

Annual Report to Faculty Council
From the Faculty Athletics Committee

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I. Committee Overview

The Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC) “informs and represents the faculty and advises the chancellor on any aspect of athletics, including, but not limited to, the academic and broader University experience for varsity student athletes and the general conduct and operation of the University’s athletic program” (Faculty Code § 4-7[b], Amended 2/19/16).

Faculty Athletic Committee’s roster for 2020-2021:

Kevin Guskiewicz, Chancellor, ex officio
Lissa Broome, School of Law, FAR, ex officio

Voting members:

Rita Balaban, Economics, 2022
Stacey Daughters, Psychology, 2023
Melissa Geil, Kenan-Flagler Business School, 2022 (Vice Chair)
David Hartzell, Kenan-Flagler Business School, 2021
Amanda Holliday, Nutrition, 2023
Daryhl Johnson, Surgery, 2021 (Chair)
Robert Martinez, Education, 2023
Aimee McHale, Gillings School of Public Health, 2022
Ed Shields, Exercise and Sports Science, 2021
Jay Smith, History, 2023
Abbie Smith-Ryan, Exercise and Sports Science, 2022
Tania String, Art and Art History, 2021

Non-voting consultants:

Michelle Brown, ASPSA
Debbi Clark, Office of the Provost
Bubba Cunningham, Athletics
Dwight Hollier, Athletics
Robbi Pickeral Evans, Athletics
Vince Ille, Athletics
Emily Blackburn, Office of the Chancellor
Two student-athlete liaisons from the Student-Athlete Advisory Council

Leadership Structure

The Chair of the committee for 2020-21 is Daryhl Johnson. Melissa Geil serves as Vice Chair.

Academic Processes for Student-Athletes

In Fall 2013, Provost James W. Dean, Jr. and Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham brought together a 10-person team of campus leaders to comprehensively document and assess all academic processes that affect student-athletes from the time that they are recruited until after they graduate. With Chancellor Carol L. Folt's support, Dean and Cunningham led the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group in this effort. The Working Group was charged to look holistically at academic processes for student athletes and improve student-athletes' experience at Carolina. The Working Group met at least once per month between November 2013 and March 2015. By summer 2015, the Working Group had documented, assessed and in some cases changed, a comprehensive set of 21 academic processes for student-athletes, from the time they are recruited until after they graduate. The Group considered and responded to more than 70 recommendations from nine reports about athletics and academics at UNC-Chapel Hill published during the previous four years. With leadership and coordination provided from the Provost's Office by Dr. Debbi Clarke, the Working Group compiled and posted its documentation of these processes FAC Onboarding Document – updated June 2019 6 at <http://apsa.unc.edu> (academic processes for student-athletes). The Working Group was then transitioned into the Process Review Group (PRG), with many of the same members, whose goal was to review each process over the course of a two-year period. The PRG met two or more times each semester to review and improve each of the processes through Spring 2018. In the summer of 2018, the PRG was sunset and the function of reviewing the academic processes on a regular basis was transferred to the FAC, with any recommended policy changes referred to the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics.

Its members are:

Provost Bob Blouin

Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham

Faculty Athletics Representative Lissa Broome

ASPSA Director Michelle Brown

Senior Associate Athletics Director Vince Ille

Senior Associate Athletics Director Dwight Hollier (Student-Athlete Health, Well-Being & Program Outreach)

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Marielle van Gelder

Consultant to the Provost Dr. Debbi Clarke

II. 2018-2019 Activities

Review of Academic Processes for Student-Athletes (1.5 year cycle)

Activities centered on Mental Health Initiatives

Campus Resources

The addition of another Mental Health Professional

Campus Event: Chief Medical Officer of the NCAA

III. 2019-2020 Actions and Initiatives

Coaches Meeting

Review of Academic Processes for Student-Athletes

Continued Mental Health Resourcing and Partnerships

Professional Development for Faculty/Graduate Assistants related to Student Athletes

Time Commitment/ Major Selection

Faculty Engagement

Professor Days

Post Eligibility Opportunities

IV. 2020-2021 Actions and Initiatives

Review of Academic Processes for Student-Athletes

Continued Faculty Engagement Efforts

Onboarding and Agenda-Setting Retreat (Two Day)

COVID-19 Information Gathering

Name, Image, and Likeness Monitoring

Athletic Implications from COVID-19

Academic and Mental Health Support Resourcing