

**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**

For many years the faculty athletics representative (FAR) has met with the Faculty Executive Committee and appeared before the Faculty Council periodically, often on behalf of the Faculty Athletics Committee. This is the fourth annual report pursuant to a Faculty Council resolution (April 23, 2004) calling for an annual report by the FAR to the Faculty Council. The first of these reports was submitted in December 2004 as a supplement to the annual report of the Faculty Athletics Committee. Since that practice seemed to work well, each subsequent report has been presented in that same context. The activities of the FAR within the university relate closely to the work of the Committee on behalf of the faculty, so this seems to be an appropriate practice.

### **II. Activities of the Faculty Athletics Representative within UNC-Chapel Hill**

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 annually recurring activities of the FAR. In addition to those activities, the list below summarizes specific, additional activities within the university since the report for 2005-06.

- 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 serves on this committee. The most recent review was completed during 2006-07.
- 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 became public in October 2006 and Chancellor Moeser has been appointed to the group that will monitor progress regarding the recommendations of the Task Force. I have been asked by a senior NCAA official to confer with a consultant that has been engaged to assist with implementation of some of those recommendations.
- The officer positions within the ACC are held by faculty athletics representatives from the member institutions on a set rotation. During 2006-07 I served as President of the ACC, chaired the Executive Committee, and served on the Postgraduate Scholarship Committees. During 2007-08 I serve as Past-President and also serve on the Executive Committee and the Postgraduate Scholarship Committees.

### **III. 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 served as one of its three representatives on the Management Council through April 2007. I also serve on the Governance Subcommittee of the Management Council. This group was charged by the Division I Board of Directors to conduct a thorough review of the structure, governance, and legislative processes of Division I. We have proposed recommendations for a new structure that the Board will consider during 2007-08.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors has adopted a comprehensive academic reform package that is intended to improve the graduation rates of student-athletes, particularly in selected high profile sports that have produced poor graduation results and consequent 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 FAR. 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 2007-08 and beyond. The NCAA Board of Directors formed a work group on which I serve that was tasked to make recommendations that would reverse a national pattern of low academic performance in baseball. That group has prepared recommendations on which the Board has acted, but some follow-up work is under way this year. The NCAA Board has formed a similar group on which I also serve that has been asked to undertake comparable work focused on men's basketball. This group had its first meeting in August 2007 and will likely work through most of calendar 2008.

One of the objectives of NCAA President Myles Brand is to bring attention to academic research that is being done on various aspects of intercollegiate athletics as a basis for identifying research conclusions that might be relevant to NCAA policies. For that purpose he has formed an Advisory and Editorial Board on which I serve. The group is organizing an academic forum that will occur in conjunction with the annual NCAA Convention and the resulting presentations will be published.

Respectfully submitted,  
John P. Evans  
Faculty Athletics Representative

## **Appendix**

### *Summary of Recurring Activities of the Faculty Athletics Representative*

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The list of activities that follows contains the recurring, annual activities of the faculty athletics representative.

- Serve on the Faculty Athletics Committee (ex officio if not an elected member)
- Serve as the de facto secretary for the Faculty Committee on Athletics
- 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)
- Serve on the Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee
- 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.