

Faculty Senate Resolution #12-53

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Resolution on Conference-USA Student-Athlete Travel

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University recognizes that East Carolina University is committed to offering opportunities for participation in collegiate athletics at the highest levels of competition; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University recognizes that many students who participate in collegiate athletics excel in the classroom, while others who participate fail to meet academic expectations; and

Whereas, East Carolina University is a member institution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), a voluntary membership association that governs intercollegiate athletics; and

Whereas, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), obliges member institutions “to establish policies in all sports concerning student-athlete’s missed class time due to participation in intercollegiate athletics and in athletics competition scheduled during final examination periods” (NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.1.1); and

Whereas, the East Carolina University Faculty Athletics Representative and the East Carolina University Athletics Committee have been reviewing athletic team schedules and have found challenges associated with travel in Conference-USA that are inconsistent with a commitment to the academic success and personal development of students who participate in collegiate athletics; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University urges a review of policies and practices related to student-athlete travel in Conference-USA by the Chancellors and Faculty Senates of all Conference-USA member institutions in an effort to minimize the disruption of the student athletes’ academic progress.