

## FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE NOTES

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### ATTENDEES

#### FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:

David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Lisa Rahangdale, Keia Sanderson, Abbie Smith-Ryan, Erienne Weight

#### ADVISORS:

Bubba Cunningham (Athletics), Cricket Lane (Athletics)

#### GUESTS:

Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office)

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### WELCOME

Chair Erienne Weight welcomed members to the in-person meeting, noting that some members thought the meeting was virtual and were not able to attend in person.

### FAC UPDATES

#### FAR Update (Lissa Broome)

- The complete update is posted on Sakai.
- The ACC spring meetings were May 15-17
  - A subcommittee of FARs recommended that (a) two, \$9,000 postgraduate scholarships be awarded per school (instead of three, \$6,000 scholarships) and that (b) the Honorary Postgraduate designation be separated from the PGS award. The subcommittee continues to work on the latter recommendation.
  - The ACC Health and Safety Summit is May 23-24 in Durham.
  - The ACC Unity Tour to DC will take place July 9-12. Cricket Lane will be one of 4 coaches/staff/administrators attending, along with 6 student-athletes from UNC.
  - The ACC SAAC recommended that the conference establish minimum requirements for mental health professionals at each school, require mental health training for coaches, and require each school to provide student-athletes with a list of mental health resources available on campus and through the Athletics Department.
  - The ACC is considering how to best implement the NCAA requirement that student-athletes participate in conference governance. All ACC committees will be reviewed to determine if a student-athlete member should be added, if not already included.

- Book Orders at Student Stores. Michelle Brown and Lissa Broome contacted Darren Padua regarding the book order issue. As a result, the Registrar sent a message to summer school faculty asking them to place their book orders with Student Stores so that students receiving books as part of their financial aid package would have access to the books. The Provost also discussed this issue at the Dean's meeting. FAC suggested that Broome and Brown ask Padua to circulate the Registrar's message each semester when faculty are placing book orders for the following semester.

#### **ASPSA Update (from Michelle Brown, delivered by Broome)**

- Thanks to those who attended the Academic Banquet. The artwork on the table was created by student-athletes. Reese Brantmeier of the Women's Tennis team (National Champions!) was one of the artists.
- Women's Tennis is also on track to have the highest team GPA for the spring semester.
- The Graduation Success Rate (GSR) data is due June 1. Coaches are currently reviewing the data to ensure that the cohorts are correct.
  - GSR is defined on the [Academic Scorecard](#).
- The grade freeze date is May 30. Preliminary indications are that all teams had a successful semester.

#### **Athletic Director Update (Bubba Cunningham)**

- Bubba Cunningham, Vince Ille, and Marielle vanGelder will be attending panels on intercollegiate athletics in Washington, DC, June 7-8. If federal legislation is forthcoming, it will likely be introduced before August.
- ACC Presidents meet in Charlotte tomorrow. They will meet with the ADs for the first hour for follow-up discussions related to revenue and revenue distribution.
  - The grant of media rights to the ACC lasts until 2036.
- ESPN and the ACC are working to free up inventory that schools can market to top sponsors, with the money raised being returned to the school.
- Lawsuits against the NCAA and the conferences (*House* and *Johnson*) continue.
- Bain will issue an analysis of the NCAA governance structure and office staffing in July pursuant to the request of new NCAA President, Charlie Baker.
- Cunningham reviewed some of the contradictions in intercollegiate athletics:
  - (a) we don't have enough money, but (b) we have large salaries for coaches and amazing facilities
  - (a) athletes are students first, but (b) we earn \$1 billion from the NCAA's TV contract
  - (a) athletics is part of the academy, but (b) we have light shows and other game accompaniments associated with professional sports
- Women's Tennis earned an NCAA Championship.
- Men's Golf is competing in the NCAA Tournament.

- The ACC Baseball Tourney is about to get underway in Durham.
- A number of coaches have received contract extensions.

