

Community Discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan on Athletics and

Physical Education

A University Faculty Forum open to faculty, students, and staff will provide an opportunity for the Cornell community to hear and comment on the draft Strategic Plan for Athletics and Physical Education before the proposal is considered by the Trustees in March. The forum, to be held on February 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the David L. Call Alumni Auditorium in Kennedy Hall, will be the second in a series of public discussions organized by the Dean of the University Faculty, J. Robert Cooke. The first such community discussion of a university-wide issue was a discussion last semester of the reorganization of the biological sciences at Cornell.

Professor Tobias deBoer, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, will call the session to order at 4:30 p.m. A panel, organized by Professor George Conneman, ARME and Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education, will give a presentation: Charles Moore, Director of Athletics, will give an overview of the Strategic Plan; Dale Grossman, ARME, will review the mission of the Department of Athletics and Physical Education; Carol McFadden, Biological Sciences, will present background on the intercollegiate athletics program; William Cox, SCAS, will provide an overview of Physical and Outdoor Education and Recreational Services; and Wolfgang Sachse, T&AM, will discuss the grades and graduation rates of student athletes.

Ad hoc committees of the Faculty Senate, Student Assembly, Employee Assembly and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly will review the report and prepare questions for the panel's comment. The remainder of the meeting, until 6:00 p.m., will be reserved for questions from the floor and those previously submitted to Professor deBoer or to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty by members of the Cornell community. Questions may pertain to either the strategic plan or to other issues relevant to athletics and physical education at Cornell. Questions not used due to time limitations will be posted along with the panel's response on the University Faculty website

<http://UniversityFaculty.cornell.edu/ATHLETICS%2FPE/Athletics%2FPE.html>.

Copies of the draft Strategic Plan have been distributed to the department-elected members of the Faculty Senate; other members of the community may obtain a copy from the Office of the Dean of the Faculty, 315 Day Hall, 255-4843.