

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, April 17, 2023 | 3:30 – 5 p.m.

ATTENDEES

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:

David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Robert Martinez, Aimee McHale, Lisa Rahangdale, Keia Sanderson, Jay Smith, Abbie Smith-Ryan

ADVISORS:

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

STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES:

Duwe Farris (Basketball)

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WELCOME

Vice Chair Abbie Smith-Ryan welcomed members to meeting in Chair Erianne Weight's absence.

FAC UPDATES

FAR Update (Lissa Broome)

- The complete update is posted on Sakai.
- The D1 Council and D1 Board of Directors approved legislation
 - that would increase the student-athlete voice at the school and the conference level; UNC and the ACC are already including the student-athlete voice in the ways referenced in the legislation
 - increase certain benefits for student-athletes such as degree completion funding, medical coverage for athletically related injuries post-eligibility, mental health services, attesting to the provision of academic support, career counseling and life skills programming; again UNC is ahead of the curve on all these issues
 - the removes the limit on the number of official visits a student-athlete may take (but only one official visit per school)
 - to permit different divisions to have different sport rules
- California has proposed legislation that would require schools to allocate revenue from the revenue sports to the student-athletes in those sports.
- The ACC has hired a full-time general counsel, Pearlynn Houck.
- ACC Post-graduate scholarship recipients from UNC 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: Armondo Bacot, Basketball, Exercise and Sports Science

ASPSA Update (Michelle Brown)

- Registration went smoothly. Student-athletes register before other students and sometimes discover logistical issues that can then be fixed before other students try to register.
- The Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) presentation on Working with Student-Athletes was cancelled because of a low sign-up. The CFE will try scheduling this again in the fall and hope for a better turnout then.
- Graduation Success Rate (GSR) data will be submitted to the NCAA by June 1.
- The Academic Progress Rate (APR) information will be released by the NCAA on May 2 for the 2021-22 academic year. A number of teams have scored 1000 and teams with a multi-year APR of 1000 are Field Hockey, Men's Golf, Women's Fencing, Women's Soccer, Women's Swimming & Diving, Women's Tennis, and Women's Volleyball.
 - APR is defined on the [Academic Scorecard](#).

Athletic Director Update (Bubba Cunningham)

- Name, Image and Likeness (NIL)
 - Arkansas has enacted a state NIL law that provides that universities may engage in NIL activities with student-athletes, contrary to the NCAA rules on the subject. The landscape is rapidly changing. The NCAA continues to look to Congress for a federal law that would preempt the conflicting NIL state legislation.
 - New NCAA President Charlie Baker on NIL:
 - Transparency into the NIL contracts of student-athletes
 - Accountability
 - Uniformity across the country
- The ACC spring sport championships are underway.
- The Chewning Tennis Center was recently dedicated.
- The golf course project is continuing and work will soon begin on a dedicated practice gym for women's basketball.
- The Rammy's are April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. FAC members are invited to attend this celebration of student-athletes.
- A dinner was recently held honoring this year's national championship winners: Women's Lacrosse (spring 2022), Field Hockey, Aranza Vasquez (1 meter and 3 meter diving), and Austin O'Connor (157-pound class wrestling)

Minutes

- The February and March minutes were approved.

Reports from Teams

- The Football spring game went well. The transfer portal is now open.

- Duwe Farris reported that the transfer portal in Men's Basketball is crazy, with 3-4 students from each D1 team going into the portal. Many student-athletes consider transferring if they are not playing right away. NIL has an impact since some students are concerned that lack of playing time is hurting their ability to establish their NIL "brand."
- Rowers expressed concern about a long practice occurring on one of the University's Wellness Days. Women's Golf also had concerns about practicing on a Wellness Day. Bubba Cunningham said he would address this at the next Coaches' Meeting. Teams that are in-season may need to handle the wellness days differently than teams that are out-of-season.
- Some students were concerned with food offerings at the fueling station and in the weight rooms. Dwight Hollier reported some issues with overspending and then underspending in this area but that he now hoped the level was back to where it should be. This was discussed at the most recent SAAC meeting.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION FOR FAC IN 2023-2024 AND BEYOND

- Continuing members were invited to nominate themselves or others for Chair and Vice-Chair in the Chat or by emailing Amy Grau.

FOLLOW-UP TO ASPSA DISCUSSION / LAST MEETING

- University Approved Absences. The letter drafted by Jay Smith and FAC was sent to Amy Boerner, Director of Provost Initiatives on April 13. Amy responded that she is gathering information about the excused absence policy and that this input is helpful. She will reach back out if a meeting to discuss further would be beneficial.
- Book Orders. When faculty do not place a book order with UNC Student Stores it presents an issue for student-athletes who receive books as part of their scholarship. They must either spend their own money to get the books from another source and seek reimbursement which can take awhile or have ASPSA contact the bookstore to submit the order and then wait several weeks for Student Stores to receive the books. Michelle Brown will check with the Scholarship and Financial Aid office to see if this is an issue for students other than those on athletics aid. She and Lissa Broome will ask the Provost's Office if it can communicate with faculty about this issue. Stacey Daughters suggested discussing this issue at departmental meetings, particularly in those departments that have a number of student-athlete in their majors.
- Instructor Feedback Forms. Instructor feedback forms for student-athletes were discussed. This topic should be added to the Issues document. Is there qualitative information that would be helpful to ASPSA like the level of the student's engagement in the course?
- Gen Ed Curriculum. There was some negative feedback on the asynchronous data literacy lab and the uneven quality of some of the courses taught by multiple faculty (some fully integrated; some more like three separate

courses). Perhaps this information could be conveyed to Dean Abigail Panter, as review of the new curriculum is ongoing.

ISSUES TO TACKLE IN 2023 – BREAK-OUT TIME

- Parking. The Student-Athlete Handbook will be updated to discuss how the Athletics Department can assist in reimbursing parking. Bubba Cunningham will ask Clint Gwaltney from Athletics to discuss with Deborah Hawkins whether additional parking can be made available given that some employee parking spots may be held by hybrid workers.
- Interaction with coaches. Consider how to best utilize time with coaches and whether FAC should try to meet with coaches one time per semester or one time per academic year. Would it be better to have one meeting that is just devoted to conversation with FAC without other agenda items? FAC members need to contribute to the Google Document FAC sheet so that document can be shared with the coaches, SAAC, and each FAC member's team(s).
- Meeting dates and format. Consider meeting dates for next year and discuss the best format – in-person, Zoom, hybrid, or a combination of these. Discussion seems best when FAC meets in-person.

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