

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
ACADEMIC AND APPELLATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**  
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**2020-2021 Academic Year  
COMMITTEE: University Athletics Committee**

**Membership (include ex-officio members).**

REGULAR MEMBERS: Michael Harris, Sharon Justice, Deborah Shoop, Alex Durland, Peter Francia, Mark Sanders, Thompson Forbes, Charles Meadows

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (with vote): Cal Christian, Jean-Luc Scemama, Hans Vogelsong, William West (student member)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (without vote): Jon Gilbert, Nita Boyce, Karen Vail Smith, Alex Keddie, Eric Kneubuehl, Chris Buddo

**Meeting Dates (include members present).**

August 25, 2020; started at 3pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Alex Durland, Rachel Baker, Nita Boyce, Chris Buddo, Cal Christian, Thompson Forbes, Peter Francia, Sharon Justice, Jon Gilbert, Alex Keddie, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Mark Sanders, Jean-Luc Scemama, William West, Purificacion Martinez (Faculty Chair)

September 22, 2020; started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Chris Buddo, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Alex Durland, Thompson Forbes, William West, Sharon Justice, Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert

October 27, 2020; started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Chris Buddo, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Alex Durland, Thompson Forbes, William West, Sharon Justice, Jean-Luc Scemama, Mark Sanders Rachel Baker Peter Francia, Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert, Cliff Godwin (guest), Kimberly McNeill (guest)

November 17, 2020 started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Chris Buddo, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Jean-Luc Scemama, Mark Sanders, Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert, Jennifer Bonner (guest)

January 19, 2021; started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Chris Buddo, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Jean-Luc Scemama, Mark Sanders, Alex Durland, Debbie Shoop, Hans Vogelsong, Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert, Danielle

Morrin (guest), Timothy Bunten (student guest), Joshua Spare (student guest), Brittany Borchers (student guest)

February 16, 2021; started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Peter Francia, Chris Buddo, , Charles Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Mark Sanders, Alex Durland, , Debbie Shoop, Hans Vogelsong, Jon Gilbert, Nita Boyce

March 23, 2021; started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Alex Durland, Peter Francia, Mark Sanders, Thompson Forbes, Charles Meadows, Cal Christian, Jean-Luc Scemama, Nita Boyce, Karen Vail Smith, Alex Keddie, Eric Kneubuehl, Chris Buddo, Ryan Robinson (guest)

April 20, 2021 started at 3:30pm

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Peter Francia, Chris Buddo, , Charles Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Mark Sanders, Alex Durland, Athletics: Jon Gilbert, Nita Boyce, Alex Keddie

**Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).**

The Academic Integrity subcommittee met in November 2020 and April 2021. During these meetings we reviewed the academic performance of the student athletes for Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Fall 2020 semesters.

Various trends were analyzed and special discussion centered around the transition to virtual learning due to COVID-19. No concerns emerged regarding the data from these semesters. Many athletic teams continue to set records for GPA and academic performance.

**Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.**

1. Gained a stronger understanding of various functions of the Department of Athletics, particularly in regards to student development, eligibility and welfare.
2. Learned more about the perspectives of student-athletes, athletic coaches, and administrators.
3. Received monthly updates from the AD, FAR and support services from the Department of Athletics. This included strategic adjustments based on changing guidance regarding COVID-19.
4. Shared faculty perspectives to Department of Athletics leadership.
5. Reviewed and analyzed academic progress reports from student athletes.
6. Examined course clustering and other academic trend data.
7. Worked with the Student Academic Appeals Committee to share information on the transfer portal and student-athlete eligibility. Served as a bridge between SAAC and the Department of Athletics to ensure both parties understand each other's perspectives and concerns.

**Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).** None

**Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).**

1. Continue to work with the Student Academic Appeals Committee in regards to issues involving the student-athlete transfer portal.

**Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).**

- A. Charge: Appropriate; consistent with the expectations of the committee.
- B. Personnel: Appropriate; knowledgeable and supportive faculty and staff members
- C. Attendance: Good; consistent attendance among all types of members
- D. Responsibilities: Appropriate; the committee is focused on issues pertaining to intercollegiate athletics at ECU, including oversight responsibility in academic integrity, eligibility and compliance, and student development. The Academic Integrity subcommittee reports on the academic quality of the athletic program.
- E. Activities: Productive; faculty learned various elements of athletic operations particularly in regards to student development and academic support and integrity.

**Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee.**

This was an effective committee and we recommend reappointing any members with expiring terms who are interested in returning to the UAC.

**Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year? NO**

If yes, when do you prefer: NA

Signed:

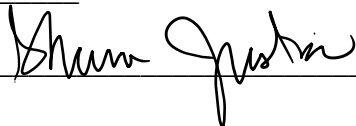
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Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



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