

**National Advisory Board for Athletics
Crown Council Report
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Athletics National Advisory Board Mission: To support Gustavus Athletics through engagement and resource development to provide the best academic and student-athlete experience.

Working Teams

This year the group divided into teams to focus on different initiatives to support the Athletic Department.

Alumni Captains: This team will work to build a closer relationship between alumni and coaches for each sport with the hope that the alumni can provide support to the coaches for what is needed for their sport.

Women Athletic Alumnae: This team will work to engage former female athletes from all sports.

G-Club: This team will work to continue to increase memberships for the G-Club.

Lund Center Renovation and Expansion: This team will provide insights and ideas to advance the renovation and expansion project.

Lund Center Renovation and Expansion

The group met with architects from BWBR & RDG who are partnering to provide a feasibility study for the Lund Center renovation and expansion.

G-Club

NAB members continue to project support for the G-Club by signing retention and solicitation letters.

G-Club gifts this year will help purchase sound systems for competition venues and a cold soak tub. The vintage apparel online store continues to offer items aimed at G-Club members.

Baseball Initiative

Fundraising for improvements to the baseball field are underway. Construction of artificial grass was completed last fall. Phase two will be improving the spectator area, sound system, and press box. One NAB member has been active in helping move this project along.

Honoring Derek Hansen

The group was deeply saddened by the death of co-chair Derek Hansen and is discussing creating an award in his memory that would recognize people who provide exemplary support to the athletic program.