

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative  
2 July 2014

Dear Faculty Senators--old and new (or well-done and rare),

On 12:01 am on 1 July, we joined the ACC. The ACC Commissioner has sent me welcome gifts to share with you at the meeting tomorrow, so please plan on attending the 2 July Meeting, at 3 pm in the Chao Auditorium. Also, at 3:30, three of our athletics department folks who have the most to do with student-athlete success will make a short presentation about the bright academic future we can anticipate as members of the ACC. Please welcome Marvin Mitchell, Christine Herring, and Christine Simatacolos,

While you may not be sports fan, or you may think that the difference is just hype, I can assure you that we have just opened a new academic world—with a myriad of networks for research collaborations, teaching innovations, and student leadership development. Notice that I did NOT limit that impact to student-athletes! The ACC is dedicated to promoting the academic success of ALL students who attend ACC institutions.

Moreover the ACC values faculty participation in governance. Since 8 November 2012, when we got the invitation to join the ACC, I have been welcomed as U of L's Faculty Athletics Representative to participate actively in the actual leadership of the ACC. It is a conference which values the faculty voice so much that the FARs deliver the institution's vote and an FAR serves as the president of the AD/FAR Council.

So plan to attend the Senate Meeting tomorrow for our own celebration—and feel free to bring a friend!

Elaine