

**Amendment to the Faculty Handbook  
Athletic Council Function and Membership Statements  
Faculty Meeting – September 7, 2007**

The Faculty Executive Committee moves that the function and membership statements for the Athletic Council in the *Faculty Handbook* (Part Two, Article II, Section F, number 12) be amended as follows:

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

**Function:** To recommend to the Dean of Student Affairs policies regarding the Skidmore athletic program, including the determination of the scope and level of competition in intercollegiate, club, and intramural sports; eligibility rules; establishment of priorities for the athletic program; and such other matters as may be brought to the Council's attention by the Athletic Director or by any of the constituent groups of the College community. All meetings will be open and advertised in advance.

**Membership:** Three faculty members, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; two students selected by SGA; the Dean of the Faculty or his/her designee, the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designee, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative ex-officio (voting), and the Athletic Director ex-officio (non-voting).

**NEW LANGUAGE:**

**Function:** To provide oversight and support for the athletic, fitness, physical activity, and recreation programs on campus. To advise the Dean of Student Affairs in articulating and espousing the vision for athletics, fitness, and recreation at Skidmore. To work in conjunction with the President, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of the Faculty, the Athletic Director, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), and Advancement to assure productive links between athletic and academic programs. To recommend to the Dean of Student Affairs policies regarding the Skidmore athletics, fitness, physical activity, and recreation programs, including: the scope and level of competition in intercollegiate, intramural, and club sports; eligibility rules and relevant admissions processes; and priorities for intercollegiate athletics, employee and student fitness/wellness and recreation, and physical activity courses. To evaluate the teaching of physical activity instructors annually and to review the physical activity program every five years, in accordance with procedures established by the Council. To monitor implementation of Skidmore's policies for athletics, fitness, recreation, and physical activity courses including gender equity, and to evaluate reports related to the athletic program, including those filed with external agencies. To select the annual recipient of the Tim Brown Scholar Athlete award. To communicate with the wider Skidmore community about the achievements of the athletic program and student athletes. To assist in other matters relating to

athletics, fitness, physical activity, and recreation, as may be brought to the Council's attention by the Athletic Director or by any other member or group of the college community.

Membership: Three faculty members, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; two students, one selected by SGA and one representative from SAAC; the Dean of the Faculty or his/her designee; the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designee; the National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative ex-Officio (voting); the Senior Woman Administrator (non-voting); and the Athletic Director (non-voting).

RATIONALE (per the AC 2006-2007 Annual Report):

AC revised its description and operating code this past year in order to reflect the additional duties and to make more explicit its functions. These documents were reviewed by FEC and approved with minor modifications. The new function and membership statement will appear in the revised *Faculty Handbook*, which will be presented to the faculty during the fall semester.