Faculty Athletics Representative Report to Faculty Senate

May 11, 2017

Main objectives:

Well being of student athletes

Improve connections between athletic and academic communities

- Academics (Fall 2016)
 - Overall 2.89 GPA: Women 3.03; Men 2.72
 - 81 students with 3.5 or above (n=350)
 - Another 92 between 3.0 and 3.49

NCAA

- Visit by Mark Emmert (President of NCAA) and staff. Impressed with our academic programming and I have had two follow up conversations since with NCAA staff so they can learn more about what we are doing on campus.
- New NCAA legislation to include more "free time" for student athletes with the intent of improving of their academic, athletic and mental health well being. In accordance, we are developing a new time management plan to be implemented next year.
- Several of us will participate in the NCAA's AASP (Accelerating Academic Success Program) conference in July to share our experiences

CSUN

- Continuation of breakfast meetings between student athletes and faculty from various colleges. Great feedback from both faculty and students
- New first time freshmen program-all student athletes will be assigned to a faculty mentor that will assist them in their acclimation to CSUN beyond athletics. Program designed by myself and Ashley Samson (KIN). At the moment will include 10-12 faculty, but seeking others
- This April, our faculty group held office hours in the Matador Achievement Center (MAC) to assist student athletes with questions about majors and careers. Very positive feedback and will continue in the Fall.
- Student athletes will participate in a service trip to Costa Rica this June.