

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative for 2022-23
Faculty Council

March 22, 2024

My annual report as the faculty athletics representative (FAR) accompanies the annual report of the Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC).

The Role of the FAR

The role of the FAR at UNC is prescribed by the NCAA, ACC, UNC Faculty Code, and by a position description approved by Chancellor Holden Thorp in 2010.

NCAA ByLaws. 21.02.1 provides that the faculty athletics representative (FAR) “is designated by the institution’s president or chancellor . . . to represent the institution and its faculty in the institution’s relationships with the NCAA and its conference.” 8.1.3 provides that the FAR’s duties “shall be determined by the member institution.”

ACC Constitution. The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Bylaw 2.4.1.1 provides that each institution’s FAR shall be “a regular full-time member of the faculty or an administrative officer of such Member at the time of his or her appointment and shall be appointed by the CEO of such Member.” The FAR Committee shall “(i) advise the Board on matters concerning student welfare, academic integrity and the impact of athletics on academics, and (ii) perform any other duties or obligations as may be delegated or assigned to the FAR Committee by the Board from time to time,”

UNC Faculty Code, Section 3-4: The faculty athletics representative is appointed by the chancellor from among the voting faculty for an indefinite term, subject to formal review at least every five years. In making an appointment to this position or reviewing the incumbent, the chancellor follows a process established with the advice and consent of the Advisory Committee. The faculty athletics representative is the University’s voting delegate to the Atlantic Coast Conference and the University’s faculty representative within the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He or she makes an annual report to the Faculty Council and makes special reports to the Council from time to time as may be requested by the Agenda Committee.

UNC-CH Position Description. The general duties of the FAR at UNC are to serve as an advisor to the Chancellor and the Director of Athletics, and as a liaison to the faculty. Areas of focus include the academic success and academic integrity of student-athletes, compliance with ACC and NCAA rules, and a positive student-athlete experience. The FAR also helps represent the University at the ACC and participates in NCAA activities.

The FAR's Regular Duties and Activities

- Quarterly meetings with the Chancellor, Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator, and University General Counsel to update the Chancellor on ACC matters, with occasional other meetings with the FAR and Chancellor;
- Monthly meetings with the Athletics Director;
- Monthly meetings during the school year with the Director of the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (ASPSA), which, on occasion, include the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Abigail Panter;
- Meetings several times each semester with the Associate Athletics Director/NCAA Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, Marielle vanGelder;
- Monthly head coaches' meetings;
- Monthly sport administrators' meetings;
- Monthly meetings of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC);
- Monthly meetings of the Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC), ex officio member and secretary and prepared onboarding document for and meet with new FAC members for onboarding;
- Ex officio member of the Educational Foundation Executive Board (meets quarterly);
- Ex officio member of the Committee on Special Talent of the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (meets as needed, approximately 4 times per year);
- Ex officio member of the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics, the successor to the Process Review Group and the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group (meets 2 times per semester);
- Ex officio member of the Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee (meets as needed; has not met since 2016-17);
- Meetings every two months of CARE (Compliance, Academics, Registrar, Engagement) (meets during the academic year);
- Participate in annual review meetings with the athletic director and the head of Compliance of each team's Time Management Plan;
- Monitor the academic progress of student-athletes and assist the Director of ASPSA in reporting to the FAC data on the Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of our student-athletes, and consult on preparation of the Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard (attached);
- Attend numerous athletic contests and other student-athlete events, including Heel Camp (student-athlete annual orientation), the Baddour Leadership Academy recognition dinner, the Student-Athlete Scholarship luncheon, and Scholarship donor dinners;
- Serve on the Awards Committee that coordinates the application process for NCAA and ACC postgraduate scholarship awards, assists in the selection of nominees for other academic or service awards, and plans and coordinates the Student-Athlete Scholarship Luncheon (works via email and occasional meetings);
- Serve on the group that reviews the uses and guidelines for the Student Assistance Fund (meets 1 time per year);
- Serve on the committee that annually reviews the Department of Athletics' Drug Testing Policy for Student-Athletes (meets 1 time per year);

