and under the last commission we received \$12 million dollars from the state. This process is about to begin again. On September 27th the governor is calling a special meeting where he'll unveil his Capital Bill Commission. In the last budget higher education received \$400 million to be distributed based on the commission's report across the state universities and community colleges in the State of Ohio. We're working very hard to increase that total amount of money since the \$400-million was less than the amount in a typical Capital Bill.

Misc. Campus Announcements

We are going to break ground on our new classroom building on October 11. I know a lot of the people in this room have worked really hard to make sure that building will be what everyone wanted in a new state-of-the-art classroom building. In April we look forward to breaking ground on our third major project, which will be the modernization and expansion of the Creative Arts Center.

Dr. Sudkamp

As you may be aware from the Senate meetings last year, we are beginning the process of our Higher Learning Commission 10-year reaccreditation process, which is officially called our reaffirmation of accreditation.

As part of the process, we will be putting together a Student Completion Task Force. There are several objectives that we need to meet; in our accreditation process the HLC requires "that we as an institution have ambitious and achievable quantitative goals for retention and graduation for our students". While our goal has always been to do better, they accreditation process will require us to analyze our student body and programs to provide challenging but achievable goals. In the same breath, the state in their legislative process has required that each institution create a Completion Plan to be submitted to the state by the beginning of May. Putting together a Campus Completion Plan is something that should encompass all of the components of the campus including faculty, staff, and administration, considering co-curricular activities as well as

classroom activities and curriculum development. We will be forming a committee with representation from across campus to address those issues.

The Ohio Board of Regents is actively engaging the public colleges and universities across the state to establish commonality in their prior-learning assessment. They are sponsoring a program called Prior-Learning Assessment with a Purpose to propose statewide guidelines. They had a kickoff meeting in the summer and proposals are to be sent forward to OBR within this year.

By the end of December there needs to be a response to the legislature regarding the College Credit Plus program, which is the accumulation of ways that students can receive college credit prior to coming to the university. These include AP, PSEO, International Baccalaureate, and the Dual Enrollment programs. The Ohio Board of Regents looking for some standardization across the state, creating a new funding model. Currently we (Dayton and Lake Campuses) offer all of the options incorporated in the College Credit Plus program. Our Dual Enrollment program with Lake Campus reaches out to a good number of high schools in the region. How this will to continue to work will depend on the funding models that are developed for this program.

One other thing you'll be hearing about critical to our accreditation process and for our institution is our Assurance of Learning Committee. This is our university-wide committee to oversee assessment of university-wide programs such as the Wright State CORE and Writing Across the Curriculum, and insuring that we have evidence that our graduates are achieving the learning outcomes that we as a faculty have specified in the development of those programs. This will be critical in our accreditation process.

4. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

- A. Lot 17 Parking Resolution
The Provost has agreed to expand Lot 17 within the timeframe of the completion of construction of the NEC Building.
- B. Smoking Policy Resolution
Dr. Polatajko, VP-Business & Fiscal Affairs, has reported that the administration has taken action to address the recommendations of the resolution. There is a study underway to assess the impact to Wright State Faculty, Students, and prospective students if Wright State were to become a smoke-free institution
- C. Committee Vacancies
At its August 26 meeting, the Executive Committee filled several committee vacancies. Committee Rosters can be found online at:
<http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/committees/>

A special election will be held to replace Senator Raymer as CECS Faculty Senator.

- D. Wright Way Policy 2101 - <http://www.wright.edu/wrightway/2101>
Robert Fyffe, VP-Research, requested that the Faculty Senate review and make revisions to Wright Way Policy 2101 dealing with Administrative Procedures for Allegations of Research Misconduct. The Research Council has been charged with reviewing this policy and make recommendations regarding it to the Executive Committee prior to the end of 2013.
- E. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Game at the Nutter Center – January 17, 2013
- F. There will be online voting to consider the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution from September 25 – 27, 2013.
- G. IT Governance Update – Dr. Travis Doom
Over the summer, Provost Narayanan put together a team to address issues that were raised by the Information Technology Effectiveness Committee in February. The team consists of 2 faculty members; 2 members from libraries, CTL, & CaTS; 2 members from non-CaTS IT departments (college-level); and 2 members of the administration working together to form a workable plan to address Wright State’s needs. A draft proposal is nearing completion and will be sent to the various constituencies within the next few weeks.

