Members of the 2019-2020 Committee on Student Affairs and Athletics were:

Jacob Steere-Williams (Chair)
Mike Maher
Angela Passarelli
Brandon Lewter
Karen Smail
Jeri Cabot, Dean of Students, *ex officio member*

The Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs and Athletics (FSCSAA) met six times over the 2019-2020 academic year. The major projects of the committee were threefold: a reevaluation of the scope of the committee, particularly the athletics component to the responsibilities; a continued examination of a revamped Honor Code project, carried over from previous years; and the selection of the Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award. Our committee did not hear any grievance cases in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Evaluating the Responsibilities of the FSCSAA

In September 2019 the committee met with the Dean of Students, Jeri Cabot, and the former chair, Allison Sterrett-Krause. We learned that the central effort of the committee during the 2018-2019 academic year was to reassess the Honor Code. During our conversation we also questioned what role the committee has in athletic policies, as stated in the Senate by-laws, but were told that the FSCSAA has no relationship with the Athletics Department.

We reached out to Simon Lewis, speaker of the Faculty, and to the Athletics Department, and learned that Vince Benigni, Faculty Liaison to Athletics, was doing the work that according to the Senate by-laws is supposed to be done by the FSCSAA. The chair of our committee, Jacob Steere-Williams, then met with Simon Lewis, Alicia Caudill, Matt Roberts, and Vince Benigni. In a collaborative and productive discussion we decided that the responsibilities of the FSCSAA should be reworked to better align with the current campus environment. Our committee worked on that draft for several weeks and sent it to Simon Lewis for Senate approval.

Honor Code Sanctions Revision

Our committee inherited a long-gestating project to revise the Honor Code sanctions, as outlined in the 2018-2019 annual report by this committee. We met with Jeri Cabot several times in the fall, and worked closely with the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Standards. We determined that the Honor Code work was best done by the committee on Academic Standards, but that our committee would conduct any further research that was needed on the matter.

Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award
Our committee solicited nominations for the Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award via email to the campus community. We received four nominations, and in the spring semester selected Abbie Kline.

Respectfully,

Jacob Steere-Williams, Chair