General Faculty Committee on Collegiate Activities
Spring 2009 Report

Athletics -

Baruch captured the CUNY Commissioner’s Cup for two consecutive year's but missed the mark by coming in 2nd in the 2007-08 season. The goal for 2008-09 is to recapture the Cup. We are off to a good start and five of the six teams in the fall and winter were able to garner points toward the Commissioner’s Cup - three teams finished in second (Women’s Tennis, Men’s & Women’s Swim) and two teams finished in 3rd place. (Women’s Volleyball and Men’s Soccer). Like last year, the deciding outcome of the Commissioner’s Cup may come down to the last weekend of the academic year.

Both the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams had undefeated conference records this year, and, this is the very first time in CUNYAC history that this feat has been accomplished. Baruch will go down as the first team to enter the CUNY Championship undefeated and both seeded #1 in the tournament.

Men’s volleyball, Men’s Tennis and Women’s Softball have a good chance of winning their conference championships. Hunter College, as they have for the past 4 years will be our main competitor.

For Fall 2008, 53 student-athletes (out of 185) were recognized as CUNY Scholar-Athletes with GPA’s above 3.2. Nearly 35% of our population of athletes are excellent students that juggle school work, athletics, work, and home responsibilities. In addition, the overall GPA of all the student-athletes also increased as well to 2.897.

Support from college administrators, faculty and staff, as well as the dedication of our student-athletes have taken our athletic program to a higher level. The Battle of Lexington, competing against nationally ranked teams (and winning some of them), and being invited to prestigious tournaments out of state are a testament to the increased competitiveness and quality of student-athletes now here at Baruch. Building community spirit and adding to the student life at the college has certainly been enhanced by athletics at Baruch.