The Athletics Committee met in full just once this past academic year, in early December. Many items of business are dealt with in-house by the Athletics Department (e.g., athletic awards, scheduling issues, team reports) and do not require the full committee’s attention. At the December meeting, the primary agenda item was consideration of a student request to establish lacrosse as a club sport. This request was ultimately denied, on grounds that there is already a varsity team for lacrosse and because of various scheduling, financial support, and liability issues. However, the request raised a number of general issues and inspired a lengthy discussion about facilitating student participation in sports, the selectivity of varsity teams, limited space and financial resources for sports at Tufts, alternative outlets for organized athletic activity in the greater Boston area, and so forth. This discussion established useful background and generated criteria for responding to similar student requests in the future.

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