- Serve on search committees or interview candidates for various positions in the Athletics Department and ASPSA (as requested);
- Review, with the Registrar, the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the College of Arts and Sciences, and two members of FAC student-athlete enrollment and grade patterns (meet three times per year);
- Support the university's compliance program regarding NCAA regulations;
- Participate in investigations of potential NCAA rules violations;
- Review and approve in conjunction with the Chancellor and/or the Director of Athletics institutional requests for waivers of ACC and NCAA rules;
- Be advised of and review secondary violations of NCAA rules;
- Evaluate NCAA legislative proposals and participate in NCAA and ACC discussions;
- Represent the university in meetings of the ACC and the NCAA (as described more fully below).

Within the ACC, the chancellor/president, the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, and the faculty athletics representative of each member school have the primary governance and operating responsibility. I meet regularly with the Chancellor, Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator and University General Counsel to brief and advise the Chancellor on ACC and NCAA matters. As FAR, I participate in regular conference meetings in October, December, February, and May.

At the national level, I often attend the Division I-A FAR Annual Conference and the NCAA National Convention. I assist in reviewing and commenting on proposed legislation at the Division I level and the "autonomy" legislation for the Power Five Athletic Conferences. Since May 2022, I have served on the NCAA's Committee on Academics and its Penalties and Appeals Subcommittee. The Committee on Academics meets three times per year and the Subcommittee is meeting weekly this spring to hear appeals from APR penalties. I was recently appointed (spring 2024) as a Committee on Academics representative to the NCAA's Division I Baseball Legislative Subgroup. I participate in other activities as requested or needed.

As provided in the Faculty Code, my five-year review as FAR was completed in June 2020. Following the committee's recommendation that I be retained in this role, Chancellor Guskiewicz asked me to continue as the University's FAR and I accepted. Please feel free to contact me or FAC Chair, Dr. Erianne Weight, with any comments or concerns.

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Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard - Fall 2023



*For a complete list of academic honors and recognitions:
<http://aspsa.unc.edu/student-athlete-recognition/>