5. Old Business

- A. Academic Standing – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senage/documents/Academic_Standing.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Amend language regarding the Dismissal from the University.

Recommendation:
A student on probation who fails to achieve a 2.0 GPA or above in his/her subsequent term will be eligible for dismissal.

Changed to:
A student on probation who fails to achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA or above in his/her subsequent term of enrollment will be eligible for dismissal.
 - 2. Amendment Approved.
 - 3. Moved and Seconded to Approve with Amendments.
 - 4. Approved with Amendments.
- B. WSU Admissions Standards – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senage/documents/WSU_Admissions_Criteria.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Approve.
 - 2. Approved.

- C. Curriculum and Policy Approval Workflow – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/March%202027,%202013%20Agenda/FOR%20SENATE%20EC/Curriculum%20and%20Policy%20Approval%20Workflow.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Approve.
 - 2. Approved.

6. New Business

- A. Wright Way Policy 2101 Review - <http://www.wright.edu/wrightway/2101>
 - 1. No action was taken per the Executive Committee decision to forward this matter to the Research Council for review and recommendations.
(See Item #4 Report of the Senate Executive Committee)
- B. Review of program inventory requests – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/Program%20Inventory%20Requests.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business for the October 14, 2013 meeting.
 - 2. Approved.
- C. CONH BEACON Admission Criteria – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/CONH%20BEACON%20Option%20A%20B%20Admission%20Requirements.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business for the October 14, 2013 meeting.
 - 2. Approved.
- D. CONH Honors Program - UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/CONH%20Honors.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business for the October 14, 2013 meeting.
 - 2. Approved.
- E. CECS ME Combined BS-MS - UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/BSMS_ME%20info%20and%20appl.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business for the October 14, 2013 meeting.
 - 2. Approved.
- F. LAKE AS Second Degree Policy – UCAPC
http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/LAKE%20AS%20Second%20Degree%20Proposed%20Policy.pdf
 - 1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business for the October 14, 2013 meeting.
 - 2. Approved.

- G. Service Learning Criteria and Approval Process – UCAPC
1. http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/Proposed%20Revision%20of%20Service-Learning%20Definition%20and%20Criteria.pdf
 2. http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0013/agenda_minutes/April%2024,%202013%20Agenda/Updated%20SL%20Process%204-22-13.pdf
 - a. Moved and Seconded to suspend the rules and move Items G.1-2 to Old Business for a vote today.
 - b. Suspension of the rules Approved.
 - c. Moved and Seconded to Approve.
 - d. Approved

7. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Budget Priority Committee – Dr. Dan Krane

The committee has met once this academic year. It is anticipating that it will have substantive input on the university's MDA Budget Model. In the next few months, there will be considerations made about the model's various determination drivers regarding how the different colleges fund cost-centers. The committee will also have the opportunity to review the university's current budget and expenditures.

B. Building & Grounds Committee – Dr. Matt Rizki

ODOT recently approached the University about the possibility of placing a Salt Storage Facility on Wright State property with certain benefits to the University. Dr. Rizki gave a presentation about the proposal, which can be viewed at: <http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senmin/documents/UBGC%20Senate%20Presentation.pptx>

8. Council Reports

- A. Research Council (Attachment A)
- B. Graduate Council (Attachment B)
- C. Athletics Council (Attachment C)

9. Announcements

- A. Dr. Krane announced that there were two open fora held to discuss the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution and that no concerns have been raised about any of the proposed changes.
- B. Dr. Krane announced that online voting by all eligible faculty members to approve the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution will be held September 25 – 27.
- C. Dr. Krane announced that the Faculty / Staff appreciation night at the Nutter Center will be held on January 17, 2014.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 14, 2:25 p.m., in E156 Student Union.

Attachment A

RESEARCH COUNCIL QUARTERLY REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE SPRING SEMESTER 2013

Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) Report

The February RSP Report presented to Research Council members was based on preliminary award numbers through January 2013. External funding for this period totals \$59.7M versus \$67.2M through January 2012. Basic and applied research funding through January 2013 totals \$13.6M compared to \$19.4M this time last year. The preliminary January 2013 awards for F&A are down--\$3.8M versus \$5.4M for the previous fiscal year. Proposal submissions through January 2013 are nearly even--484 compared to 481 through January 2012. The expenditure numbers represent final figures through December 2012. For FY13, total expenditures are up, with \$55.1M versus \$49.7M in FY12.

