

**Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
To the Faculty Council of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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I. Introduction

In recent years the faculty athletics representative has met with the Faculty Executive Committee and appeared before the Faculty Council periodically, often on behalf of the Faculty Athletics Committee. A Faculty Council resolution (April 23, 2004) calls for an annual report by the faculty athletics representative (FAR) to the Faculty Council. The first report pursuant to that resolution was submitted in December 2004 as a supplement to the annual report of the Faculty Athletics Committee. Since that practice seemed to work well, this report is submitted in the same context. This seems appropriate because the activities of the faculty athletics representative closely parallel those of the Committee as it pursues its work on behalf of the faculty.

II. Activities of the Faculty Athletics Representative

The Committee report mentions many activities in which the faculty athletics representative participates within the University. An Appendix to this report provides a list of activities that occur throughout each year. In addition to those activities, the list below summarizes specific, additional activities since the report for 2004-05.

- On a repeating five-year cycle the Director of Athletics forms a committee to review our status with regard to Title IX compliance and the FAR is typically included on this committee. A committee for this purpose is concluding this review.
- While our NCAA certification review was under way, I served on the Steering Committee and on the Governance Subcommittee for preparation of our report. This certification cycle was completed with our full recertification during 2005-06.
- As a result of the new legislative provision regarding tuition, I participated with other interested officials in numerous meetings that developed the University's approach to how this would apply to student-athletes.
- Chancellor Moeser led a group that drafted a report on fiscal responsibility as part of the work of the NCAA Presidential Task Force. At his request, I participated with a number of others in the drafting of that report and later in the review of the disclosure draft of the report of the task force. The final report will become public in late October.
- The officer positions within the ACC are held by faculty athletics representatives from the member institutions on a set rotation. During 2005-06 I served as Vice President, chaired the Finance Committee, and served on the Executive and Postgraduate Scholarship Committees. During 2006-07 I serve as President, chair the Executive Committee, and also on the Finance and Postgraduate Scholarship Committees.
- I serve as the de facto secretary for the Faculty Committee on Athletics.

III. Significant National Activities

Since restructuring in 1997, National Collegiate Athletic Association governance has been led by the Board of Directors (chancellors and presidents), the Management

Council (athletic administrators, conference officials, and faculty athletics representatives), and two Cabinets, plus a number of committees that review proposed legislation and discharge operating responsibilities of the membership. Institutional participation is through conference membership instead of the former one-school-one-vote structure. The Atlantic Coast Conference has one position on the Division I Board of Directors and three positions on the Division I Management Council. At the request of the Atlantic Coast Conference, I serve in one of the ACC's three positions on the Management Council. I also serve on the Governance Subcommittee of the Management Council. This group has undertaken a significant review of the structure, governance, and legislative processes of Division I.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors has adopted a comprehensive system that is intended to improve the graduation rates of student-athletes, particularly in high profile sports that have been the subject of adverse publicity. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been represented at all levels of this work by the Chancellor, the Director of Athletics, and the faculty athletics representative. I serve on the NCAA Committee on Academic Performance, which is responsible for implementation (now under way) and also for design of additional elements of the program that will be needed in 2006-07 and beyond. Based on the three-year data pool that will now be available, this group will begin to assign the first level of a system of progressive penalties that will apply to squads that are systematically underperforming academically. In the first stages of this work our data indicated that a number of baseball squads in Division I are performing below the expectations of the NCAA Board of Directors. I have been asked to serve on a new NCAA committee that has the charge to study this issue and recommend remedies that will result in improved results.

Respectfully submitted,
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Faculty Athletics Representative

Appendix

Summary of Standard Activities of the Faculty Athletics Representative

The list of activities that follows contains the recurring, annual activities of the faculty athletics representative. This list provides a sense of the scope and range of activities.

- Serve on the Faculty Athletics Committee (ex officio if not an elected member)
- Participate in exit interviews of student-athletes (with members of the Faculty Committee on Athletics and staff of the Department of Athletics)
- Review admission cases for student-athletes (with faculty who are members of the Admissions Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions)
- Meet with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- Consult with the staff of the Academic Support Center
- Monitor the academic progress of student-athletes and participate in the meetings with head coaches that review these results

- Participate in the University's compliance program regarding NCAA regulations
- Represent the University in meetings of the Atlantic Coast Conference
- Other duties as requested (e.g., Title IX Committee, Diversity Committee, discussions of the likely impact of the legislative provision regarding tuition, presentations to prospective student-athletes regarding academic programs, etc.)

Within the Atlantic Coast Conference four individuals from each member institution have the primary governance responsibility. They are the chancellor/president, the director of athletics, the senior women's administrator, and the faculty athletics representative. On specified issues the conference bylaws direct that the chancellor/president shall cast the institutional vote. However, it has become common practice within the conference for the chancellor/president to delegate the voting responsibility to the faculty athletics representative, with appropriate consultation within each member institution.