APR/GSR/FGR FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES BY SPORT

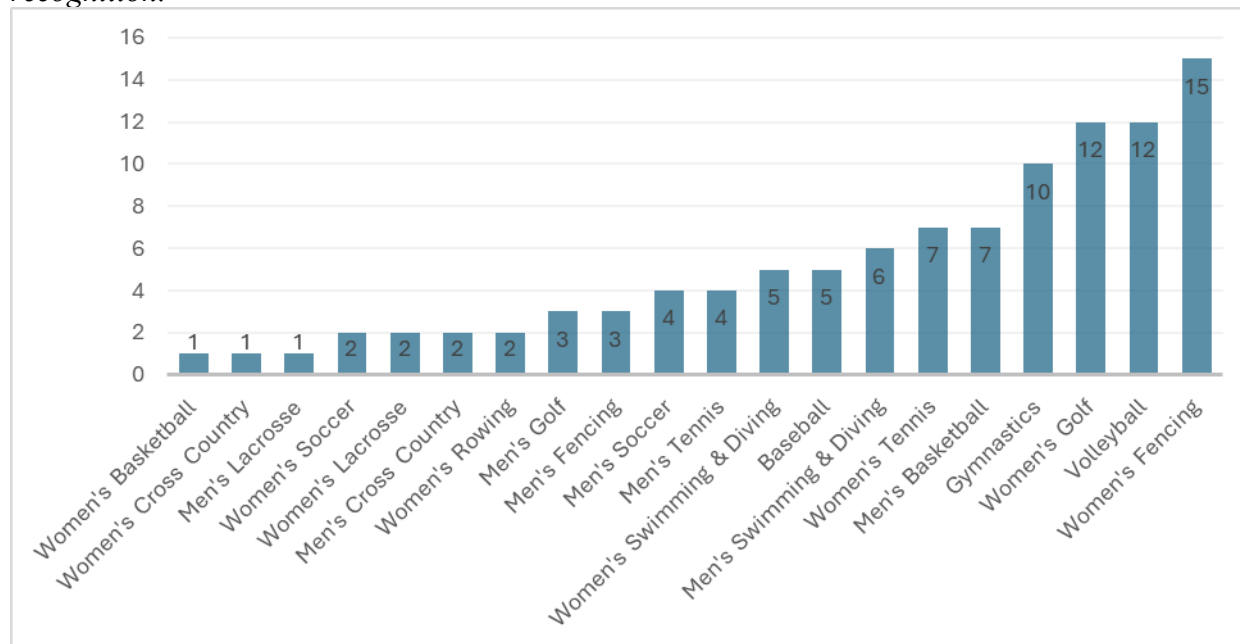
See definitions

Sport	Single-Year APR (2021- 2022)*	Multi- Year APR*	Multi-Year GSR (2012-15)	Multi-Year FGR (2012-15)
Men's Baseball	990	989	86	34
Men's Basketball	935	959	100	92
Men's Cross Country	1000	988	<i>combined with men's track</i>	<i>combined with men's track</i>
Men's Fencing	1000	995	100	100
Men's Football	984	982	71	59
Men's Golf	1000	1000	100	100
Men's Lacrosse	987	994	91	84
Men's Soccer	965	991	100	81
Men's Swimming & Diving	980	985	100	95
Men's Tennis	938	962	100	88
Men's Track & Field	1000	989	91	83
Men's Wrestling	946	972	75	63
Sport	Single-Year APR (2021- 2022)*	Multi-Year APR*	Multi-Year GSR (2012-15)	Multi-Year FGR (2012-15)
Women's Basketball	1000	986	100	58
Women's Cross Country	1000	995	<i>combined with women's track</i>	<i>combined with women's track</i>
Women's Fencing	1000	1000	100	100
Women's Field Hockey	1000	1000	93	85
Women's Golf	968	991	83	57
Women's Gymnastics	1000	990	100	91
Women's Lacrosse	993	993	100	93
Women's Rowing	993	997	94	89
Women's Soccer	1000	1000	100	89
Women's Softball	1000	997	92	64
Women's Swimming & Diving	1000	1000	100	100
Women's Tennis	1000	1000	100	88
Women's Track & Field	976	976	94	80
Women's Volleyball	1000	1000	100	89

* Top 10% NCAA Public Recognition for APR (of all squads in each sport).

TOP 10% NCAA PUBLIC RECOGNITION FOR APR

UNC-CH teams recognized over 15 years of APR's existence since 2004-05. For 2021, 2022, and 2023 the NCAA has suspended public recognition.



