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Faculty Committee on Athletics
(Elected Committee)
Annual Report

Members: 1996-1997: Connie C. Eble, Frederick O. Muller(Chair 1996-97) both completed five year terms April 1997: 1998: Audrey E. Johnson (Chair-1997-98), Edward J. Ludwig; 1999: William W. Smith, Frank T. Stritter; 2000: Anne H. Fishel, Henry R. Lesesne; 2001: Karla A. Henderson, Richard A. Rosen; ACC/NCAA Representative: John P. (Jack) Evans.

Meetings Fall 1996 - Spring 1997: The Committee held monthly meetings during the 1996-97 academic year, September - April (total of eight meetings), four each semester. The Committee focused upon the well-being of the student athlete as he/she matriculates through the academic system in a sport of self- selection and/or recruitment choice. Carolina fields 27 men and women varsity teams. The newest to attain varsity status is the Women's Crew team.

Report prepared by: Audrey E. Johnson (Chair, 1997-98) based upon attendance at committee meetings, review of the minutes, involvement with and attendance at Athletic Department Committees, and recognition of athletes events.

Committee Charge:

"The Faculty Athletics Committee is concerned with informing the faculty and advising the Chancellor on any aspect of athletics, including but not limited to, the academic experience of varsity athletes, athletic opportunities for members of the University community, and the general conduct and operation of the University's athletic program." The Chancellor attended meetings as his schedule permitted, or his designate, Executive Vice Chancellor attended.

Report of Activities:

Committee members serve on various support committees of the Athletic Department that are concerned with the academic progress and socialization of student athletes. There is academic member representation with the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) that determines the University's Athletic Department's compliance with the rules and regulations of these groups for continued membership. The athletic programs at Carolina have a national reputation of being clean, and well run. Mr. Eugene Corrigan, ACC Commissioner met with the Faculty Athletic Committee on Sportsmanship in the Spring.

Carolina's compliance with conference, national, and University regulations have been met. The Athletic Department has been without blemish; self-policing has been internally operationalized. That disciplinary action would be taken was demonstrated when a team was denied participation that resulted in the forfeit of playing in tournament games in another state. This was a painful decision for all. Mr. John Swofford, then Director of Athletics (now ACC Commissioner), took this action during the past

academic year. He brought the matter to the Committee for advice and consent. His disciplinary action was supported.

Professors Henry Landsberger and Dan Pollitt met with the Committee regarding an update on the **Betts Report** (received several years ago) from the Faculty Council. This report has been considered in the past with written responses. Discussion was held, and the Athletic Department was asked to prepare a report. The time frame, ending of the semester, did not allow review and discussion of the response to the **Betts Report**. The update will be discussed during the 1997-98 Committee year.

The active involvement of Committee Members on various Athletic Department Committees, especially the several units run by the Athletic Department's Academic Support Center, provides substantive support to the Athletic Department in maintaining state and national compliance. Committee members participate in a cross section of Athletic Committee activities related to the educational and physical well-being of the student athlete. Committee Members provide advice that is sought and used.

Committee Members may also be used in the recruitment of program staff.

During the year the Faculty Committee on Athletics has reviewed athletic opportunities for the University community, and campus Intramural and Recreational Sports. This was done with the Club Sports Director and the Recreational Sports Director sharing this information at a Committee meeting.

The Committee continued to conduct "Exit Interviews" with student athletes to learn about their University experience, and how it might be improved for future students. This process has been valuable in providing information to the various support personnel who work closely with students.

The Committee met with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee on April 2, 1997. Student athletes have concern about not getting to know faculty due to large class size. This means that faculty may not get to know them. Students find it difficult to get registered for classes via the "Caroline System". This interferes with the student athletes getting registered for required courses. The days that courses are offered can be an obstacle for the student athlete. If required course offerings are limited to only certain days and times, the needed course and time slot may be filled before the student athlete can get through to register. This may be particularly true for the student who needs day light for practice, i.e., golf. The students were not seeking favored treatment. Consideration of the time constraints under which they must function as student athletes was noted. They discussed this situation in context with other students facing similar constraints related to registering for required courses; employed students.

The maturity of the student athletes showed in their verbal appreciation of the support provided to them by the University; their education, and the opportunity to continue in their particular sport. They expressed consideration for other students who might have time constraints in getting registered for required classes. Thus, their concern was beyond their own self-interest.

The **1984-1996 Academic Progress Data** reflected the academic matriculation of students. This sensitive data sometimes includes only one or two people. For this reason it is not widely circulated to prevent the identification of a student.

The Committee reviewed proposed 1997 NCAA legislation, and expressed an opinion. The reported final results closely paralleled the Committee's thinking.

Construction on athletic facilities on campus have included: Kenan Stadium additions; Navy Field Stadium; Soccer Field for Fall 1997; proposed 1000 seats for field hockey and lacrosse locker rooms, sports medicine complex, and rest rooms in 1998; other facility updates would provide for an indoor track for track and field events, and other sports. There would be an increase in the current track size. The tennis facility with permanent seating was expected to be completed, Fall 1997.

The Committee complimented the several teams and their coaches who had successful seasons as of April 2, 1997. Coaches Mack Brown of Football for the Gator Bowl; Karen Shelton for the Field Hockey; Anson Dorange for women's Soccer Championship; Dean Smith, men's Final Four, and becoming the winningest Basketball Coach in NCAA Division 1; Sylvia Hatchell, Women's Basketball whose player, Marion Jones has gone on to compete successfully in International Track events. The winning seasons of these teams and those who won after the Committee's final meeting were positive for the student athlete and the University.

The faculty guest coach program has provided students with the opportunity to get to know faculty, and can be used as a mentoring opportunity.