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MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Earl Lazerson
SUBJECT: Task Force on Academics and Athletics

The Task Force on Academics and Athletics has been constituted and is now engaged in the pursuit of its charge. Chaired by past Faculty Senate President Barbara DeLong, the membership of the body is as follows:

Katherine Byrne --student
William Burcky --faculty
Leann Cooper --student
Edward Harrick --faculty
Donal Myer --faculty
Patricia North --staff
Martha Welch --faculty
Jules Zanger --faculty

The charge to the Task Force comprise the following objectives:

1) To define the concept of the student athlete;

2) To recommend an appropriate philosophy of athletics for SIUE. In examining the relationship of athletics and academics the following matters are being explored: recruitment and retention of athletes; academic progress; scheduling of events; NCAA regulations; financial aid; responsibilities of coaches and students; and monitoring of our athletic program.

Professor DeLong informs me that the Task Force has already met twice, and weekly meetings are scheduled throughout the summer. At its initial meeting, the committee conducted a preliminary review of: 1) a statement of philosophy and purpose for athletics at SIUE; 2) pertinent NCAA rules and regulations; and 3) academic standards for athletic participation by SIUE students.