UNC FGR/GSR – STUDENT BODY & STUDENT-ATHLETES

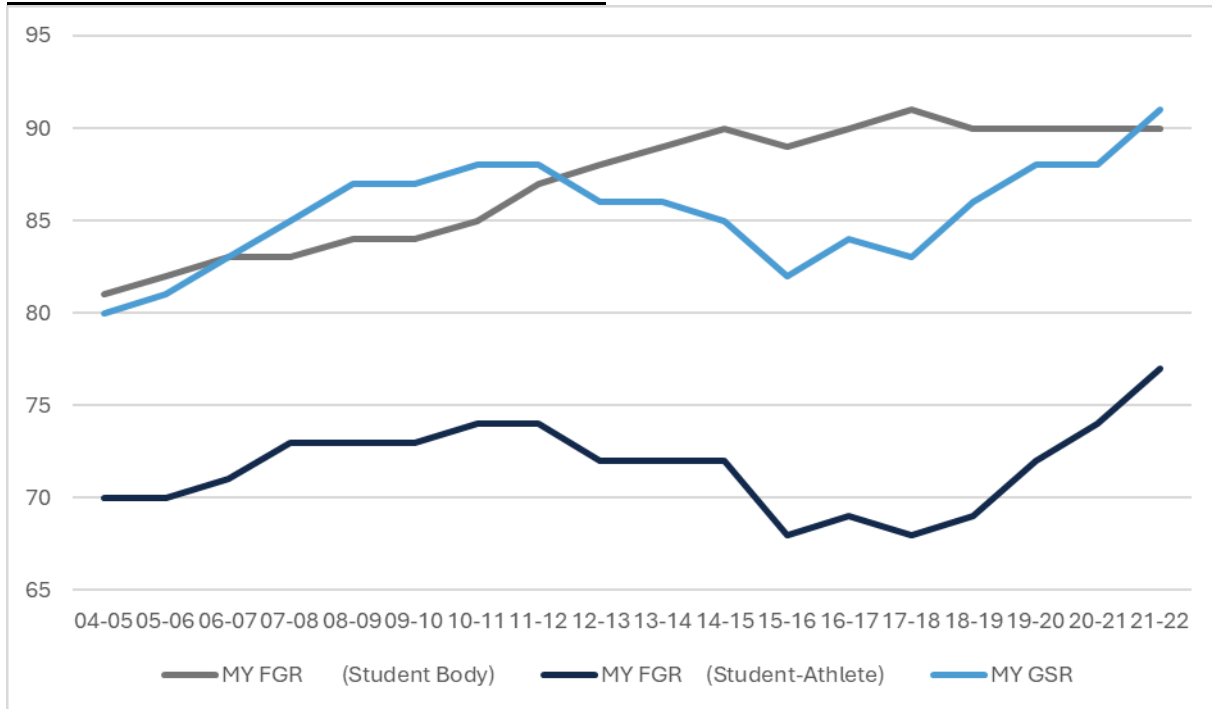
UNC Students	Single Year FGR (2015-16)	Multi Year FGR (2012-15)	Multi Year GSR (2012-15)
Student Body	90	90	-
Student-Athletes	83	77	91

TOP 5 MAJORS AMONG ENROLLED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: WHO HAVE ACHIEVED AT LEAST JUNIOR STATUS

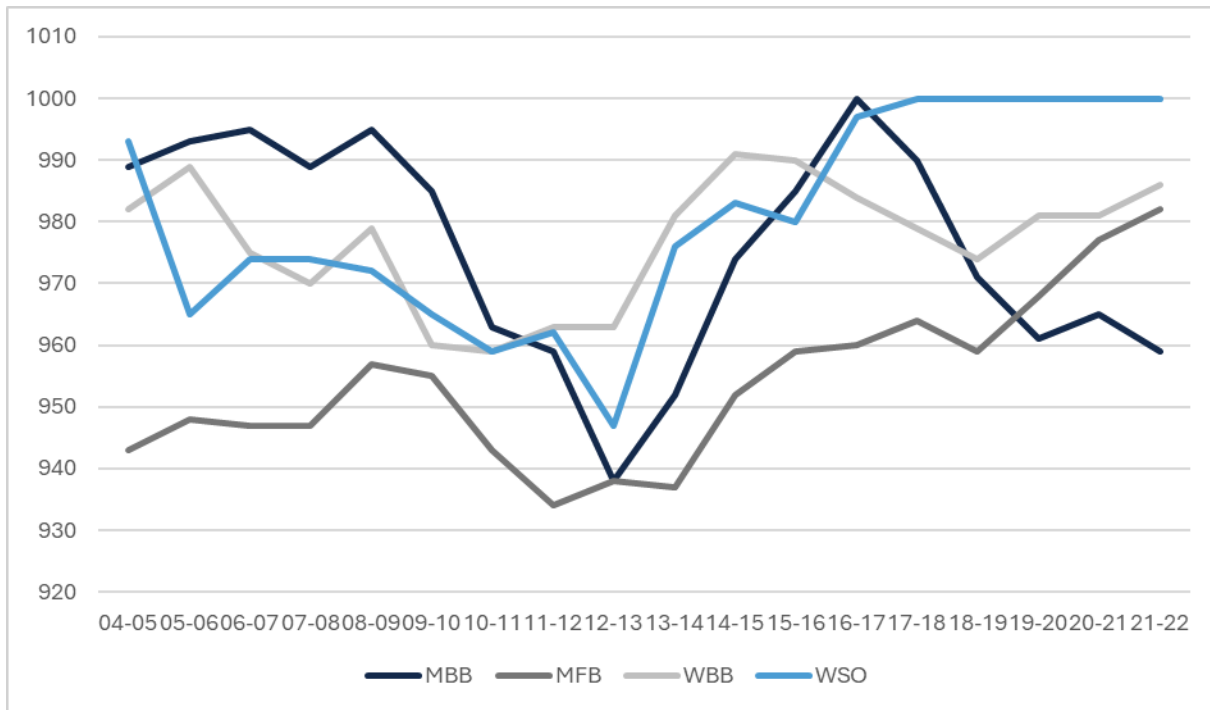
As of Fall 2022: Includes undergraduate student-athletes (all participants) who have achieved at least junior status by the fall semester. Students with double majors are counted once in each of their majors. N=distinct students

