Faculty Athletics Representative
University of Louisville
Application 2020

Position Summary:

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), appointed by the President of the University, is a tenured member of the faculty of the University, or a faculty member with administrative function, and does not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department.

The FAR provides oversight and guidance in the administration of the University’s athletics programs, and is the representative of the University and its faculty in the relationship between the University, the Atlantic Coast Conference and the NCAA. The FAR plays a leading role in the areas of academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, promotion of institutional control of athletics, commitment to diversity and equity, including student-athlete welfare and well-being, and facilitation of the integration of the academic and athletic components of the University community. The FAR should have a sound understanding of the institution’s overall mission.

Appointment and Review:

The FAR is appointed for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2020, the terms of which shall be negotiated between the President and FAR and reported to the University Provost. During the fifth year of service, the FAR shall be reviewed by a committee appointed for that purpose by the President, with representation from the Faculty Senate and the athletics department.

However, the President may request a review of the service of the FAR at any time during the term of the FAR. A review of service of the FAR may be initiated by the Faculty Senate. The results of any such review shall be submitted in writing to the President of the University and to the chair of the Faculty Senate.

Position Responsibilities:

- Maintain a working knowledge of the NCAA rules and bylaws;
- Advise the President on matters related to intercollegiate athletics;
- Represent the University at NCAA and ACC meetings, as appropriate;
- Promote academic achievement among student-athletes and full institutional commitment to their academic welfare;
- Serve on the UofL Athletic Association, Inc. (ULAA) Board of Directors and Chair the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) of the Board of Directors;
- Make decisions on academic eligibility for practice, financial aid, and intercollegiate competition, both initial and continuing;
- Report to the Faculty Senate bi-monthly on matters related to intercollegiate athletics and the responsibilities of the FAR;
• Monitor the development of periodic statistical reports on the academic preparation and performance of student-athletes for each intercollegiate sports team;
• Assist with the coordination of institutional compliance and rules education activities among campus units outside the athletics department including, but not limited to, the offices of academic deans, student financial aid, undergraduate admissions, and registration;
• Consult on institutional investigations of allegations of rules violations, as appropriate;
• Maintain direct, regular contact, as appropriate, with student-athletes and the student-athlete advisory committee;
• Establish positive working relationships with the Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, Associate Director of Compliance, Director of Academic Services for Athletics, Director of Admissions, Registrar, Director of Student Financial Aid, and Director of Career Counseling;
• Consult, as appropriate, on employment of senior athletics department administrators and head coaches; and
• Promote campus-wide understanding of the role of intercollegiate athletics at the University.

Required Qualifications:

• Current, tenured member of the faculty or faculty member with administrative function at the University of Louisville;
• Experience with service to the University through high-level committees, boards, and/or commissions.

Preferred Qualifications:

• Embody the “Cardinal Principles” to advance the University’s mission: Community of Care, Accountability to the Team, Respect, Diversity and Inclusion, Integrity and Transparency, Noble Purpose, Agility, and Leadership.
• Experience on ULAA, CAP, or other athletics governance or advisory groups that follow parliamentary procedures.

Application Requirements:

• Cover Letter of no more than two (2) pages describing how you meet the position responsibilities and qualifications, and what you believe the role of the FAR should be at the University of Louisville.
• Attach a current resumé/CV, including educational background, academic appointments or professional experience, civic engagement, and honors and awards.
• Attach a document providing the following information:
  o Please include the following information at the top of the document.
    • Name:
    • Title:
    • Department/Unit:
    • Supervisor Name:
Please provide answers to the following questions (no more than 250 words per answer):

1. How would you describe your current thinking about intercollegiate athletics, and how has your thinking changed over time?
2. What do you believe should be the role of faculty relative to intercollegiate athletics?
3. What areas of intercollegiate athletics and athletics administration do you think you have to learn more about and how would you go about doing it?
4. How would you approach handling some of the inherent tensions in the student-athlete dynamic?
5. A faculty peer says they are concerned about their unit’s budget relative to the construction of a new athletic facility. How do you respond?

Submit application via email to jake.beamer@louisville.edu by Friday, March 6, 5:00 p.m.