

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
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As we begin our third year in the Atlantic Coast Conference, I remind you how fortunate we are to have been asked to become members. As our AD Tom Jurich often notes, we will continually thank Maryland for leaving the ACC to join the Big Ten, thereby opening a space that we were invited to fill!

Our ACC peer institutions are top notch academically, and the conference itself is a leader among the "Autonomy Conferences" in promoting academic excellence, in addressing student-athlete time demands, and in promoting attention to major health issues that endanger highly competitive student-athletes. Moreover, the ACC Academic Consortium dedicates \$800,000 each year for a variety of academic programs in which students and faculty from all member institutions participate.

Of course, we still have a long way to go to match the general student population graduation rates for these peer institutions (we are the only ACC institution whose student-athlete graduation rate is higher than that of the general student population), but our 2015-2016 APR (Academic Performance Rates) are quite competitive in all sports, including the most visible sports (baseball, men's and women's basketball, and football). Men's basketball continues to lead the conference with a perfect APR of 1000.

As the fall semester begins, the Committee on Academic Performance welcomes new members Lars Smith from the Brandeis School of Law and Krista Wallace-Boaz, School of Music, and rising Vice Chair of Faculty Senate. We thank Bruce Kemelgor, School of Business, for his many years of faithful service, and we congratulate Enid Trucios-Haynes, Brandeis School of Law, who leaves us to become Chair of Faculty Senate.

I look forward to reporting to you each month on various matters of concern that pertain to college athletics and to our own student-athletes, as well as to share with you a variety of achievements. Do let me know if you have any specific concerns that you would like me to address, either in my reports or in person at a Senate meeting.

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year!

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