UNC Student Body (N=11,026)	%	UNC Student-Athletes (N=310)	%
1. Biology (B.A. & B.S.)	10.6	1. Exercise & Sports Science	29.4
2. Psychology (B.A. & B.S.)	7.6	2. Business Administration	9.3
3. Computer Science (B.A. & B.S.)	7.2	3. Economics (B.A. & B.S.)	8.5
4. Economics (B.A. & B.S.)	6.3	4. Communication Studies	8.2
5. Political Science	5.4	5. Media & Journalism	6.4

MULTI-YEAR GSR & FGR: OVER TIME



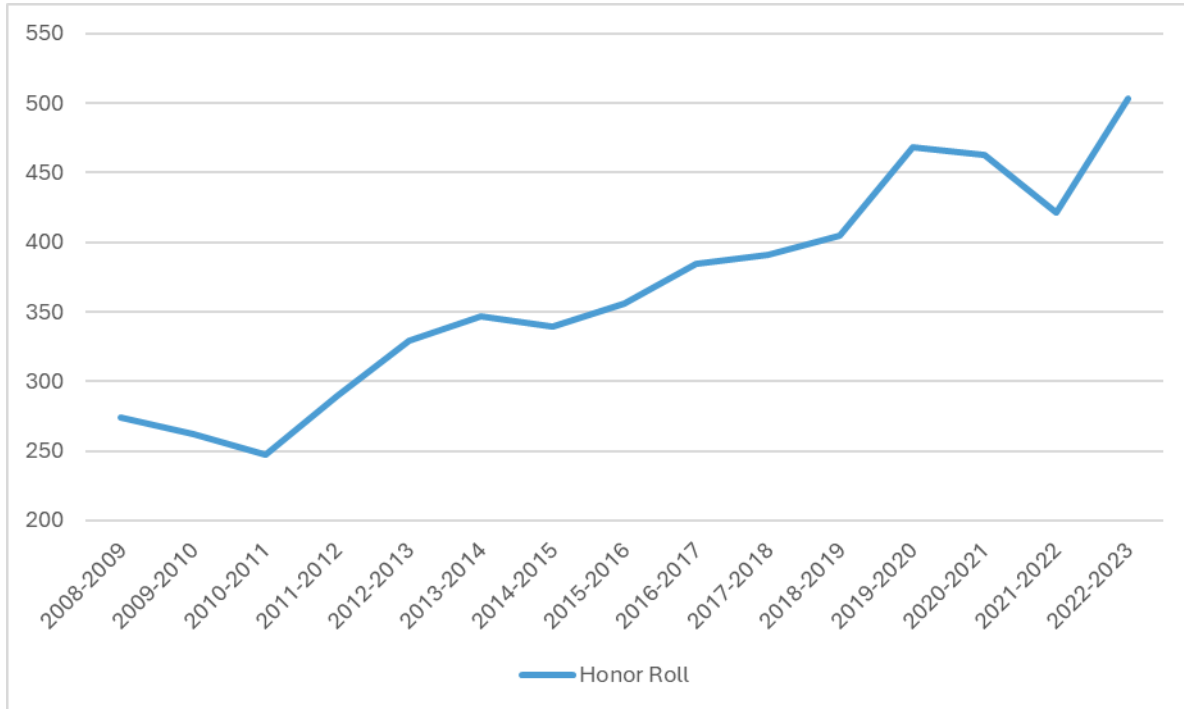
MULTI-YEAR APR (Men’s BBall, Men’s Football, Women’s BBall, Women’s Soccer):OVER TIME



