

Summary of Faculty Senate Athletic Committee (FSAC) meeting at the senate retreat. Members able to attend included Mark Baggett, Chris Clark, Wanda Costen, Mike Jones, Fritz Polite, Susan Ratliff, Mark Windham and John Koontz. Information was provide about the description of the committee charge, committee membership, a listing of the faculty senate and senate executive committee meeting times, and a summary of the FSAC activities from the 11-12 academic year.

After introductions the first thing decided was a list of meeting times for this academic year. Dates for these meetings are October 1, October 29, November 26, February 11, March 11, and April 15. These are all Mondays. The meeting time is from 3:45 to 5:00 and are likely to be held in the Thornton Center, as in past years. A request has been submitted for a room reservation and I'll get back to you with that information.

We then discussed current issues regarding athletics that were considered areas of concern and that we could focus on in the coming year. The principal topics discussed included a recommendation from the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) that had been discussed last year. Given recent developments in athletics it was thought that they should be reconsidered. A second question raised related to the substance abuse (drug use) policy for athletics and its relationship to that for non-student athletes. A third was to consider the Drake Group proposals regarding intercollegiate athletics. Fritz Polite, a new member of the committee, is on the executive Board of the Drake Group and will bring a perspective not previously represented on the committee. Finally, we all agreed that we need to also remember and focus on the excellence of the vast majority of our student athletes and the good that athletics brings to the campus.

The October 1 meeting will be to set priorities for moving ahead during the year and open to alteratives.