RSP staff members continue to work on the implementation of the InfoEd Proposal Development and Proposal Tracking modules. This includes working with investigators to prepare applications for electronic submission and training "approvers" on the process for reviewing the electronic routing of those applications. Implementation of several other research compliance modules is also planned.

Wright State Research Institute (WSRI)

WSRI celebrated its sixth anniversary in January 2013, and in that time has had great success in growth of its portfolio to \$20M annually and its staffing, with 120 FTE (including 75 full-time staff).

Environmental Health and Safety

Council members were updated on guidelines regarding use of radioactive materials in University laboratory facilities.

Central Support of Core Equipment Maintenance Contracts

A survey of core equipment resulted in 16 responses and a total of 45 itemized instruments. The survey results indicate that WSU has invested a huge amount of monetary support (\$10M) in initial purchases for equipment over the past decade or so, with less than 1/3 of the instruments covered by maintenance contracts. The University currently spends a little over \$200,000 annually on service contracts with approximately the same amount spent for repairs and staffing support to maintain the equipment. User-fees for multi-user equipment do not come close to covering the cost of a service contract for any of the instruments. The next step will include meetings with College/School representatives to identify genuine multi-user equipment and to develop a long-term strategy for supporting this equipment. This will require a plan for sharing the expense, as there is no central source of funding available within the University for this purpose.

Centers of Excellence

A subcommittee of the Research Council has been formed to conduct a comprehensive review of the University's seven Centers of Excellence, as designated by the University System of Ohio. The purpose is to give positive constructive guidance and identify ways in which the University can assist the Centers to achieve more and work more effectively. Once this review is complete, it was suggested that future reviews be conducted every three years.

Research Officers' Council Update

Dr. Fyffe attended a recent Research Officers' Council meeting in Columbus, where it was reported that funding for Research Incentive (formerly known as Research Challenge) for the State's campuses is still on hold.

Review of Research Initiation and Professional Development Grant Program Guidelines

The guidelines for the internal competitions for Research Initiation and Professional Development Grants were finalized and plans were made to announce the opportunities to the campus community. Council discussed and approved increasing the amount of the proposal funding requests from “up to \$10,000” to “up to \$20,000” each for the Research Initiation Program in order to adequately fund the proposals that will provide the largest return on investment.

The scoring criteria (listed below) will be used for the Research Initiation and Professional Development competition:

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
9	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
8	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
7	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
6	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
4	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
3	Fair	Some strengths but also with at least one major weakness
2	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
1	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Minor Weakness: An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact.

Moderate Weakness: A weakness that lessens impact.

Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits impact.

Hanover Research

Hanover Research is available to help faculty develop competitive applications for external funding. Requests for use of Hanover Grants for proposal writing assistance should be directed to the Vice President for Research.

Attachment B

Graduate Council Report to the Faculty Senate April 2013

The Wright State University Graduate Council met on April 18, 2013. Its standing committees met prior to those dates.

I. REPORT OF THE INTERIM DEAN

Graduate Council 2013-2014 – All outgoing Grad Council members were thanked for their service. The Colleges were reminded to send in election results. The first Graduate Council meeting of 2013-2014 will be Thursday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. in E156 SU.

Marketing Update – The Graduate School’s “Defining Next” campaign is in full swing: search engine marketing, ads in *The Skywriter*, radio ads, internet banner advertising, etc., are all being utilized. The Graduate School is in process of acquiring space on digital billboards around Dayton.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICIES COMMITTEE

The Policies Committee recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, Policy 1.18: Transitional Status. Collaborations with domestic and international universities for 3 + 2 programs have created a need for a new graduate admission category. The students entering these programs do not yet have their bachelor’s degrees; this policy allows them to be admitted in a “transitional status.” Only 15 hours of graduate work taken in Transitional status can be applied to a graduate degree at Wright State; students in this status are expected to complete their bachelor’s degree by the end of those 15 hours.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee reported on the graduate faculty members approved.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE A

