

**Faculty Athletics Committee**  
**August 16, 2022**  
**Meeting Notes**

**FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Kevin Guskiewicz, Amanda Holliday, Robert Martinez, Aimee McHale, Lisa Rahangdale, Keia Sanderson, Abbie Smith-Ryan (Vice-Chair), Issac Unah, Erienne Weight (Chair)

**ADVISORS:**

Michelle Brown (ASPSA), Bubba Cunningham (Athletics), Vince Ille (Athletics), Cricket Lane (Athletics)

**STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Duwe Farris (Basketball), Natalie Timinskas (Rowing)

**GUESTS:**

Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office)

**UPDATES:**

- Chancellor Guskiewicz
  - Provided a brief overview of the incoming class and the start of the semester.
  - Discussed challenges to the amateurism model of intercollegiate athletics.
- Faculty Athletics Representative Lissa Broome
  - Referenced the document posted on Sakai cataloging the activities of the Process Review Group (Broome, Brown, Grau) last semester and outlining the proposed reviews for the coming academic year.
  - Reviewed her FAR Update posted on Sakai that references recent NCAA legislative changes and provides links to articles on topics of interest to FAC, including study abroad and internship opportunities for UNC student-athletes.
- Athletics Director Bubba Cunningham
  - Showed the committee graduation patches that student-athletes who have received their undergraduate degree will have on their jerseys this year. These patches were suggested in FAC/SAAC focus groups last year. The ACC will have patches for all graduates next year, but until then the UNC patches will be displayed.

- The Athletics Annual Report is in production and will be shared at the next meeting. The report includes information on Complete Carolina, an opportunity for student-athletes who left UNC to pursue a professional athletic career to return to UNC to complete their degree with the same level of scholarship support they had while originally enrolled. Some of these returning students struggle with the residency requirement and the lack of online courses if they are not able to return to Chapel Hill to finish their studies.
- The Director of the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes Michelle Brown
  - Discussed summer transition programming for entering student-athletes.
  - Noted that the Academic Scorecard is being finalized and will be posted on Sakai.
  - The goal is to bring most of tutoring back in person, but there are instances where remote tutoring will still occur. One possible example is to make tutoring available for student-athletes who are traveling.
  - ASPSA continues to work with the University Approved Absence Office regarding student-athlete travel letters.
  - 79 students will be put forward for Chi Alpha Sigma, an honor society for student-athletes with at least a 3.4 GPA.

### **HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS**

- The May and June minutes were approved.
- Chair Erianne Weight reviewed the FAC Team Liaison Assignments
  - FAC members gave suggestions for how to best connect with teams.
  - Vince Ille will ask the Sport Administrator for each teach to reach out to the team's FAC liaison.
  - Cricket Lane will send the list of 2022-23 SAAC members to Erianne Weight for posting on Sakai.

### **BREAKOUT GROUPS**

FAC members rotated through break-out groups and made additions to this [Google Doc](#) regarding vision and action steps.

### **ACTION ITEMS – Be prepared to report back on action taken at September 19 virtual meeting**

- 1) Explore Parking options at Rams Head Deck (Lissa)
- 2) Is there a need for an Athletics Pantry? Promote Carolina Pantry to let student athletes know it exists (Amanda)

- a. Several years ago Aimee McHale brought an issue to FAC's attention about football players who ran out of food money during the exam period. Athletics responded by changing the timeline for the distribution of board checks so that they would be spaced out more over the course of the semester.
- 3) Recirculate the Dropped Quiz/Excused Absence draft document for all members to review. Get buy in from Jay Smith and Rita Balaban and plan for large classes (Robert)
- 4) Work toward a mentorship program to support student athletes (Abbie)
  - a. ForevHER Tar Heels is a program run by the Ram's Club for interested female student-athletes.
- 5) Anonymous reporting for student athletes – somewhere they can go to if they have issues. NCAA constitution defines that as the FAR. Jam Board? (Keia)
- 6) List of FAC Accomplishments (Abbie)
- 7) Educate student athletes about sexual assault on campus through shared learning initiative (Kathleen)
- 8) Is there a way that Faculty easily record their lectures so student athletes who miss for competition can watch recordings? (Issac)

The meeting adjourned at 4:42.

Respectfully submitted, Lissa Broome and Amy Grau