

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Monday, September 19, 2022 (Zoom)

FAC MEMBERS: David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Robert Martinez, Lisa Rahangdale, Keia Sanderson, Jay Smith, Abbie Smith-Ryan (Vice-Chair), Isaac Unah, Erianne

ADVISORS: Michelle Brown (ASPSA), Bubba Cunningham (Athletics), Robbi Pickeral Evans (Athletics), Dwight Hollier (Athletics), Vince Ille (Athletics), Cricket Lane (Athletics)

STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES: Natalie Timinskas (Rowing)

GUESTS: Lydia Ellsworth (ASPSA), Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office), Laura Kuizin (MAPS Program Director)

UPDATES

FAR Update, Lissa Broome

- The NCAA has adopted a transfer window for student-athletes in each sport and has provided that a transferring student-athlete's scholarship is protected until the conclusion of their eligibility or graduation, whichever comes first.
- ACC Conference meetings will be held in Charlotte, October 17-18.
- The [Tar Heel Report for 2021-22](#) provides lots of interesting datapoints, summarized on the FAR Update on Sakai.

ASPSA Update, Michelle Brown

- A career fair aimed at junior and senior student-athletes and coordinated by Cricket Lane will be held with employers providing employment and internship opportunities.
- A majors/minors fair for first and second year student-athletes will be held on October 11. Current student-athletes will also be recruited to provide information on their majors/minors.

Athletic Director Update, Bubba Cunningham

- LEAD1, an association of Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) athletic directors met in Washington, D.C. last week. Erianne Weight led a discussion of the appropriate governance structure for football.
- Cunningham also met with members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation and encouraged our Congressional representatives to see how the person who is selected to lead the NCAA following Mark Emmert's retirement handles the issues facing the NCAA before the association seeks Congressional legislation regarding Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL). Cunningham believes that compensation for student-athletes needs to be considered.

- In response to Jay Smith's question about conference realignment with the move of UCLA and USC from the PAC 12 to the Big Ten, Cunningham said that ACC schools have signed a grant of rights of their TV rights that runs through 2036 and that this is likely to prevent any schools from leaving the ACC. The ACC is looking at ways to enhance revenue for the ACC Network to benefit all ACC schools.

HOUSEKEEPING

- The minutes of the August meeting (as modified to reflect language suggested by Michelle Brown) were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Masters in Applied Professional Studies (MAPS), Laura Kuizin

- The degree is tailored for a student's unique career goals and is aligned with at least two different departments.
- Students can apply now for admission in January 2023. The application deadline is October 11, 2022, but Kuizin is willing to entertain applications after the deadline.
- There will be an Advisory Board for MAPS with multiple people looking at applications and applying a scoring rubric for admission.
- Kuizin needs help making connections with departments so that she can advocate for a MAPS student to be included in a particular class, since otherwise there will be no seats set aside for MAPS students.
- ACTION ITEM: FAC members should reach out to Kuizin to help her make connections to their departments.

Faculty/Athletics/Student-Athlete Relations, Abbie Smith-Ryan

- It is important for FAC members to be present and attend events, including social activities like Cunningham's Game Day 5Ks. Follow Cunningham on Twitter for run start time.
- Liaisons should consider asking the coach if they may attend a practice.
- The October 25 Head Coaches' meeting is a good opportunity to build relationships with coaches.
- The November 16 FAC/SAAC Focus Group meeting is a good opportunity to build relationships with student-athletes.
- ACTION ITEM: Smith-Ryan to share with Coaches and FAC/SAAC Focus groups some of issues that have been tackled by Athletics and coaches in partnership with FAC.
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Parking, Lissa Broome and Bubba Cunningham

- Broome met with Bubba Cunningham, Robbie Pickeral Evans, Clint Gwaltney, Vince Ille, and Cricket Lane to discuss student-athletes' concerns about parking.
- Cunningham reported that he has obtained two more spots for Women's Basketball.
- ACTION ITEM: Cunningham will bring forth the FAC member brainstormed items when he next talks with parking representatives:
 - Are early morning and evening passes available for the Ramshead deck so that student-athletes would not be scootering in the dark for morning practice or evening tutoring and other activities?
 - Could spots be made available for student-athletes on the Field Hockey team?
 - Are there spots available in S10 that would be a central location for many student-athletes?
 - Could shuttles, Ubers, or golf carts be utilized at certain times of the day when travel from one location to another is necessary?

Dropped Quiz Policy, Robert Martinez and Jay Smith

- The draft letter from FAC that Jay Smith began last year was recirculated to Rita Balaban (former FAC member) and other faculty in Economics. There was substantial concern by professors in large sections for providing make-up opportunities for all missed quizzes/tests.
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The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lissa Broome with the assistance of Amy Grau