

REPORT OF THE FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE
Faculty Senate
February 7, 2024

CAP

The Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), 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. Continuing August of 2023, the subcommittees of CAP meet every other month, normally alternating with full committee meetings. The full Committee on Academic Performance met September and November of 2023. CAP welcomed our new student liaison, Gabby Holloway, member of the UofL SAAC, ACC SAAC and a member of our Softball Team.

CAP subcommittees are Student Athlete Well-Being and Student Athlete Academic Integrity. The FAR will continue to work with Faculty Senate liaison Gretchen Henry on elections and orientations for new faculty board members.

The Student Athlete Well-Being Subcommittee, chaired by ULAA board member Prof. Carolyn Klinge, is charged to administer the annual Student-Athlete Questionnaire, coordinate with SAAC initiatives as needed, review any Title IX issues, review and discuss mental health issues and initiatives, and review, with the FAR, any issues highlighted on the annual Time Management Plan review.

The Student Athlete Academic Integrity Sub-Committee, chaired by ULAA board member Prof. Meg Hancock, is charged to review and make any recommendations regarding major/degree distribution and enrollment data, repeated course information, issues with class clustering and independent studies, and misconduct issues, if any.

During Fall 2023 full CAP meetings, the following topics were reviewed and discussed:

- Transfer Credit Approval Process
- Final Exam Schedule
- DEI Attestation Process
- Stacking Policy Discussion Updates

Additional FAR Activities for Fall 2023:

In addition to my role as FAR, chair of CAP, and a member of ULAA committees, I met with the Senior Vice-Provost to confer on matters pertinent to student-athlete performance and academics. I also met with the President regarding matters of concern at U of L, the ACC and in college athletics.

Other Activities of the FAR include but are not limited to:

- Attended with Compliance staff at summer and fall coaches' meetings
- Reviewed and signed off on eligibility reports for each student-athlete
- Reviewed and signed off on waiver appeals

- Worked with the ACC Student Athlete Academic Advising team regarding nominations for NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, Walter Byer Scholarships, and ACC Postgraduate Scholarships; assisted student athletes in completing the application process and submitted supporting letters
- Met with teams in the early fall for introductions and reminders
- 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
- Received and reviewed daily reports from the Registrar's Office of student-athlete changes of grade and pursued any changes which required scrutiny and clarification
- Attended UofL SAAC Meetings
- Attended team practices and competitions
- Reviewed ACC Academic Honor Roll candidates
- Attended Fall ACC meetings in Charlotte, NC
- Attended ACC FAR best practice meeting December 2nd in Charlotte
- Attended ACC FAR Webex meetings
- Continued service as ACC FAR representative to the ACC SAAC

Did you know about the CRIA (Center for Research in Intercollegiate Athletics) Grants?

This year marks the fourth annual ACC Innovation Initiative Research Grant program, co-managed by the ACC and the CRIA at UNC-Chapel Hill. The purpose of this competitive program is to assist conference athletics administrators with data-driven decision-making. To accomplish this, several grants are awarded to financially support faculty members and students from ACC member institutions who conduct research related to issues deemed critical by conference athletics administrators. Priority is given to research in Student-athlete welfare, revenue generation and finance/budgeting-related topics, Organizational behavior and managerial issues within athletics departments, Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), current issues in collegiate athletics in the national landscape.

Each fall, the ACC FARs evaluate the proposals and submit recommendations. This year, the total grant pool of \$25,000 is available to fund research. An anticipated five to eight grants will be dispersed.

Researchers awarded a grant will be expected to deliver a white paper (three-page maximum) summarizing their study's results to the conference office for dissemination at the conference's fall meeting. Researchers may also be asked to present their findings through video conferencing. ACC administrators anticipate research projects will be submitted for publication to scholarly journals and presented at scholarly conferences.

UofL faculty awarded the grant during the 2021-2022 academic year include Dr. Meg Hancock, Dr. Evan Frederick and Dr. Nina Siegried. In a collaboration with colleagues from the Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Cincinnati, these faculty researched developing an evidence-based leadership program for strategic social justice

communication. Their white paper may be read at: <https://www.cria-unc.com/2021-2022-acc-cria-projects>

Thank you for reviewing this report. Please contact me at kbwall01@louisville.edu for any questions or discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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