*1000 – Maximum Score

ACC HONOR ROLL FOR UNC-CHAPEL HILL (2008-2023)

The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Honor Roll is comprised of student-athletes who participated in a varsity sport and achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher in that academic year.



Year	Number of UNC-CH Students
2022-2023	503
2021-2022	421
2020-2021	463
2019-2020	468
2018-2019	405
2017-2018	391
2016-2017	385
2015-2016	356
2014-2015	339
2013-2014	347
2012-2013	329
2011-2012	290
2010-2011	247
2009-2010	262
2008-2009	274

Definitions of APR, FGR, and GSR

APR – Academic Progress Rate. The APR standard for a team to be eligible for postseason play is a four-year APR of at least 930 (maximum rate is 1000). This is an NCAA metric based on the academic eligibility, retention, and graduation of **student-athletes receiving athletically related financial aid**. Points are awarded each semester per student-athletes on the basis of eligibility/graduation and retention. Each team member may earn two points per semester: one point for maintaining eligibility or for graduation, and a second point for being retained. Points may also be earned in specific cases when a student transfers or returns to the institution after time away and subsequently graduates. On a team with ten members, there would be a maximum of 40 possible points in an academic year. If two student-athletes on the team were not eligible in the spring semester and were not retained, then the hypothetical team would only earn 36 points (losing 2 points for each student during that spring semester). The APR in this hypothetical example is calculated by first dividing 36 by 40 (equals .9), and then multiplying by 1000 to get an APR of 900.

FGR – Federal Graduation Rate. This graduation rate is reported by the Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics as part of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). This metric is a six-year rate that includes **students who matriculate in the fall semester and received athletic scholarship aid in their first semester of enrollment**. The federal graduation rate counts student-athletes who left the University in good standing prior to graduation as nongraduates. This data is available for student-athletes at an institution and for the student body, so it is a way of comparing the performance of student-athletes with the student body.

GSR – Graduation Success Rate. The GSR is an NCAA metric and is calculated **for student athletes who received athletics aid during their initial semester of enrollment**. The GSR adds students who transferred into the institution, and they are included in their original matriculation year cohort. The GSR also differs from the FGR in that schools are not penalized when a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining leaves in good academic standing to transfer to another institution, pursue a professional career, or for any other reason. Under the FGR, such departures are counted as failures to graduate from the institution of original enrollment, even if the student later graduates from another institution.

To search full reports for UNC-CH and our peer institutions:

APR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/aprsearch>

FGR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/gsrsearch>

GSR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/gsrsearch>

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ADDENDUM

GPA Comparison

Student-athlete GPA Spring 2022 was 3.214

Non-student-athlete GPA Spring 2022 was 3.466

Course Clustering

2021-22 (fall, spring, summer session I, summer session II): flagged 227 course sections with 25% or more of the enrollment comprised of student-athletes.

No course sections were found to be irregular, requiring further review.

Transcript Review

Reviewed 284 transcripts for student-athletes who were identified as having enrolled in 3 or more flagged course sections in 2021-22 (fall, spring, summer session I, summer session II).

None of these transcripts were found to be irregular.