

Report to Staff Senate: University of Louisville Athletic Association (ULAA) Board of Directors

This committee position defaults to the Staff Senate Vice Chair, and I have been serving as chair of the board's finance committee this year. The board meets quarterly, with some committee meetings in the interim, and the finance committee usually meets immediately preceding the full board meeting. There is only one staff representative on the ULAA board (not including the Athletics staff brought in to present or consult on particular topics).

Over the past year, meetings have focused overwhelmingly on the COVID-19 pandemic and Athletics' response to the resulting difficulties. We have discussed various financial "levers," as they are often called, that Athletics can use to continue to carry out its mission while operating within the constraints imposed by the pandemic (e.g., diminished ticket sales and consequent impact to revenue). Notably, these have included measures to insulate staff from further furloughs (e.g., by cutting travel and phone expenses and other support costs).

Other frequent topics, COVID or no COVID, include personnel matters (in executive session, and I've also been serving on the personnel committee), long-term investments (e.g., new lights or scoreboards or stadium seats or buildings), and the academic and community service achievements of our student-athletes and coaches.

The ULAA board meets this Friday, April 16, 2021 at 9 AM, in hybrid format (TEAMS/SAC Ballroom). If you have any questions about this committee, please let me know, and I will be happy to talk with you about it.

Respectfully,

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