

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
6 January 2016

Welcome back on this first day of class for most of our students and faculty! The holiday break was a good time to reflect on how the new year might bring renewed commitment to our mission. To that end, the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) will continue its discussion of ways we might foster student-athlete and student body commitment to graduate in four or five years. In light of that commitment, CAP will be reviewing the so-called University 2.0 Rule, a rule that was established eons ago but about which we have little history. The rule requires that a student-athlete have a 2.0 cumulative gpa after 60 hours of credit are earned. The NCAA requires a 1.9+ after 60 hours. I will keep you in the loop as we seek to confirm its source and its effectiveness.

I do know the history of another U of L staple—the annual Red and Black event for Scholar-Athletes and their Faculty Mentors! It was established 20 years ago by CAP to honor student-athletes who have achieved a 3.25 or higher cumulative gpa for all semesters in attendance at U of L, and to give those students an opportunity to invite to the event a faculty member whose teaching or advising has made a positive impact on their academic success. On Sunday January 31, at the KFEC Yum! Center, the athletic department will sponsor the 20th Annual Red and Black Reception for Scholar-Athletes and their Faculty Mentors. At that time several hundred student-athletes, trainers, and spirit group members will be honored along with those faculty members who have been invited. If you are one of those faculty members, I encourage you to attend as we celebrate our highest achieving student-athletes!

Best wishes in the New Year!

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