

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

5th Floor of Loudermilk

FAC MEMBERS: Lissa Broome, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Robert Martinez, Aimee McHale, Jay Smith, Abbie Smith-Ryan (Vice-Chair), Isaac Unah, Erienne Weight (Chair)

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

STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES: Duwe Farris (Political Science and Business Administration, Men's Basketball), Natalie Timinskas (Math, Rowing)

GUESTS: Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office), Greear Webb (student)

COACHES' MEETING DEBRIEF

See the October 25 minutes for additional points raised by coaches.

- **Find alternative times for courses semester-to-semester or year-to-year**
 - Entrepreneurship Minor
 - Many EXSS classes are full or blocked before registration starts, with the Department setting the parameters on registration
 - Perhaps academic counselors can help start a list of courses where this is an issue.
- **Additional credit options for athletes**
 - Explore leadership academy content and campus connections to facilitate additional for-credit options.
 - Some senior coaches would like to follow up and be part of the discussion around innovating the Leadership Academy (Shelton, Sagula, Levy). Cricket Lane reported that student-athlete interest in the Leadership Academy has not waned and that coaches promote the Leadership Academy in recruiting.
 - Game Plan for Success is a learning platform that could be used.
 - Incorporate NIL into the Leadership Academy and have Kara Cannizzaro hold office hours in Loudermilk to discuss NIL
 - Financial literacy course for credit. There are some for-credit classes on campus now. Robinhood is interested in possibly funding additional sections of these courses.
 - Could student-athlete onboarding be incorporated into Thrive courses?

- **Missed class policy**

- The policy regarding a maximum of seven missed class days in a semester (not including conference championships or NCAA championship play) should be reviewed.
- Can missed classes be recorded so traveling student-athletes don't miss out on content, even though the class still counts as missed? On the other hand, when classes are recorded, some students don't attend.
- Action items
 - Ask athletics to get feedback on this policy from coaches
 - Get feedback from student-athletes

UPDATES

FAR Update, Lissa Broome

- The NCAA has proposed to remove a standardized test score from its initial eligibility requirements to align with trends among institutions. This proposal will be considered in January 2023.
- ACC Conference meetings were held in Charlotte, October 17-18.
 - Priorities for the FARs, ADs, and SWAs included enhancing the ACC brand (with an emphasis on academic excellence), equity, and the student-athlete experience (including scheduling of contests)
- Final exams are being rescheduled for football team members, managers, videographers, trainers, and spirit (band, dance, and cheer) who are involved in the ACC Football Championship. Spirit students will only miss exams on Saturday, December 3. Football-related students will miss December 2 and 3. Other teams in post-season competition may also have conflicts. Advising, ASPSA, ARS, and others are coming together to provide alternative dates and proctoring for instructors and students.
- The Provost is reviewing a letter to go out to faculty this week about University Approved Absences.
 - Broome agreed to forward to the Provost Jay Smith's letter on behalf of FAC regarding the impact of the dropped exam on student-athletes.

Athletic Director Update, Bubba Cunningham

- ACC schools will be recognizing a moment of silence in remembrance of the UVA football players who were killed.
- Cunningham and Michelle Brown presented student-athlete academic information that is submitted to the UNC General Administration each year to the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees.

- Fall sport teams have had a lot of success, including Field Hockey which has qualified for another Final Four.

ASPSA Update, Michelle Brown

- The transfer window for football student-athletes opens on December 5 and transcripts and courses for students desiring to transfer to Carolina will need to be evaluated and faculty will need to provide input during December.
- The graduation success rate report will be publicly released soon. UNC's GSR rate is its highest ever. The rate for African-American males is second highest in the ACC and has improved significantly.
- N.C. State and Syracuse are offering 8-week courses. We may wish to consider this option, although space for the courses may be an issue.

SMALL GROUPS

- FAC broke into small groups to brainstorm opportunities and then reported back to the group as a whole
- **Student-Athlete Relations Group**
 - Ideas for interaction with the FAC team liaisons
 - Attend practice/game and have meal with the team
 - Explain role to the team
- **Mental Health**
 - Expand opportunities and resources for all students, not just student-athletes, with a particular need around long-term care
 - Should more people be involved in or trained for crisis management?
 - Student-athlete mental health will be discussed as part of the FAC/FAR annual report to Faculty Council on December 2
 - Jeni Shannon will participate and try to have some student-athletes participate via a pre-recorded video
- **Documents for Coaches and Student-Athletes**
 - Abbie Smith-Ryan reminded FAC members to add a headshot and short bio to the shared document she is preparing.
 - Broome will help Smith-Ryan compile a list that includes the last five years of FAC members and their academic department to include in a list of helpful resources for student-athletes

FOCUS GROUPS WITH SAAC

- FAC met with SAAC members for the annual focus group discussion from 6-7 p.m.

The FAC meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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