

REPORT OF THE FAR

6 November 2019

The Committee on Academic Performance of the ULAA Board (CAP) has met five times since June 2019, when I submitted our 2018-2019 annual report. Since that time, we have welcomed a second liaison from our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Makenli Forrest, and have welcomed back two elected former board member, Professors Eric Berson (Speed) and Karen Turner (Nursing).

Our agendas have included a number of issues and concerns from the preceding academic year. Among these is the collection of data that allows us to compare the academic performance, choices of major, enrollment in on-line courses, and grade changes of student-athletes with those of the general student population. This tracking is challenging but allows us to discover any anomalies or potential areas of concern in our mission to ensure the academic integrity of our athletics programs. We have contributed our recommendations to the ACC on proposed legislation on graduate transfers and academic integrity oversight.

We submitted to President Bendapudi a set of recommendations concerning the structure of this board which she has taken under consideration and has taken several of these under advisement. We continue to serve as an appeals committee for student-athletes who seek mediation for the denial of transfer waivers, to review the performance of student-athletes who are given special admission, to conduct an annual survey of student-athlete concerns, and to review university policies that have a direct effect on student-athlete academic performance and well-being, making recommendations to appropriate officers and constituencies. We are especially concerned with student-athlete mental health issues and with diversity matters that impact inclusion.

Meanwhile, the recent annual report by the NCAA of institutional Graduation Success Rates (GSR) indicates that U of L's student-athletes are graduating with a GSR of 91%. This situates us very well in the ACC and is a testament to our Athletics Department's commitment to the academic achievement of our student-athletes.

2019-2020 promises to be a very busy year for CAP, but we look forward to serving the University in our capacity as the faculty oversight committee for athletics here at U of L, and to reporting regularly to the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wise, FAR

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