

Provost's Advisory Council
April 29, 2021 Meeting
8:30-10:00 a.m. - Zoom

In attendance:

Sharon Beckman (Chair)
Michelle Elias Bloomer
Joseph Carroll
Mary Ellen Carter
Thomas Chiles
Joseph Du Pont
Kristin Flower
Yonder Gillihan
Stacy Grooters
Christian Guma

Angela Harkins
Dewin Hernandez
Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.
William Keane
Thomas Kohler
Adam Krueckeberg
Jonathan Laurence
Karen Lyons
John Mahoney
Allison Marshall

Gilda Morelli
Karen Muncaster
David Quigley
Ronnie Sadka
Akua Sarr
David Scanlon
Billy Soo
Thomas Stegman, S.J.
Sasha Tomic
Thomas Wall

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1. **The summary of the March 25, 2021 meeting was approved.** It will be sent to the President's Office. All summaries are posted on the Provost's Office website; members are encouraged to share them with colleagues.

 2. **Meet the Coaches:**
 - **Introduction by Professor Bob Murphy, *Faculty Athletics Representative, Athletic Advisory Board***
 - **Joanna Bernabie-McNamee, *Women's Basketball Coach***
 - **Jeff Hafley, *Men's Football Coach***

Bob Murphy began by introducing Joanna Bernabie-McNamee, the Women's Basketball Coach, and Jeff Hafley, the Men's Football Coach.

Coach Joanne Bernabie-McNamee recently completed her third season at BC. During her second season, the team posted a 20-12 record, the program's first 20-win season since 2011, and she was named Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by the ACC. Prior to coming to

coach for the San Francisco 49ers. Coach Hafley played four seasons as a wide receiver at Siena College.

Bob opened the conversation to Coach McNamee and Coach Hafley to discuss BC athletics generally, navigating the pandemic, and the future of their programs.

Coach Joanna McNamee began by talking about BC's unique tight-knit community and the beauty of the campus. She discussed the value of a BC education and the commitment of the faculty as resources when recruiting student athletes, noting that BC's rigorous academic expectations can also be intimidating for prospective student athletes.

Joanna continued, discussing the challenges young athletes face when they get to BC. They are experiencing life on their own for the first time, facing higher academic expectations, and are being asked to represent BC on the national stage. She talked about establishing a family environment and empowering the athletes to strive for success not just on the court.

David Quigley asked the coaches to talk about the role of coach as educator, as part of an institution devoted to formative education, building the strengths, talents, and character of the whole person.

Joanna talked about the role of adversity in character development for the students. On the academic side, students are challenged by tests and deadlines that demonstrate their commitment and work ethic. On the athletic side, students are asked to compete at the highest level and practice hard, working as a team, regardless of whether they will see playing time. She discussed the importance of teaching students to be accepting of other backgrounds, to broaden their empathy for others, and to respond to adversity. The BC family culture suud(d)2 (e)6 P-1.15 Td[0.34 Tw 0 (s) (r)5 (k-2 (i)-2ud(dned)-4 ()-10 7k a)4 52 (o a)4 (dve)

3. Open Conversation on Lessons Learned and Takeaways from the Pandemic Academic Year

- **What worked well this year and what did not**
- **Hopes and plans for the next year and beyond**

David opened a conversation on reflections from the past year on what has worked well and what has not worked as well, and broadly how to use the learnings to shape plans for the next

4. Provost's Report

Billy provided an update on the academic calendar for fall 2022 through fall 2024. There will be a four-day fall break around the Columbus Day holiday that will include Columbus Day and the Friday before.

David provided some updates:

- There will be forthcoming guidance regarding guests at Commencement in light of recent changes to capacity restrictions. Faculty participation will remain limited to maximize the graduate and guest participation.
- The email regarding the fall vaccination requirement was circulated to the community. More information is forthcoming about the process for providing proof of vaccination and securing exemptions.
- The existing travel policy will remain in place at least through the end of the summer. Faculty who need to travel should work through their Dean's Offices to request and secure approval.
- Accommodations that were granted for the past year will carry through May but will not carry on to the next year. Human Resources will be circulating return to work guidance, with an expected transition back to campus over the summer for all faculty and staff.
- Kate Gregory, former faculty member, has been named the next Dean of the Connell School of Nursing. She will begin her tenure on July 1, 2021.
- The admissions team welcomed tours of admitted students to campus this month. Enrollment numbers are encouraging across programs and schools. Deposits for the admitted class of 2025 are ahead of projections, and enrollment is strong at the graduate and professional levels as well.

David concluded, thanking the group for their service and productive work.