The Curriculum Committee A recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new courses, course modifications, degree designation changes, and program development plans:

- **New Course Requests:** BIO 6720, EE 6600, and EE6600L
- **Course Modifications:** ANT 7000, BME 6422, BMS 9960, BMS 9970, BMS 9980, EGR 8950, NUR 7401, NUR 7403, NUR 7611, NUR 7612, NUR 7613, NUR 8099, NUR 8102, and NUR 8202
- **Degree Designation Changes** (These degree designation changes are consistent with previously approved proposals from CECS and involve the change from Master of Science in Engineering to Master of Science in XXX Engineering):

- **MS in Engineering to MS in Industrial and Human Factors Engineering**
- **MS in Engineering to MS in Aerospace Systems Engineering**
- **Program Development Plans:**
 - **Doctor of Nursing Practice PDP** – This is a request to create a stand-alone DNP degree (a separation from the University of Toledo).
 - **PhD in Interdisciplinary Applied Science and Mathematics PDP**

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B

The Curriculum Committee B recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new course requests, course modification, programs of study, and quarter to semester conversions:

- **New Course Requests:** SAA 6652, SAA 6660, SW 6110, SW 6120, SW 6150, SW 6160, SW 6170, SW 6180, SW 6210, SW 6220, SW 6410, SW 6420, SW 6450, SW 6460, SW 6610, SW 6640, SW 7160, SW 7170, SW 7230, SW 7240, SW 7620, SW 7630, SW 7650, and SW 7660.
- **Course Modification:** HST 7815
- **Programs of Study:**
 - MA Social Work (WSU-MU)
 - Regional Studies Certificate Program (new)
- **Quarter to Semester Conversions:** GER 5250, GER 5320, GER 5810, GER 5820, GER 5830, GER 5900, GER 5990, GER 6810, and ML 5990

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Student Affairs Committee selected the recipients for the Graduate Council Scholarships and the minority Wright Fellowships. Five Graduate Council Scholarships and three Wright Fellowships were awarded. Five colleges were represented: CoSM, CEHS, CoNH, CECS, and RSCoB. Collectively, a total of twenty applications were received for both scholarships; this is less than last year.

III. RESEARCH REPORT

Ms. E. Reinsch-Friese, Assistant VP for Research, provided the Graduate Council with a report on the research activities on the WSU campus.

IV. GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

The GSA ended the year with 107 members. Elections were held; the outgoing leadership will be meeting with the incoming leaders to ensure continuity.

Attachment C

Wright State University Athletics Council Meeting

Friday April 19 2013

Atlantis Room, E-157 Student union

Members in attendance:

Brittney Whiteside, Courtney Smith, David Finnie, Carol Mejia LaPerle, Mary Kenton, Judy Chivers, Lauren Patterson, Jeff John, Mill Miller, Dave, Reynolds, David Toller, Mo Cooper, Mark Gazdik, Marie Bashaw, Roderick Perry, Steve Fortson, Bob Grote, Bob Grant, Dan Krane.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Lawrence Prochaska. The minutes from the 3/29/13 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Steering Report- Given by Larry Prochaska

Larry Prochaska discussed the end of the year report and completing the student missed class policy. Larry reviewed the men's and women's basketball ticket sales chart and explained that Sara Hill and Mark Gazdik did a great job of getting the data quickly for him. Larry discussed the accuracy of the data over the last 10 years. Corporate season tickets that are paid through sponsorships are not considered paid season tickets and prior to 2008-2009. The data is overall very accurate.

Academic Affairs- Report given by Jeff John and Judy Chivers

Jeff John discussed the academic affairs annual report. Jeff explained that the biggest concern this year was the student athlete missed class policy. The committee also examined fifth year applications for student athletes who have exhausted athletic eligibility but not completed their degree requirements. Judy explained that 19 fifth year grants were awarded at a total cost of 155k. Majority of athletes are completing their degree requirements prior to exhausting athletic eligibility by taking summer classes.

Student Welfare- report given by Steve Fortson

The student welfare committee met twice during the academic year. Exit interviews were reviewed and the committee is currently surveying winter sports. Steve explained that the ongoing issue this year and main focus of the committee is the lack of athletic training coverage. He discussed the shortage does not allow coverage at all training sessions for all sports. Steve met with Jason Franklin and another full time athletic trainer is recommended to resolve this issue.

