

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC AND APPELLATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

2019-2020 Academic Year

COMMITTEE: University Athletics Committee

1. Membership (include ex-officio members). Regular Members: Deborah Shoop, Chair; Michael Harris, Vice Chair; Alex Durland, Secretary; Liz Doster, Mark Moore, Sharon Justice, Charles Meadows, Peter Francia. Ex-officio w/vote: Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Phillip Wood, Matthew Miller. Ex-officio w/o vote: Mark Sanders, Chris Stansbury, Jon Gilbert, Nita Boyce, Alex Keddie, Sue-L. Cohen, Jake Kuchmaner.

2. Meeting Dates

(Includes members present and those who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting).

9/24/19:

Regular Member Attendees: Alex Durland, Mike Harris, Deborah Shoop, Mark Moore, Charles Meadows

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Nita Boyce, Mark Sanders, Alex Keddie, Sue -L. Cohen

Guest: Crystal Chambers

10/29/19:

Regular Member Attendees: Alex Durland, Mike Harris, Charles Meadows, Sharon Justice, Peter Francia

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller.

Ex-officio Members (without vote) Mark Sanders, Sue Cohen, Jon Gilbert, Chris Stansbury, Alex Keddie

Guest: Danielle Morrin

11/19/19

Regular Member Attendees: Alex Durland, Liz Doster, Sharon Justice, Mark Moore, Deborah Shoop

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller

Ex-officio Members (without vote: Mark Sanders, Alex Keddie Sue L. Cohen, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert, Chris Stansbury

01/21/2020

Regular Member Attendees: Mike Harris, Alex Durland, Sharon Justice, Charles Meadows, Mark Moore, Peter Francia.

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller

Ex-officio Members (w/o vote): Mark Sanders, Alex Kidde, Chris Stansbury, Nita Boyce
Guests: Mike Hanley, Jake Moore, Kristina Parrish, Rachel Baker

02/18/2020

Regular Member Attendees: Mike Harris, Sharon Justice, Deborah Shoop
Ex-officio Members (w/ vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller
Ex-officio Members (w/o vote): Jon Gilbert, Mark Sanders, Alex Kidde, Chris Stansbury,
Nita Boyce

March meeting cancelled due to Spring Break/COVID-19 rescheduling

04/14/20 (held via WebEx)

Regular Member Attendees: Mike Harris, Alex Durland, Sharon Justice, Mark Moore,
Charles Meadows, Peter Francia, Deborah Shoop
Ex-officio Members (w/vote): Cal Christian, Matthew Miller, Bob Kulesher
Ex-officio Members (w/o vote): Jon Gilbert, Mark Sanders, Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce,
Chris Stansbury, Sue-L. Cohen
Guest: Jennifer Bonner

3. Subcommittees established during the previous academic year (includes progress and/or completion of work):

9/24/19

Created a subcommittee from the UAC to have individual contacts for different areas of athletics hoping to connect the department to this committee, looking into undergrad research opportunities, internships and study abroad/service learning for athletes and helping to better align university academics with academics from other AAC schools.

11/19/2019

The Academic Subcommittee met in closed session to review academic information with Nita Boyce (Moore, Durland, Doster, Christian, Shoop, Kulesher, Cohen, Sanders).

An Academic Review of the previous academic year was conducted. Boyce responded to committee questions, helping to clarify areas of student academic difficulties. Overall, students' GPA was in line with academic and university standards at the time.

4. Accomplishments during this year, especially as addressed through committee goals. Include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

The accomplished goals of the committee as they related to the original goals outlined in the 9/24/19 meeting include:

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- a. Continued to monitor academic performance including monitoring grade point average, course clustering, and independent study enrollment.
- b. The committee received a Dept. of Athletics update from Jon Gilbert every meeting in order to ask questions, express concerns, and clarify the direction of the department. In addition, representatives from related groups (i.e. Pirate Club) attended regularly to offer insight into facilities improvements, donations, community involvement, etc. Also received updates from Nita Boyce regarding issues related to recruitment and eligibility. Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Cal Christian summarized the AAC faculty athletics representative's symposium which is focused on student athlete well-being.
- c. Opened communications with both Athletic Training and Sports Nutrition to discuss maintaining student athletes' health and physical well-being throughout the year, hearing reports from Jake Moore, Head Football Athletic Trainer, and Kristina Parrish, Director of Sports Nutrition.
- d. Matthew Miller, Student Body Representative, informed the committee of a new campus initiative to promote/reinforce positive student behavior as recognized by police. The goals are to emphasize personal responsibility and to ECU's core values, as well as to promote positive police and community interactions. The UAC will receive continuing reports regarding this ongoing initiative.
- e. Alex Keddie provided an overview of processes involving student athlete compliance. The areas covered were certifying eligibility, monitoring CARA and RARA, process for reporting concerns/violations, and training sessions for student athletes.

The UAC meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020 was cancelled due to ongoing scheduling problems caused by the University's response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. The meeting on April 14, 2020 was held via Web-Ex due to the Governor's official "Stay at Home" order for all of North Carolina. During this April meeting, Nita Boyce, Director of Student Development, provided this committee with a Contingency Plan for Continuity of Services – a Response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Athletic Director Jon Gilbert shared an overview of NCAA athletics' response to the COVID-19 threat, beginning with their decision to cancel the NCAA basketball tournament as well as the cancellation of all spring sports. There is a concern that cancellations could affect sponsorship dollars in donations and ticket sales; also due to the lost revenue of no NCAA or conference tournaments. Spring athletes were granted an additional year of eligibility which would significantly impact the budget with returning scholarship athletes. Nita Boyce discussed highlights of the continuity of services contingency plan, including providing laptops for students in need, mentorship as often as daily for high risk students, and virtual advising/tutoring sessions.

5. Business carried over to next year

The Academic Integrity sub-committee meeting will be postponed until such time as an inperson meeting can be scheduled safely.

6. Evaluation of the committee (including anything that hindered or assisted the Committee's work during the year).
 - a. Charge: Appropriate
 - b. Personnel: Appropriate
 - c. Attendance: Good
 - d. Responsibilities: Provides faculty input regarding student-athlete issues and concerns. Facilitates better communication between Athletics Dept. and student body.
 - e. Activities: Productive
7. Suggestions to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the Effectiveness of the committee.
8. Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set for this year? If yes, when would be preferable?

Signed: Chairperson Deborah A. Shoop

Vice-Chair Michael Harris

Secretary Abdul D. D. D.

Please forward the completed annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email (facultysenate@ecu.edu) no later than June 1, 2020.