

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
University of Louisville Athletic Association Board of Directors
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CAP Activities for 2019-2020

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 one Tuesday or Thursday a month at in the Bingham Humanities Building, Room 300, ten to eleven times throughout the calendar 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 wellbeing.

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

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

Ccoordination of the election and selection of faculty members to the ULAA Board of Directors in accordance with ULAA Bylaws and Protocols approved in January of this year.

Review and propose updates of CAP policies and university policies that affect student-athlete academic success and well-being.

Faculty directors in attendance were: Prof. Elaine Wise, Chair; and Professors Eric Berson (Speed); Sheldon Bond (Medicine), Dawn Heinenken (A&S), Sharon Moore (Kent); David Owen (A&S), Shelley Santry (Law), Karen Turner (Nursing), and Michael Voor (Speed). Meghan Nay (Women's Golf), our student liaison from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee attended regularly, and provided excellent updates on student-athlete activities and concerns. She was joined several times by fellow SAAC member Makenli Forrest (Women's Track and Field). Our faithful recorder was Ms. Cindy Saling (A&S).

The following representatives from the athletics department were invited to serve with us ex officio: John Carns, Matthew Banker, Lauren Rust, Marvin Mitchell, Scott Sallade, Justin Ruffin, Christine Herring, Amy Calabrese, and Amy Shoemaker.

CAP's Sub-Committee on Academic Integrity, in cooperation with the President, Provost, and Institutional Research, developed and reported on a checklist of academic data to be reviewed annually to ensure the academic integrity of the program. The checklist includes examination of data on issues that have impact on student-athletes as well as all students: grade changes and incompletes, independent studies and internships, and online courses, to cite a few.

The Committee also reviewed the Academic Misconduct proposals that are under review by the President's Council of the NCAA, noting that CAP serves most of the functions of the recommended institutional Academic Oversight Committee. CAP will, however, start meeting twice a year with stakeholders from the University to conduct a review of academic integrity indicators and policies.

The Committee participated in the Twenty-Fourth annual Red and Black Celebration for Scholar Athletes and their Faculty Mentors at the KFC Yum! Center in February. 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.

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 tenth annual questionnaire was completed by 445 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 as well as the dramatic increase in the choice of online courses and majors. The data also enables the Committee to assess the effectiveness of the University Excused Absence Policy in its application to student-athletes. Our review last year led to a Faculty Senate recommendation to strengthen the policy's wording, which was approved by the Provost. The student-athlete comments this year suggests that our coaches are doing an excellent job of supporting the academic endeavors of their student-athletes.

Additional FAR Activities for 2019-2020:

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.

This was the third year that NCAA legislation concerning Time Management was in place. As FAR, I met with our compliance time management team to develop our processes and to review the feedback from each coach and team at the year's end. That information helps us fine tune the process and informs a report to the President in July.

I met with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to discuss student concerns and met with every athletic team at its first Compliance team meeting to discuss the role of FAR and strategies for achieving academic excellence. I always spoke about the nurture of wisdom as a legacy from U of L's symbolic patron goddess Athena (the Roman Minerva), whose likeness appears on the University seal.

As Faculty Athletics Representative, during AY 2019-2020, 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; 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 coordinated 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 at U of L and 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; attended monthly compliance meetings with coaches; 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 Vice Provosts and other university administrators. This year for the first time, I received and reviewed daily reports from the Registrar's Office of student-athlete changes of grade, and pursued several changes which required scrutiny and clarification. The goal of this review was to ensure that student-athlete grade changes were in keeping with unit and university policy and not a violation of academic integrity.

This sixth year as full members of the ACC has been especially eventful. I have represented U of L in all pertinent legislative and governance meetings of the Atlantic Coast Conference, attending in-person meetings of the ACC FAR Council and participating in numerous conference calls, and serving on the Sportsmanship and Infractions Review Committee. In addition, I am a member of the Division 1A FAR Council that meets yearly to review issues pertinent to Division 1A.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of CAP for their dedication and their diligent work on behalf of our student-athletes. Their work has been exemplary. Professors Shelley Santry (Law) and Michael Voor (Speed) will complete their terms this month, having earned our special thanks for their service. Cindy Saling (A&S) has served as our CAP administrative assistant and deserves a special note of thanks. I will have completed my twenty-second and final year as the Faculty Athletic Representative for the University. The Committee will welcome Professor Krista Wallace-Boaz (Music) as

FAR on July 1, along with newly elected directors Jeremy Clark (Medicine) and Whitney Nash (Nursing). Please join me in saluting the commitment of our U of L faculty athletics oversight committee.

Prof. Elaine O. Wise, Faculty Athletics Representative

Chair of the Committee on Academic Performance

Provost's Liaison for Athletics

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