Exit interviews with track and cross country athletes revealed frustration with the lack of training facilities. Steve discussed the message this sends to the athletes, and the frustrations they have with it. Bob Grant explained that it is hard to fund the building of a track. He also explained that the department is lined up to fund a full time trainer by July 1st.

Diversity Committee- presented by Steve Fortson

The diversity committee created a 5 year minority plan, which is presented in the end of the year report. Steve explained that all teams go above and beyond outreach activities requirements and are very involved in the community. The committee has 5 recommendations from its year-end report. The first is to improve the graduation rate, which was not met but low numbers affected this rate. The second recommendation is to strive for a retention rate equal or higher than the overall student athlete retention rate. This recommendation was not met and ideally the retention rates need to be equal. The third recommendation is that level of academic ineligibility for diverse student athletes should be no higher than their proportional representation at Wright State. This recommendation was also not met for this academic year. The fourth recommendation is that diverse student athletes as a group should strive for a grade point average that is equal to or higher than the overall student athlete grade point average. This recommendation was also not met but Steve made the AC aware that the numbers are trending in a

positive direction and diverse student athletes GPA continue to increase. Maureen Cooper made a suggestion that the 2012-2013 year-end report be updated and staff member names be removed.

Gender Equity- reported by chair Mary Kenton.

Mary informed the group that this year's findings are similar to the previous year's results. There are persistent discrepancies in equipment, travel, and recruiting. Mary explained that she would like to schedule a date to meet with the athletic powerhouse to discuss the discrepancies. Mary discussed the equipment discrepancy of 61% of equipment funding was spent on male equipment versus 39% spent on female equipment, uniforms, and supplies. Mo addressed the committee and explained that this discrepancy is not overlooked and there are some factors such as men's basketball travel to Italy that play a part in the discrepancy. Suzanne challenged the department to make a change because a large discrepancy like this is not acceptable.

Black Board to Backboard- reported by David Finnie

Participation numbers have increased over the year and the committee will continue to reach out to student organizations for better participation in the future.

Pregame Lecture series – reported by Dan Krane

Dan explained that 75 people attended the pre-game lecture series. The lecture was advertised by the college of business and he believes that it was successful event. Judy Chivers explained that it was good for the athletes to mingle with many of their professors during this time. The college of business appreciated the opportunity to partner on this event.

Constitution and bylaws- reported by chair Bill Wood.

No report given

SAAC Report- report given by Lauren Patterson

Lauren explained that new officers were selected and the end of the year meeting will be held on Sunday to announce the officers to the entire group. Lauren discussed the rowdy awards and how the program was done differently due to teams still competing and the semester change. The awards were very casual and all athletes were given a chance to vote on the nominees and teams were asked to submit a remake video. Men's Soccer won best video and everyone had a great time at the awards. All athletes will be surveyed and given the opportunity to give feedback on the awards.

Larry Prochaska thanked Lauren for her participation on SAAC over the years and wished her well with her future plans to attend pharmacy school.

Athletic Director's Report- given by the director of Athletics, Bob Grant

Bob thanked everyone on the AC for their participation and discussed how seriously the athletic department takes the recommendations of this committee. Bob explained that conference expansion is a major issue right now and he wishes he had more information to report the AC. He discussed rumors of Loyola leaving the program and Oakland coming in. Bob discussed the importance of gaining another baseball school to keep baseballs automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Fall Sports update- given by Roderick Perry

Baseball: Baseball is currently 17-18. They are expected to play a 3 game series this weekend against University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, but due to their poor field conditions the game will probably not be played.

Softball: Softball is currently 9-28, and plays against UIC this weekend.

Golf: Golf swings back into action April 6-8 at the NYX Invitational in Bloomington, IN. Wright State recently finished 10th in the Bash at the Beach event in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Men's and Women's Tennis: Tennis Championships begin this weekend in Indianapolis.

New Business, Announcements, and Informational Items-

This is the last AC meeting for this academic year. Larry Prochaska explained he has enjoyed serving as the chair of the AC and is happy with the consistent attendance throughout the year. He thanked everyone for their participation and announced the new chair Jeff John.

