

GENERAL FACULTY COMMITTEE ON COLLEGIATE ACTIVITIES - 2007/08

ATHLETICS

FALL TEAMS:

The Fall Varsity teams got off to a successful start with Women's Volleyball (18 wins-22 losses) finishing in 3rd Place in CUNY; Women's Tennis (10-6) and finishing in 2nd Place in the CUNY Championships; Men's Cross-Country improved another notch and finished up from 4th place to 3rd place this season; Andrew O'Rourke took the gold medal for finishing 1st in the individuals, the 2nd year in a row a men's team member took first place; and Soccer had a rebuilding year with the loss of 7 seniors and finished the season at 5-12. The rise of the Women's Cross-Country team continued with them capturing the CUNYAC Championship for the 1st time in Baruch history. Jessica Penaherrera came in 2nd place for the 2nd consecutive year and will look to win the individual championship next season. 56 Baruch Student-athletes were designated CUNY Scholar-Athletes this Fall, and overall team GPA's improved from 2.896 to 2.947. Mandatory study halls for student-athletes with GPA's below 2.5, were instituted this year.

Winter Teams:

The Men's and Women's Swim teams finished in the same place as last season - Women-2nd and Men-3rd. But the quality of swimmers improved tremendously and numerous Baruch individual and relay records were broken this season. The Men's Basketball team finished the regular season with 13 wins and 13 losses and captured the North Division Championship for the 2nd consecutive year. The Women's Basketball team also captured 1st place in the North Division and was seeded #1 in the CUNY Championships. They defeated Messiah College, the #4 ranked team in the nation, and received a vote in the national polls this year. As of this writing, they defeated Hunter College 74-47 to advance to the CUNY Championships, Feb. 22nd. The winner of that game will advance to the NCAA Regional Championships.

The "Battle of Lexington" (Baruch vs. Hunter) doubleheader basketball game was a complete 'sell-out' with over 1,500 faculty, staff, and students attending. The collaborative efforts by units in the Division of Student Affairs culminated in a campus-wide event that enhanced school spirit and community.

The 2007-08 is mirroring last year in many ways. We are again currently in 2nd place in the Commissioner's Cup standings at a similar point in time in 2006/07. We have won 1 CUNY Championship, so far and finished 2nd with two teams, and improved by placing 3rd with 3 teams. Baruch continues to be one of the top athletic programs in CUNY and in the metropolitan region.