My annual report as the faculty athletics representative (FAR) accompanies the annual report of the Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC).

The general duties of the FAR at UNC are, pursuant to a position description approved by the Chancellor in September 2011, to serve as an advisor to the Chancellor and the Director of Athletics, and as a liaison to the faculty. Areas of focus include the academic success and academic integrity of student-athletes, compliance with ACC and NCAA rules, and a positive student-athlete experience. I also help represent the University at the ACC and participate in NCAA activities.

My regular duties and activities as the FAR include the following:
- Monthly meetings with the Chancellor;
- Monthly meetings with the Athletics Director;
- Monthly meetings during the school year with the Director of the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (ASPSA), which, on occasion, include the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Abigail Panter;
- Attend monthly head coaches’ meetings;
- Attend monthly meetings of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC);
- Ex officio member and secretary of FAC (meets monthly during the academic year) and prepared onboarding document for and met with new FAC members;
- Ex officio member of the Educational Foundation Executive Board (meets quarterly);
- Ex officio member of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (ASPSA) (meets 5 times per year);
- Ex officio member of the Committee on Special Talent of the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (meets as needed, approximately 6 times per year);
- Ex officio member of the Process Review Group, the successor to the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group (meets 4 or 5 times per year);
- Ex officio member of the Athletic Department’s Title IX Review Committee (began work in spring 2016 with report finalized in 2018);
- Ex officio member of the Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee (meets as needed; did not meet in 2017-18);
- Attend the meetings of CARE (Compliance, Academics, Registrar, Engagement) (meets monthly during the academic year);
- Chair the Athletic Council (meets once or twice each year);
- Participate in annual review meetings with the athletic director and the head of Compliance of each team’s Time Management Plan. Meet separately with each head coach (and sometimes one or more assistant coaches) and at least one student-athlete to review the plan and the student-athletes’ experiences under the plan;
Monitor the academic progress of student-athletes and assist the Director of ASPSA in reporting to the FAC data on the Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of our student-athletes, and consult on preparation of the Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard (attached);

Attend numerous athletic contests and other student-athlete events, including Heel Camp (student-athlete annual orientation), the Baddour Leadership Academy recognition dinner, the Student-Athlete Scholarship luncheon, and Scholarship donor dinners;

Serve on the Awards Committee that coordinates the application process for NCAA and ACC postgraduate scholarship awards, assists in the selection of nominees for other academic or service awards, and plans and coordinates the Student-Athlete Scholarship Luncheon (meets 2 to 4 times a year);

Serve on the group that reviews the uses and guidelines for the Student Assistance Fund (meets 1 time per year);

Serve on the committee that annually reviews the Department of Athletics’ Drug Testing Policy for Student-Athletes (meets 1 time per year);

Serve on search committees or interview candidates for various positions in the Athletics Department and ASPSA;

Review, with the Registrar, the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the College of Arts and Sciences, and two members of FAC student-athlete enrollment and grade patterns;

Support the university’s compliance program regarding NCAA regulations;

 Participate in investigations of potential NCAA rules violations;

 Review and approve in conjunction with the Chancellor and/or the Director of Athletics institutional requests for waivers of ACC and NCAA rules;

 Be advised of and review secondary violations of NCAA rules;

 Administer the NCAA test on recruiting to all coaches annually (often in conjunction with Athletics Compliance);

 Evaluate NCAA legislative proposals and participate in ACC discussions;

 Represent the university in meetings of the ACC and the NCAA (as described more fully below).

Within the ACC, the chancellor/president, the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, and the faculty athletics representative of each member school have the primary governance and operating responsibility. Conference by-laws direct that unless the chief executive officer is present, the faculty athletics representative shall be the voting delegate for the institution. I assist in advising the Chancellor before the ACC Presidents/Chancellors meetings which occur two times per year. As FAR, I participate in regular conference meetings in October, December, February, May, and in any specific committee assignments. In 2017-18, I served on the Executive Committee (as immediate past president of the ACC), the Awards Committee, and the Finance Committee.

At the national level, I attended the Division I-A FAR Annual Conference in September 2017 and the NCAA National Convention in January 2018. I assist in reviewing and commenting
on proposed legislation at the Division I level and the “autonomy” legislation for the Power Five Athletic Conferences. I was one of two FARs representing the ACC at an April meeting of the Autonomy Conferences.

I participate in other activities as requested or needed. On August 16-17, 2017, I was one of the University’s representatives at a hearing before the NCAA’s Committee on Infractions. The University received the final decision of the COI on October 13, 2017, ending a process that had been ongoing since the time I began service as FAR in July 2010.

Please feel free to contact me or the FAC Chair, Dr. Daryhl Johnson, with any comments or concerns.

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