

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL
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In October and November, AC invited guests from various programs to discuss pertinent matters affecting athletics. In October, Tim Clemmey, representing FOSA, visited with AC to discuss the goals, structure, and challenges relating to student-athlete alumni of Skidmore. Tim stated the two primary FOSA fundraising goals currently are the boathouse and an indoor facility (tennis). He stressed that a primary goal of FOSA was to educate parents and alumni about the model used to raise money for athletics and increase fundraising efforts for student-athlete alumni who graduated 10-20 years ago and those graduating each May. FOSA efforts have been successful so far. In November, Jen Burden, the Director of Health Promotion, visited with AC to present comparison data on the AOD surveys she conducted in spring 2010 and 2009 with about 500 students at Skidmore for each survey. Unfortunately, the use of both alcohol and psychotropic, prescription drugs has increased during this time, which also reflects local and national trends. Jenn discussed the role of Health Promotions and the Health Task Force in dealing with these problems at Skidmore. She presented three useful strategies that she is working collaboratively with others on campus, they include: 1) Harm reduction and responsible usage and reporting, 2) Abstinence and, 3) Responsible citizenship and leadership. All initiatives are working in conjunction with the athletics department.

There were several important agenda items impacting the athletics department that were handled very adeptly by Gail Cummings-Danson, Kate Berheide and others. These included the NCAA Institutional Self-Study, athletics facility master plan update, NCAA Legislation Amendments Review, and the NCAA DIII Identity Initiative.

Throughout the year, Gail Cummings-Danson provided AC with bimonthly reports on athletics, including performance of athletic teams, Thoroughbred Society and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, F