Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative 7 May 2014

The Committee on Academic Performance did not meet in April, but we were part of a wonderful gathering at the Spring Football game on April 11th, thanks to the generosity of Tom Jurich and the Athletics department staff, who compensated for our having to cancel the Red and Black Banquet with a Tailgate Barbeque and short ceremony before the game--for the Red and Black Scholar Athletes and their faculty mentors. It was a gala event and very much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

As the academic year comes to a close each spring, CAP distributes a questionnaire to all of our student-athletes. We will be reviewing the data from those questionnaires at our May meeting. The student-athlete video project is nearing completion, and I look forward to sharing with you some of those clips—with student-athletes telling other students why U of L is a destination of choice and why completing a degree is so important!

Another of our student-athletes has been awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship: Sam Bombaugh, of Men's Track and Field. Sam will use the scholarship to attend law school in Boston. This is our second nominee to be selected this year. Emily Juhl, of Women's Volleyball was awarded the scholarship in the fall, and will use it to attend Dental School.

As some of you may know, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors is working on a new governance model that will include "autonomy" legislation for the five major conferences. The final document will be voted on by the Board in July. A good portion of the ACC May meetings (May 12-15) will be dedicated to discussion of the latest draft. Following that meeting, in my June report, I will give you a summary of the new governance proposals and discuss how the reorganization of D1 might affect us.

Wishing you a relaxing and productive summer! Elaine

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