### **Minutes**

- The May minutes were approved. Michelle Brown subsequently noted a correction that was made. (When an instructor has not placed an order with the bookstore ASPSA may contact the *bookstore* – not the instructor.)

### **FAC Chair (Erienne Weight)**

- Duke and UNC are hosting a colloquium on labor markets, the role of intercollegiate athletics in higher education, and Title IX on November 10 in conjunction with the UNC-Duke football game (November 11). The program will likely be held at Duke.
- Weight was recently interviewed by Ned Barnett of the News & Observer about the report that not all of Caleb Love's credits transferred to Michigan. The group discussed how each school has its own rules for what classes are comparable and what will transfer. At some schools, for instance, P/F courses do not transfer.
- Weight will ask our three departing FAC members to provide reflections on their time as FAC members at the June retreat or in writing prior to then.

### **FAC Leadership for 2023-24**

- Weight and Smith-Ryan were unopposed for Chair and Vice Chair for 2023-24. Weight plans to continue to lead the meetings while she is on research leave in the fall. Smith-Ryan will chair, if needed, and David Berkhoff will provide support.

### **PROGRESS REPORT FEEDBACK FROM FACULTY**

- For many faculty, Travel Letters and Progress Report Forms are their only touchpoints with Athletics. Some faculty have complained that the progress report forms are clunky and time consuming to fill out if there are multiple student-athletes in the class. Some wonder whether positive as well as negative feedback is passed along to the students. This topic will be discussed further at the June retreat.
  - Michelle Brown, who could not be present at today's meeting, says that a new system for the feedback forms is being evaluated.
  - Keia Sanderson suggested that the Med School's program, One45, might be suitable for this purpose.
  - Brown and a FAC member may want to ask for time on the agenda of departmental faculty meetings for the 4 or 5 departments that have the highest number of student-athlete majors to emphasize the

importance of these reports and answer questions about them and the travel letters presented by student-athletes.

### [ISSUES TO TACKLE IN 2023-2024 \(click on Link\)](#)

- Before the retreat, FAC members should consider what issues they want to tackle in 2023-24. The group evaluated progress on some of this year's issues below.
- FAC – Student-Athlete Relationships
  - FACTs. FAC members need to complete their entry so this document can be shared with student-athletes and coaches.
  - Another priority is to build out the list of former FAC members and former student-athletes as a resource for current student-athletes and coaches.
- FAC Team Liaisons
  - Create a document to share with FAC and coaches that could serve as a baseline for how to use the FAC liaison.
  - Could include activities that FAC liaison could be invited to (team practice, team pre-game meal, competition, team meeting to get introduced, joint meeting with coach, ASPSA counselor, sport administrator)
  - FAC member could pass out FACTs that could be supplemented with a list of how the FAC member can help – focusing on academic touchpoints
    - May be able to give advice on courses, majors, careers, grad study, or point you to other current or former FAC members who match with your interests
- MAPS degree. The MAPS program has reached capacity so student-athlete grad transfers coming in now do not have access to it.
  - Will grad school pressure be reduced when the extra year of COVID eligibility ends?
  - The School of Education's Masters in Educational Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (MEITE) is a good option and is a one-year program.
- Dropped Quiz Policy. FAC's concerns and letter have been delivered to Amy Boerner in the Provost's Office. She is leading a committee that is looking at the University's Approved Absence Policy.
  - Weight described a "buffet grading" approach that she may be employing next year in her co-taught course, with a menu of different assessment options that students may elect from. There may be 120 available credits, but if a student elects not to do a particular activity, those points are removed from the denominator. This provides students more autonomy and flexibility.

- Keia Sanderson cautioned that in the Med School a similar practice resulted in some students not mastering the material required for them to pass their external boards.
- Meeting dates and format. Amy Grau will survey the group about whether FAC wishes to meet in-person or virtually for the fall semester and the best day to meet.

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