

FAAC Report for 2023-2024
Submitter by: Dr. Roger Soenksen, Chair of the FAAC
5/7/2024

Committee Name: Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee

Membership: Faculty/Administrators: Kirk Armstrong, Robert Brent, Jeff Campbell, Darin Council, Mark Gabriele, Donna Harper, Angela Hayslett, Mark L'Esperance, Tim Miller, Naarketta Sparkman-Key, Linda Thomas, Julie Wallace-Carr, and Roger Soenksen.

Membership: Students/SGA – Julio Ayamel, Paige Miller, Kayleigh Reinke, Rodrigo Robles, Lauren Satchell. Cassidy Strittmatter, Carissa Tambroni, Demitri Turner, Lexi Vanderlinden, Jordan Venning, and Carmen Aslam

Ex-officio: Jeff Bourne

We met over Zoom once in the Fall and once in the Spring Semesters.

Summary of Committee business:

- We covered the NCAA “Hot Topics.”
- We discussed Name, Image, and Likeness rules.
- We received an update on our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee activities and structure.
- We were informed on the contents of our Duke’s LEAD Program.
- We finalized a list of Harrisonburg and surrounding venues that would fit the Sun Belt’s Civil Rights Trail booklet.
- We had an AD report at each meeting.
- We had a FAR report at each meeting.

Needs: We will need to replace all student members. I’m happy to recruit student-athletes to serve and try to get those on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Executive Board to serve on the FAAC. We will need a replacement for Donna Harper, who is retiring.

Projected meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 Academic year: We will meet twice next year, probably using Zoom for the convenience of committee members. The committee members' schedules will determine the dates/times.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Dr. Roger Soenksen