

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
University of Louisville Athletic Association Board of Directors
2 June 2017

CAP Activities for 2016-2017

The Committee on Academic Performance, made up of the faculty members of the ULAA Board and chaired by the Faculty Athletics Representative, is charged with oversight of the eligibility and academic performance of our student-athletes. It serves as the faculty oversight committee for athletics at U of L. The Committee meets on the second or third Tuesday of the month at noon in the Bingham Humanities Building, Room 300, throughout the academic year.

Among its regular duties, the Committee received reports about and/or acted upon the following matters:

U of L Cohort reports for Summer, Fall, and Spring, tracing student-athlete grade point averages and graduation rates for the last five years.

NCAA Academic Performance Rate (APR) and Graduation Rate Reports, as they apply both to student-athletes and head coaches.

Annual Review of Compliance Operations

Annual Review of Athletic Academic Advising Services, concerning academic issues and student-athlete welfare.

Review of Provost Admits: Student-Athletes admitted under special conditions.

Administration and Review of End-of -Year Student-Athlete Questionnaires.

In addition, the Committee:

Reviewed data on the adverse effect of the University Scholarship Stacking Policy on the recruiting and signing of exceptionally well prepared student-athletes and asked the Provost to review and repeal the University Scholarship Stacking policy.

When the request was denied, we requested that the Provost develop an appeals process for those any incoming students who are adversely affected.

Reviewed the policies surrounding General Studies 105 with A&S Advisors.

Reviewed the process by which student-athlete eligibility certification takes place.

Developed a Transfer Appeals Hearing Policy.

Reviewed courses in which student-athletes comprise over 10%.

Continues to study a series of Academic Integrity and Quality Control Issues raised by the Compliance team, including academic misconduct, grade changes and incompletes, oversight of independent studies and internships, and the integrity of online courses.

The Committee participated in the Twenty-First annual Red and Black Celebration for Scholar Athletes and their Faculty Mentors on 7 May 2017 at the Thorntons Academic Center. The Athletics Department sponsors the reception for over 300 student-athletes and spirit team members who earn an invitation by virtue of a 3.25+ cumulative GPA. This year, the Red and Black Scholars and their mentors were joined by Graduating Senior student-athletes.

Our End of Year Questionnaire for Student-Athletes gathers pertinent and timely information related to missed class time and academic satisfaction of student-athletes. This seventh annual questionnaire was completed by over 450 student-athletes from all teams. Based on data received, the committee continues to monitor student-athlete choice of major and the factors which limit student-athletes from choosing some majors. The data also enables the committee to assess the effectiveness of the University Excused Absence Policy in its application to student-athletes.

Acting for the Committee, the Faculty Athletics Representative reviewed and monitored the missed class time policy and schedule of competitions in order to conduct a more effective review of the academic impact of missed class time in Men's Basketball and other high profile sports. Members of the SAAC Sub-Committee met with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee twice to discuss student concerns. The ULAA Election Sub-Committee reviewed the election process, is now conducting an on-line election of faculty members to serve on the Board, and has appointed a sub-committee to propose a set of guidelines for the election of faculty to the ULAA Board.

Additional FAR Activities for 2016-2017:

In addition to my role as FAR, chair of CAP, and a member of all ULAA committees, I served the Provost as the Liaison to Athletics. In that capacity, I scheduled bi-monthly meetings with the Provost to review student-athlete performance by team and to confer on matters pertinent to student-athlete performance and well-being as noted above under the title of Academic Integrity Issues.

In 2016-2017, I have served on the University Investigation Committee in response to major infractions that pertain to the Men's Basketball program. I also responded to an Open Records Request from the Drake Group with copies of our CAP meeting minutes, my reports to the Faculty Senate, our end-of-year survey of student-athletes, and my reports to the Board for the last five years.

As Faculty Athletics Representative, during AY 2016-17, I administered the NCAA Coaches Certification Exam to all coaches, including assistant coaches, and discussed with them U of L academic procedures and policies in order to promote their inclusion in the academic mission of the University; met with every athletic team at its first Compliance meeting to discuss the role of the FAR and strategies for achieving academic excellence; reviewed and signed off on eligibility reports for each student-athlete, on waiver appeals, and on formal reports to the NCAA; reviewed secondary violation reports; attended at least one competition in every sport at U of L; wrote nominations for student-athlete for NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and submitted our four U of L nominations for ACC Postgraduate Scholarships; met with many seniors to discuss graduate and professional school opportunities; served on the Financial Aid Review Committee; advised the President about proposed Autonomy and NCAA legislation and other matters of concern in college athletics; advised the AD on issues related to student athlete welfare and academic integrity; reported monthly to the Faculty Senate; reviewed

proposed NCAA legislation with Compliance staff and met with compliance staff and the Associate AD for Athletics to monitor various academic and compliance matters; mediated faculty/student-athlete concerns in relation to the Excused Absence Policy for University Sanctioned Functions; and coordinated the activities of the FAR and CAP with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and other university administrators.

This third year as full members of the ACC has been especially busy, as I have represented U of L in all pertinent legislative and governance meetings of the Atlantic Coast Conference, serving as U of L's representative to the Autonomy Committee, attending six meetings of the ACC FAR Council, participating in numerous conference calls, and representing U of L at the NCAA Convention in Nashville. In the ACC, Faculty Athletics Representatives cast the vote for their institutions and serve on all major committees. In addition to the Autonomy Committee, I serve on the Sportsmanship and Infractions Review Committee, the Early Recruiting Sub-Committee, and the FAR Committee on the implementation of the new Time Management Plan. In addition, I am a member of the Division 1A FAR Council that meets each September in Dallas and reviews pertinent issues throughout the year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of CAP for their dedication and their diligent work on behalf of our student-athletes: Professors Eric Berson, Speed Engineering; Carmine Esposito, Dentistry; Dawn Heinecken, A&S; Mary Hums, Education; Lars Smith, Law; Jessica Stumbo, Medicine; Jerry Tolson, Music; and Krista Wallace-Boaz, Music. Their work on behalf of the University of Louisville's student-athletes has been diligent and exemplary. Professor Stumbo will complete her term this summer, having earned our special thanks for her service. Professor Berson will remain on the Committee through December, as Prof. Smith will be Acting Dean of the Brandeis School of Law and has requested a Leave of Absence for the fall semester. Two newly elected members will join the ULAA Board in July: Professors Shelley Santry, Law, and Michael Voor, Medicine. Please join me in saluting the commitment of our U of L faculty athletics oversight committee.

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