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**Sent:** 1/6/2020 8:46:02 AM  
**To:** 'Christina Paxson' [christina\_paxson@brown.edu]  
**CC:** Kevin A. Mundt '76 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: comments welcome



Chris,

Right – that’s a point that I had not considered. There will be some duplicative expenses between varsity sports and their club counterparts that could be redirected. Endowment draw that would be applied to club sports would provide budgetary offset that could be applied to the remaining varsity sports.

Thanks,  
Sam

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**From:** Christina Paxson <christina\_paxson@brown.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2020 6:22 AM  
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**Cc:** Kevin A. Mundt '76 [REDACTED]  
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Sam,

Thanks. Your question about club sports is excellent, and I’ll add this as a possibility. As it turns out, however, a number of the varsity sports I would consider strong candidates for conversion to club already have club counterparts. So, to the extent these varsity sports have endowments, they’d be strengthening the clubs by bringing in resources, but the support provided by through the general budget would be freed up.

Chris

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Christina Paxson  
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On Jan 5, 2020, at 11:05 PM, Mencoff, Samuel M. <[SMencoff@mdcp.com](mailto:SMencoff@mdcp.com)> wrote:

Chris,

I think this is excellent and I’m so glad that you are pressing forward with it.

As I read it, the committee’s charge is to examine only re-designation, but presumably not elimination, of sports. This would of course free up more recruiting slots for the 25 or so remaining varsity sports, but I wonder whether continuing to operate all of the re-designated sports, even in a club format, would free up enough financial resources to make a difference to the competitiveness of the remaining varsity sports? I recognize that this is complicated by the fact that endowment restricted to individual sports is not fungible, but it would be a shame to go through all of this and not move the needle.

Kevin, Chris couldn’t have made a better choice for the leader of this committee. Huge thanks for taking it on!

Sam

On Jan 5, 2020, at 5:39 PM, Paxson, Christina <[christina\\_paxson@brown.edu](mailto:christina_paxson@brown.edu)> wrote:

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