

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative Faculty Senate, September 6, 2023

Please see the below items which were reported to the University of Louisville Athletic Association Board of Directors in June, 2023. These items represent an academic year end review of the 2022-2023 CAP and FAR year, along with the ULAA Spring 2023 election results.

Activities for 2022-2023

The Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), comprised 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. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Committee met monthly, rotating between subcommittee meetings and full committee meetings.

Prior to 2022-2023, CAP supported three subcommittees: ULAA Election/CAP Orientation, Student Athlete Well-Being, and Student Athlete Academic Integrity. To better populate the subcommittees and effectively execute the charges of each subcommittee, CAP now supports two subcommittee: Student Athlete Well-Being and Student Athlete Academic Integrity. ULAA Elections and CAP Orientation is now administrated by the FAR in collaboration with the administrative support of the Faculty Senate.

A new workgroup, currently titled the Semester Integrity Review Workgroup (SIRW), brings together campus partners to discuss and review campus wide policies. Membership includes members and representatives from CAP, Athletics, Financial Aid, Admissions, the Registrar's Office, the Office of the Provost, Enrollment Management, and is chaired by the FAR. The first semi-annual meeting of this workgroup took place in May of 2023.

During full CAP meetings, the following topics were reviewed and discussed:

- Compliance Annual Rules Education
- Chat GPT
- Administration and Review of End-of -Year Student-Athlete Questionnaires
- Academic Misconduct Reporting
- Stacking Limit Policy
- NIL
- University Transfer Policies and Degree Audit
- Read Only Access
- Beyond the Buzzer and DEI Initiatives

Activities of these included the coordination of the election and selection of faculty members to the ULAA Board of Directors in accordance with ULAA Bylaws and Protocols and the administration of the Annual Student Athlete Survey, which gathers information related to missed class time and academic satisfaction of student-athletes.

Red and Black Luncheon

We recognized our Red and Black Scholars with a lunch at the Thornton Academic Center for Excellence earlier this spring, honoring the 412 student-athletes who earned a 3.25 or higher GPA as of the end of fall 2022. Here are some additional highlights:

- Men's Academic Team of the Year: Baseball
- Women's Academic Team of the Year: Field Hockey
- Overall Academic Year GPA: 3.28

Additional FAR Activities for 2022-2023:

I met with the Provost and the Senior Vice-Provost to confer on matters pertinent to student-athlete academics and well-being. I also met with the President regarding matters of concern at UofL, the ACC and college athletics in general.

Other FAR Activities include:

- Attendance at Coaches Compliance Meetings
- Reviewed and signed eligibility reports
- Reviewed on signed waiver appeals
- Worked with the Student Athlete Academic team regarding nominations for NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships (fall, winter, and spring), NCAA Woman of the Year nominations and coordinated our UofL nominations for ACC Postgraduate Scholarships
- Met with teams in the early fall for introductions and reminders
- Met with student athletes regarding results of an academic waiver
- Reported bi-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
- 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
- Reviewed and signed the ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Served as FAR liaison to the ACC Student Athlete Advisory Committee
- Served on the ACC subcommittee to review and redesign ACC postgraduate scholarships

As UofL's FAR, I have represented the university in pertinent legislative and governance meetings of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). I also attended the winter meeting of the ACC Student Athlete Advisory Council in Charlotte, NC and the NCAA 1AFAR/FARA annual conference in Indianapolis, IN.

This month concludes my third year as the Faculty Athletic Representative for the University. I would like to thank the members of CAP for their dedication and their diligent work on behalf of our student-athletes. Lars Smith (Law), Jeremy Clark (Medicine) and Rob Detmering (Library) will complete their terms this month, having earned our special thanks for their outstanding service. CAP would like to welcome newly elected director Melissa Barnes (Nursing) and welcome back Jeremy Clark, who was re-elected. CAP also sends our thanks and best wishes to student representative and now recent graduate Makayla Hurst (Softball).

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