

Senate Athletic Committee
November 4 2019

Present: Floyd, Brown, Bass, Herda, Crawford, Twombly, Abernathy, Phillips, Ginavan-Hayes, Williams, Buskirk

Absent: Reed, Wolff, Alexander

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

The committee welcomed Dr. Holly Storkel, Associate Dean for Academic Innovation and Student Success in CLAS; and Samantha Montague, Associate Director of College Outreach & Online Programs to discuss the BGS in LAS as it relates to athletes. Dr. Storkel explained the BGS in LAS and presented a series of slides detailing the numbers of student athletes enrolled in BGS in LAS in comparison to non-athletes. See attached.

Questions were raised:

1. Can athletes get into classes they need? The College monitors "bottleneck courses."
2. Some concern was expressed about the large percentage of LAS majors who are athletes. Dr. Storkel replied that this might be less of a concern because the degree requires courses in many different areas reducing the likelihood that athletes are concentrated in certain courses.
3. In general, the student athletes pursuing the BGS in LAS appear to be similar to non-athlete pursuing the degree.
4. A question was raised about why students pursuing the BGS in LAS are not allowed to obtain minors in other fields. In particular, students in HSES need to be in the minor in order to get access to classes. Storkel explained that it is a KBOR policy to not allow minors in programs for which there is no major. A discussion ensued about why LAS could not be considered a major thus allowing minors. Although not a particularly satisfactory solution, Dr. Storkel agreed that CLAS could allow students to remain in the minor for enrollment purposes until they graduate. At that time, reference to minor would be removed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm upon motion by Jerry Crawford.

Meeting is at 3 in the Anderson West Conference Room (same place as last meeting). Upon request of committee member Tiara Floyd, the agenda will be centered around mental health initiatives for student athletes. Jane Fulton and Kristie Baumchen will attend.