

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
6 April 2016

Election to the ULAA Board, and thus to the Committee on Academic Performance (U of L's faculty oversight committee for athletics) will take place this month by electronic ballot sent to all university full time faculty. The units which have sent nominations are those not currently represented by an elected member of the Board or whose representative is retiring from the Board: Business, Dentistry, Education, Law, Libraries, Nursing, Public Health, and Social Work. The Committee of nine full time faculty is made up of six elected faculty, two appointed faculty, and the FAR. It meets monthly throughout the year, and by special call as needed.

CAP continues to fine tune its end of year questionnaire for student-athletes, a short survey which is administered to all student-athletes at their last compliance meeting—and which is designed to elicit information concerning our student-athletes' academic and collegiate experience at U of L. As you probably know, student-athlete time demands are a topic under scrutiny by the NCAA membership. Too, CAP sometimes serves as an appeal board for student-athletes who wish to transfer but whose choices have been limited to schools not in the ACC (inter-conference transfers are against ACC rules) and other institutions which are on the schedule of competition and might enjoy a competitive advantage as a result of the transfer. With the aid of university counsel, CAP is discussing the process, so as to be sure it is both fair and transparent.

Kudos are in order for student-athletes who have received major academic awards. Luis Ramirez Ochoa (Jerry), Men's Soccer, has received both the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award and an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship Award. John Wallace, Football, has received the NCAA Award, while Andrea Kneppers, Swimming, and Laura Restrepo Botero and Katie Mitchell, Women's Golf, have received the ACC Award. Kelsi Worrell, Women's Swimming, has captured her second NCAA Championship in the 200 Butterfly!

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Wise, FAR