

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)
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As I reported in January, the ULAA Board of Directors has engaged in a thorough review of its functions and bylaws, culminating on 17 January 2020 when they were approved by the Board of Directors and on 23 January 2020 when they were approved by the Corporate Members of the Board of Trustees. Many of the changes are minor ones, but a few are pertinent to the role of the Faculty Athletics Representative and to the role of faculty on the Board of Directors. Especially important is the fact that Protocols for the Election and Selection of Faculty Seats were included in the revised document as an Addendum 1. This document clarifies the constituencies represented by faculty on the Board and explains how they are elected or selected. I am attaching those Protocols for your inspection and will be happy to clarify any questions you may have.

With Gretchen Henry's help, we are in process of holding the annual election for faculty seats. The first step is for unit assemblies to meet (or vote by email) in order to name candidates for a university-wide slate--if the unit is not already represented by two faculty directors. Each qualified unit is asked to elect a candidate whose name and biographical statement will be forwarded to the entire faculty for the university-wide vote.

Please note that all those who serve on the ULAA Board in faculty seats are automatically named to the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), which serves as the faculty oversight committee for athletics at U of L. They may also be asked to serve on other committees of the Association. Currently, the Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate serves as one of the two faculty who are appointed by the President. As FAR, I report to the Faculty Senate as well.

The Committee on Academic Performance currently meets one Thursday a month (more often if necessary) in order to conduct its oversight functions--which include the review of athletics academic services and compliance services as well as issues pertinent to student-athlete academic integrity and well-being. In addition, sub-committees of CAP engage in various activities related to CAP's responsibilities and charge. Thus, serving on CAP requires a substantial commitment.

I look forward to saying more about the role of the FAR at today's meeting and in my next report!

Respectfully yours,
Elaine

ULAA Protocols for the Election and Selection of Faculty Seats

I. Elected Members

A. Eligibility of Faculty for Election or Selection

1. Full time faculty members from any of the units are eligible for election or selection, with the exception of those who are defined as “administrators” in **Redbook**, who are not eligible for election or selection. Faculty “with administrative functions,” as defined by **Redbook**, are eligible.

ULAA BYLAWS: Article III: Governing Bodies and Committees

Section 3.1. Board of Directors.

The governance of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of the following membership:

- a) The President of the University of Louisville, with a term coterminous with the individual’s term as president;
- b) The Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA (“FAR”), with a term coterminous with the individual’s term as FAR;
- c) Eight (8) faculty, each with a three-year term, six of whom are elected from the Faculty Assembly in accordance with the procedures established by the Board ...and two appointed by the President in consultation with the Chair of Faculty Senate...

REDBOOK: Article 2.3 Other Administrators

Sec. 2.3.1 Definition and Classification of Administrators

A. Administrators

The term administrator as used in this document shall refer to the Executive Vice President and University Provost, the Vice Presidents, the Deans, and those persons who are designated by the President as having unit- or university-wide administrative functions of substantial significance to the University. All such administrators shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

B. Faculty with Administrative Functions

Those persons with faculty rank, other than deans, who are responsible for the administration of academic units and subunits such as academic departments and divisions shall be classified in this document along with assistant and associate deans as faculty with administrative functions. They are appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the President and serve in their administrative roles at the pleasure of the Board.

2. Faculty seats shall be limited to two per unit who can serve at the same time, with the

exception of the FAR whose appointment shall not impact the unit representation on the Board of Directors.

3. A faculty member with a joint appointment must have his/her primary appointment in the unit he or she will represent and that unit must satisfy the above quota requirements.

B. Time of the Annual Election

1. Election of faculty seats on the Board shall be held each spring semester, with the new members to be named before Spring commencement, and their terms to begin on July 1.

C. Unit Selection of Candidates

1. The full time voting faculty of each unit shall hold an election to select its candidate/s before the general election.

2. Only one name from a unit shall be forwarded for the general election.

II. Members Selected by the President

A. The Faculty Athletics Representative

1. The Faculty Athletics Representative, herein referred to as the "FAR," shall be appointed by the President of the University. The FAR shall be a tenured member of the faculty of the University, or a faculty member with administrative function, and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department. (ULAA Bylaws Article IV, Section 4.1).

2. The Faculty Athletics Representative shall be eligible for re-appointment following a review as specified in the ULAA Bylaws (ULAA Bylaws Article IV, Sections 4.2 and 4.3).

B. Two Appointed Members

1. Two faculty seats "shall be appointed by the President." (ULAA Bylaws, Section 3.1).

2. CAP recommends that one Presidential Appointee represent the Faculty Senate to ensure good communication between the ULAA Board and the Faculty Senate.