

Senate Athletics Committee Meeting
February 13, 2013

Elected Members:

Present

	Toby Chapman
X	Lou Fabian (Co-Chair)
	Nancy Glynn
X	Susanne Gollin
X	Kevin McLaughlin (Co-Chair)
	Jamie Pardini
	Leonard Plotnicov
	Carma Sprowls-Repcheck
	Steven Wendell

Student Representatives:

	Michelle Donato
X	Gordon Louderback
	Preston Thomas

***Staff Association
Member:***

X	Barbara Mowery
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Pro-Tem Members:

	Timothy Averch
X	Dan Bartholomae
X	Dave Brienza
	Tony Eichelberger
	Jeanann Croft Haas
	Nathan Hershey
X	Jay Irrgang, Vice Chair
	Don Martin
	Ken Metz
	Donna Nativio
	Donna Sanft
X	Zac Saunders
	Patrick Smolinski

***Chancellor's Liaison
Appointments:***

Susan Albrecht
David DeJong
Steve Pederson

*Senate Liaison
Appointments:*

X Thomas Smitherman
 Lori Molinaro
 Michael Pinsky

Lou Fabian called the meeting to order and introduced Rob Blanc, Head Football Athletic Trainer for Pitt Athletics.

Athletic Training/Performance Team Update

Rob Blanc started his comments by providing the group with an overview and some highlights of the Performance Team.

Blanc explained that the mission of the Performance Team is to provide the highest quality of healthcare to the Pitt student-athletes. Blanc noted that this is accomplished through direct involvement and daily care as well as through the unique relationship with UPMC and its many available resources. Blanc pointed out that the multi-disciplinary approach to treatment and care which includes certified athletic trainers, certified strength coaches, team physicians, nutritionists and various other medical professionals. Blanc also added that in addition to prevention, recognition, immediate care, treatment and rehabilitation of physical injuries and illness that the Performance Team also makes certain that the Pitt student-athletes are provided proper care and direction in all areas of mental well being.

Blanc stated that the Performance Team serves approximately 500 Pitt student-athletes across 19 varsity sports. Blanc also noted that the Performance Team cares and treats the cheerleading and dance teams. Blanc provided the group with an overview of the staff and their assignments (per sport). Blanc also described the training facilities and the areas where Pitt student-athletes are cared for.

Blanc reviewed with the group the importance of the special relationship Pitt Athletics has with UPMC and specifically UPMC Center for Sports Medicine. Blanc noted the amazing care and service that is provided to our student-athletes by Dr. Freddie Fu (head team physician) and all of the associates and specialists. Blanc discussed the “Student-Athlete Support Team” and its charge. Blanc then reviewed with the group all of the responsibilities of the Performance Team (i.e., immediate care, evaluation, treatment, rehab, drug screening and education, and mental well being). Blanc noted the great relationship the Performance Team has with the University Counseling Center and explained that the staff has protocols in place in the event of a mental health emergency.

Fabian thanked Blanc for his presentation and update, and then directed the group to the UPMC Sports Performance Complex for the guided tour by Kathleen Nachazel, Assistant Director for Sports Medicine. The group toured the facility and received a short presentation regarding the concussion program from Patrick Huber, Athletic Trainer/Coordinator – UPMC Concussion Outreach Program at UPMC Center for Sports Medicine.

Fabian thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.