



ATHLETIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2004- 2005

The Athletic Policy Committee had full representation this year from faculty, staff and students, in addition to ex officio representation from the senior administrators involved with Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

The Committee met three times in the fall.

- ❑ Introduced new athletic director, Betsy Stephenson, who shared her ideas for the expanded facility and for fund raising for athletics. Most of her attention for the year has been on modifying and completing the 4th floor of Woodpec. There will be ribbon cutting during Graduation Weekend.
- ❑ Discussed balancing the frustration of the Building Staff over dealing with the discontent of the Emory user community with the facilities and the challenges of maintaining the facilities. Better marketing was suggested.
- ❑ Devoted an entire meeting to the Sports Website (<http://go.emory.edu>) with Sports Information Director John Arenberg, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs, Jan Gleason and the Executive Producer of Emory's Website, John Mills. John shared a proposed new look for Emory's website with us and also the new Athletic site. The Committee made several recommendations to add more content to the Athletic home page based on user needs and benchmarking with peers. There has been a recent revision to the athletic site since its rollout.
- ❑ Received an update progress being made to address athletes issues of on-campus housing during breaks.

There has been only one meeting in the spring, with another scheduled tomorrow.

- ❑ Heard a presentation about Club Sports' funding from Committee member Kate Bowler, captain of women's water polo, and Jessica Frizell, Club Sports Treasurer. The Committee supported the need for additional funding for club sports in principal. There are more students participating in club sports than in varsity athletics. Emory's only Olympian is a club sports athlete. There were questions about sources of funding and allocation across teams. At this point, students are generally responsible for much of the funding necessary to compete.

The Committee chair, Ruth Pagell, told John Ford in early March that she had accepted a job outside the country and therefore it was decided that she be able to step aside from

the Committee responsibilities while a new chair was appointed. She has continued to write the NCAA scholarship letters.

We are pleased to announce that Bobbi Patterson, Senior Lecturer in Religion, will be taking over as Committee Chair, starting at tomorrow's meeting.

On a personal note, I will miss my role with the Athletic and Recreational Policy Committee and with Emory athletics in general. We should all be proud of our Emory athletes and the coaches who support them for the contribution they make to Emory and their outstanding performance as scholars, athletes and role-models.