



schedules, which are externally imposed, required by the team and in many cases a condition of scholarships. He noted that BC also has a contractual obligation to field teams in these sports.

Under the Board's proposal, the non-athlete population would experience no change to their registration process; they would continue to be randomly assigned to a 15-minute registration block over 2 days by class. The odds of obtaining an early registration block would be the same as they currently have. Student-athletes would be assigned to a block during the first four hours of their scheduled class registration days. This would add incrementally, approximately 8 student-athletes to each registration block in those first four hours. The Board feels this would give student-athletes an advantage, allowing them to get into classes that might otherwise fill early, with minimal impact on non-athletes. To start, only rising juniors and seniors would be afforded this priority option, focusing on the course registration needs associated with electives in majors and minors.

David added that at the recent Meeting of the Minds conference that BC hosted in April, there was a conversation with peers about registration and student-athletes. He noted that every other ACC school has some kind of priority registration, and all schools have a more extensive policy than the one currently on the table. This type of policy has bee

complex and resource heavy, but that we have been doing that here to an extent. Deans guarantee that student-athletes can get into courses necessary to complete their major, but they are not able to guarantee the courses the students want to take.

A council member asked if there was any data available on how non-athletes react to preferential registration for student-athletes at other schools. Another council member asked what data would be collected on the impact and perceptions among non-student athletes.

Bob answered that there is no hard data available from other schools, but that they could explore those questions with colleagues at other ACC schools. He talked about plans to look at clustering and other trends that can be captured in registration data. He said perception is a concern and there would likely be focus groups or surveys to determine the climate on campus.

Billy Soo asked Nancy Tessier to talk briefly about whether the athletics on campus is a draw for students considering attending BC. Nancy said that for both student-athletes and non-student-athletes, the presence of Division I athletics is a very important part of campus culture, pride, and sense of connection to the larger BC community.

A council member noted that we made an institutional choice to be part of the ACC, so we need to find a reasonable way to move forward.

David concluded by saying that the Council would continue discussing this issue in the fall.

### **3. Current developments in Title IX and sexual and discriminatory harassment policies in higher education: Nora Field, Deputy General Counsel**

David introduced Nora Field, Deputy General Counsel, to continue the discussion started with Patricia Lowe at the March, 2018 Provost's Advisory Council meeting.

Nora began by explaining the current landscape. In September, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Department of Education (DOE) would be rescinding guidelines addressing violence on campuses (the Dear Colleague Letter)

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challenging broader social issues that the institution can only do so much to address (e.g., the drinking culture is a contributing factor).

A council member asked about the annual lifecycle of events on campus, do the reports increase or decrease around certain campus activities or times of year? Nora said that there is a flurry at the beginning of the academic year.

A council member asked about whether the General Counsel's Office is looking at the BC Policy on Consensual Relationships in light of the "#MeToo" movement and increased understanding of related issues.

Nora said that the history of the policy is interesting. For years, there was no policy. Many schools prohibit any relationship, as there is always some questions of whether or not it is truly consensual. Billy Soo added that we are looking at revising the policy, with the potential for a total revamp. He has pulled policies from peer institutions and the hope is that by the fall there will be something more concrete to discuss.

A council member asked about Title IX training for faculty, or a step-by-step guide for distribution, as many faculty do not generally understand their responsibilities. Nora said that Patricia Lowe is evaluating required training for all members of the community, with the possibility of refresher training being available as well.

#### **4. Provost's Report: David Quigley, Provost and Dean of Faculties**

David provided a few announcements:

Admissions deposits for the incoming freshman class are due Tuesday, May 1. All looks to be in shape for a very strong entering class. Thanks to the faculty who participated in the Admitted Eagle Days.

Faculty are urged to participate in the Commencement week/weekend activities.