

**Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees
Report to the Senate of the February 1, 2018 Meeting**

Submitted by Shannon Mihalko, Faculty Representative

The meeting was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the Turner Conference Room, Manchester Athletic Center.

Introductions were given by Athletic Director, Ron Wellman.

The committee reviewed and passed the resolution regarding improvements to the David Couch Baseball Park. This resolution represents Phase 2 of the project through the completion of the second floor and adjacent areas of the Facility at Wake Forest Baseball Park; the first phase was completed in 2017. Both phases of the project were or will be fully funded by contributions.

Ron Wellman, Athletic Director, led the committee in a discussion of both the competitive report, as well as the academic report. Ron distributed the Fall 2017 Semester Report on academics. Academic progress rates (APR) are very high for all teams, with eleven student-athletes having a 4.0 for the fall 2017 semester. Ron also reviewed the economic impact of Athletics on the community, with 16 of the top 17 events on campus with highest attendance.

Steps taken to initiate the Deacon Leader-Leadership Program were reviewed. This fall, Chris Paul, former student-athlete and NBA player, spoke to all student-athletes discussing his experience as a “committed leader” and the time and dedication necessary to reach their goals. Assessment of the program will be conducted in Spring 2018 for all teams.

Other highlights include: hiring of a full-time sport psychologist in spring, 2018; the Athletics Compliance Office continues to have ongoing quarterly reviews to ensure overall compliance; Athletics is hosting an expected sold out concert in March at the coliseum with plans underway for another concert at the football stadium in the fall; student-athletes are involved in the community through events such as HOPE (help our people eat), visits to Brenner’s Childrens Hospital, Santa’s Helpers, and Special Olympics.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.