

**Provost's Advisory Council
Summary of October 4, 2017 Meeting
8:30-10 am, Lynch Center, Fulton 515**

Christopher Conostas	Kent Greenfield	Joseph Du Pont
Anthony Annunziato	Sharon Beckman	John Rakestraw
William Keane	Mariela Paez	Jasmine Hamm
Patricia Riggin		David Quigley
Can Erbil	Claudia Pouravelis	Billy Soo
Judith Clair	Sasha Tomic	Joseph Carroll
William Fehder	Stanton Wortham	Thomas Chiles
Stephanie Berzin	Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.	Akua Sarr
Thomas Crea	Gautam Yadama	Nanci Tessier
	Thomas Wall	Nicole Barone

1. The summary of the May 4, 2017 meeting was approved.

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to share them with colleagues.

2. Boston College Athletics Program – Martin Jarmond, William V. Campbell Director of Athletics

Martin Jarmond joined the group to provide updates regarding the Boston College Athletics program. First, he discussed the values and vision of the program, which include creating a culture rooted in winning through passion, alignment, and competitive excellence. In his first 100 days at BC, he has learned that BC Athletics staff are the hardest working staff of any Power 5 institution. For example, all staff work during Saturday football games. Further, he noted that BC student athletes are highly academically motivated and service minded.

Jarmond talked about efforts faculty can make to partner with and support the Athletics program commitments, attending games, and providing student athletes with mentorship and encouragement.

One PAC member said that students have approached him indicating that they cannot take morning classes due to their athletic commitments. He asked whether the NCAA has a limit for the number of hours a student athlete can train per week. Jarmond responded that the NCAA does have a limit, but they are revisiting the issue and considering adjusting the number of hours student athletes can train per week.

Another PAC member asked Jarmond to walk the group through an average day for a student athlete. He shared an example of a student who sails. This student begins sailing practice at around 7:30 am, sails until around noon, goes to classes and tutorial, has dinner, goes to another tutorial and ends their day at around 9 pm. This schedule varies by sport.

Father Leahy will visit with the NEASC commission in November and a final report from CIHE/NEASC will be sent to the university later this semester. BC will likely be required to submit an interim report in 5 years per usual.

5. Faculty Handbook Subcommittee

The online faculty handbook has been updated over time to address new issues that have emerged. Some recent topics being contemplated involve paternity leaves and part-time faculty titles. Billy Soo noted that reviewing all of the information around potential faculty handbook updates will be time-consuming and proposed that a subcommittee be formed to meet with him in order to review and discuss potential revisions and additions. The goal would be to review information and materials in order to generate a reasonably short list of recommendations/ revisions that would need to be vetted by the Deans and the PAC. If these revisions seem appropriate and are approved, then we would update the faculty handbook online. David Quigley noted that this issue came up involvement in revising the faculty handbook. David asked whether we should form a 2017-18 ad hoc committee to do this work or whether it should be done on a case-by-case basis.

One PAC member responded that low volunteer turnout place through a subcommittee in years past. Another PAC member asked who was responsible for approving these policies. Billy responded that the idea is to have a subcommittee narrow the choices down to a reasonable set for the Deans and PAC to select and review.

One PAC member asked about the time commitment for the subcommittee. Billy thinks meeting once per month might be sufficient, but that with multiple revisions coming down the pipeline, things might be busier at the beginning.

Another member asked whether BC had well-defined titles for part-time faculty and Billy responded that this is one of the issues we are looking into. One PAC member encouraged the council to reach out to those engaged in these issues both on campus and in the greater Boston community.

6. Provost's Report

David Quigley asked the PAC to consider BC's responsibility in supporting students on campus and responding to recent national and international tragedies and natural disasters. Fundraisers and a Mass are being held to support students and the greater BC community who were affected by the hurricanes. Faculty are encouraged reach out and support students who have been impacted.

A PAC member said we need to look ahead and plan for a likely increase in financial need for students from impacted areas. Nanci Tessier responded that the Financial Aid office can work to assist these students, and that our commitment to meet full financial need persists throughout the undergraduate enrollment.

John Rakestraw said that the Center for Teaching Excellence is exploring ideas in terms of teaching junior faculty how to teach in the current climate.

A PAC member raised the question of what to do if emergency situations arise on campus. How do we train our faculty to be more knowledgeable and prepared in the event that this happens? David Quigley responded that there will be a presentation later in the semester to address emergency situation preparedness with the faculty.

Finally, David Quigley invited the PAC and faculty to presentations being held on November 3rd that will discuss the launch of the Institute for Integrated Science and Society.