

To: Norbert Schürer, Academic Senate Chair

From: Bonnie Gasior, Chair, Committee on Athletics (COA)

Re: COA Year End Report for AY 2016-2017

The COA had six meetings scheduled during the 2016-17 AY. Meetings were held on September 21; October 19; November 16; February 15; March 22; and April 19. All meetings were held in the Academic Senate Conference room.

Members of the committee are listed on the Academic Senate website at:

[http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad\\_undergrad/senate/committees/ccc/documents/COAROSTER15-16\\_004.pdf](http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/senate/committees/ccc/documents/COAROSTER15-16_004.pdf)

Major accomplishments of the committee are as follows:

- As directed by the charge of the COA, numerous reports were provided to the Committee by members of the Athletics staff or the Bickerstaff Center staff. Reports included:
  1. A review of student athlete academics was provided by Dr. Chris Jolly, Learning Specialist, and Sandra Shirley, Associate Director, both in the Bickerstaff Center. They gave an overview of the services available to student athletes in the Bickerstaff Academic Center (BAC).
  2. A review of the university's APR, GSR, student retention and rules compliance was provided by Kyle Siemer, Associate Athletics Director/Compliance.
  3. A review of sports camps (recruitment, purpose, costs, etc.) was provided by Cindy Masner.
- The committee also vetted the department's new Transgender Policy over two meetings.
- Interim Athletic Director Cindy Masner began each meeting with a report summarizing the status of Athletic/Faculty relations, success of alumni athletes, personnel changes, team updates, and other Athletic Department developments.
- In addition to hearing and discussing reports, the committee proposed to dedicate the next AY to promoting more faculty participation in and awareness of athletics events on campus.