

# FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

February 20, 2023

### FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Robert Martinez, Aimee McHale, Lisa Rahangdale, Jay Smith, Abbie Smith-Ryan, Isaac Unah, Erianne Weight

### ADVISORS:

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

### STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES:

Natalie Timinskas (Rowing)

### GUESTS:

ASPSA Team: Allison Little, Ben Sheu, Christian Armstrong, Collette Toney, DaDa Willis-Gregory, Emily Adney, Greg Beatty, Ivan Shurtygin, Jenn Townsend, Kate Evans, Kathleen Crosby, Kathy Zambrana, Kierra Jackson, Kym Orr, Les Myers, Leslie Brown, Lydia Ellsworth, Mike Greene

### FAC UPDATES AND MINUTES

*ASPSA, Michelle Brown*

- Instructor feedback reports were sent out three times a semester during COVID, but the response rate was reduced, so this semester ASPSA is going back to two times per semester.
  - ASPSA would like to increase the instructor response rate.
  - ASPSA also receives Academic Progress Reports from Advising.
  - An alternative way of monitoring performance would be read-only access to Canvas for Academic Counselors so they could review the assignments and the gradebook.
- A new line has been added for an additional academic counselor and the position has been posted and is open until March 1. Brown is grateful for the support that made this possible.
- The Academic Banquet will be held May 3 at lunchtime. FAC members will receive a Save the Date soon.
- The Athletic Director Scholar-Athletes (one student from each team) will be recognized at halftime of the men's basketball game against Virginia on Saturday night.
- Erianne Weight wondered whether there was any way to alleviate the logistical burden on faculty who receive a large number of travel letters from student-athletes. In her 383-person class this semester there are 82 student-athletes.

*FAR & Process Review, Lissa Broome*

- Broome attended her first, in-person NCAA Committee on Infractions meeting in Indianapolis on February 6-7.
  - Committee will recommend to NCAA D1 Board of Directors that for a SA to receive the benefit of the one-time transfer exception (may play at new school without sitting a year), the SA must meet progress-to-degree requirements at the departing institution. Whether the SA meets progress-to-degree requirements at the receiving institution will depend on the receiving institution's determination of transferable hours.
    - Aimee McHale and Jay Smith probed the fairness and equitability of this result.
  - The COA will not recommend a separate graduation rate for SAs who transfer but will continue to monitor outcomes for transfer students.
    - Cunningham reported that more students want to transfer into UNC than transfer out.
    - McHale wondered whether playing time at the new school was any greater than at the old school. Her sense from anecdotal observation was that it was not significantly greater.
    - Athletics attempts to schedule exit interviews with all departing student-athletes, including transfers.
    - FAC members are interested in continuing to monitor transfer activity at UNC.
  - The COA will not recommend an APR threshold for determining if an institution is meeting D1 academic support expectations.
  - The COA voted to recommend removing from the table and supporting legislation that would expand the prohibition on coaches talking to prospective student-athletes during school hours to all coaches from just men's and women's basketball coaches.
  - A subcommittee of the COA completed its comprehensive review of the Academic Performance Program (APP). In its 20-year existence, the APP has improved the outcomes for student-athletes and gaps in graduation rates based on gender and race are narrowing.
- ACC meetings were held in Charlotte, February 8-9.
  - Postgraduate Scholarship recipients were announced (42 ACC SAs will each receive a \$6,000 scholarship for post-graduate education). UNC's recipients are:
    - Anton Down-Jenkins, Men's Swimming and Diving, Advertising and Public Relations
    - Destiny Middleton, Softball, Human Development and Family Services
    - Elizabeth Culton, Gymnastics, Psychology
    - Honorary: Armando Bacot, Basketball, Exercise and Sports Science

- Unity Tour to DC in July (6 SAs, 4 coaches/staff/administrators from each school)
- Government relations and legal update
- CFP expansion – FARs discussed academic impact and SA well-being issues with the Commissioner
- Academic Process Review is continuing
  - Finalizing reviews done in Fall 2022
    - 2.0 Admissions
    - 8.0 Faculty Relations and Governance
    - 9.0 Class Attendance and Travel
    - 15.0 Facility Use and Programming
    - 19.0 Supporting Non-Participant Student-Athletes
  - Awaiting proposed revisions for Spring 2023 review
    - 1.0 Recruitment
    - 3.0 Financial Aid
    - 5.0 Enrollment and Advising
    - 6.0 Registration
    - 12.0 Academic Performance and Monitoring
- Broome participated in the interview process for new Field Hockey and Volleyball coaches
- Natalie Timinkas reported on the mental health training provided at a recent SAAC meeting – QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)
  - Jeni Shannon received a grant to have the athletic trainers trained to teach this program.
  - Abbie Smith-Ryan asked Cricket Lane whether FAC might join this training next year.

*Athletic Director, Bubba Cunningham*

- Winter sports are entering their championship season.
- UNC applied to host 11 NCAA events over the next few years and was awarded 14 events.
- New Field Hockey and Volleyball coaches are in place.
- At the ACC meetings, the ADs met with the ACC Chancellors and Presidents. There was discussion of a potential, new conference revenue distribution model, but it is likely that the current model (equal splitting of revenue) will continue.
- UNC head and assistant coaches will receive EOC training at their next meeting.
- Cunningham has joined the board of the USOPC and at its recent meeting, the board discussed what an employee model for intercollegiate athletes would mean for the support provided for Olympic sports.

*September, October, November, and January minutes were approved.*

## APSPA TEAM – SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SUMMARY

APSPA Academic Counselors joined FAC members in small groups to discuss the following questions

1. What are your big picture career stressors?
2. Describe your students' overall relationships with faculty. Have they shared with you any particularly positive or negative interactions with faculty?
3. How does your students' involvement in athletics support or conflict with their academic activities? (Possible prompt: study abroad, internships, choice of majors)
4. What have been your students' experiences and your experiences with the UAA (University Approved Absence policy) and travel letters?
5. What have been your students' experiences with the new general education curriculum: IDEAS in Action?
6. What do you think about for credit options for student-athletes (financial literacy, leadership, THRIVE)?
7. Who would student-athletes go to with concerns, questions, suggestions related to the athletic experience? Issues balancing studies and athletics? General wellbeing?
8. Considering all of the things we have discussed (RECAP as needed) which do you feel are the most important for the FAC's attention and action?

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lissa Broome (with the assistance of Amy Grau)