

2017-18 Report, University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
Submitted by Tom DeNardin, Chair

This committee is comprised of faculty, staff, community and student members. We work in three subcommittees:

Equity and Student Well-being:

Carl Thameling (subcmte chair), Tommie Church, Myra Lovett, Lisa Varytimidis, Anthony Walker, Leigh Hersey

Academic Integrity and Compliance:

Brett Bennett (subcmte chair), Mary Adams, Todd Dooley, Anthony Malta, Barbara Michaelides

Governance and Fiscal Integrity:

Tom DeNardin (subcmte chair), Bob Cage, James Greenlaw, Bruce Walker, Nick Floyd

During the 2017-18 academic year, the committee met the following goals:

- A1) Continued Target Events
- A2) Continued Education
- A3) Creation of Student Athlete Questionnaire
- A4) Developed written guidelines for subcommittees
- A5) Began to develop new guidelines for Travel Schedules

A1: We continued our effort to encourage faculty/staff attendance at athletic events. With the help of Athletes, members of the committee have committed to attending Athletics functions together, and we had a large contingent at both The Pursuit and The ULM Maroon and Gold event.

A2: Todd Dooley presented updates of NCAA Compliance rules during each meeting. Brett Bennett continues to share information learned at the FAR conferences. Our Moodle now holds all pertinent documents, and future members and chairs/sub-chairs will find it much easier to get up to speed. Brett shared the Drake Group Results. The results have been posted on the UAAAC moodle page.

A3) All subcommittees developed a written guideline. This is to ensure new members can develop an understanding of the committee responsibilities.

A4) Members of AICS observed practices for Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Golf Event at BDCC during the academic year. Other sports will be visited next year. We hope this increased visibility will encourage student athletes to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Due to schedule issues within the Athletic Department, no students attended any UAAAC meetings.

A5) Todd Dooley, Carl Thameling followed up last years letter to Athletics that outlined the importance of timely reception of travel schedules. Schedules were given to the Equity and Student Well-being committee.

The following goals have been established for 2018-19:

B1) Re-addressing Student Athlete Participation. There were no students in attendance for 2017-18

B2) We would like to pursue our goal of having 4 student members: 2 spring sport athletes and 2 fall sport athletes, with the hope that at least two athletes will always be in attendance at our meetings.

B3) It is critical that travel schedules be submitted to the UAAAC in a timely manner

B4) Now that sub-committee written guidelines have been completed and accepted by the UAAAC, it is time that the membership changes. The current members are already interested in athletics. We need new members to spread the word of athletics around campus and the community.

B5) There has been a steady decline in tailgate attendance over the last seven years. Since parking has been an issue, many faculty are not participating in the tailgate, thus not attending games.