Selection and Responsibilities of the
Faculty Athletics Representatives

The Faculty Athletics Representatives will serve as the University delegates to NCAA, Big 10, WCHA and other external organizations. The representatives also will perform certain functions prescribed in the rules of those organizations, in these by-laws, and as delegated by the President or the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation.

A faculty athletics representative must be a member of the regular faculty who hold permanent tenure, and may not hold an administrative office higher than that of a department head or chair. The faculty athletics representative will serve at the pleasure of the President for a three (3) year term. Normally, individuals will not serve more than six (6) consecutive years in this office, but the President may, with approval of the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee, reappoint an individual as faculty representatives for additional terms of up to three years. So long as University has two faculty athletics representatives from the Twin Cities campus, every effort should be made to ensure that their terms are staggered.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. NCAA

   • Evaluate legislation and serve as delegate to convention
   • Maintain NCAA rules – local institutional control
   • Represent the faculty of the institution
   • Serve as the individual to contact the NCAA regarding policies
   • Serve on NCAA committees and participate in governance
   • Serve on certification steering committee
   • Review and sign off on initial eligibility determinations of student-athletes, waivers, and appeals
   • Know, understand and comply with all rules, policies, and regulations of the NCAA, as well as other applicable athletics compliance rules and policies

2. Conferences

   • Attend Big Ten and WCHA meetings
   • Participate on or chair committees such as the Eligibility, Compliance and Reinstatement, Drug Testing, Program and Budget committees
   • Chair Joint Group of FARs, ADs, and Senior Women Administrators (SWA) of Big Ten or WCHA league (this is done on a rotation cycle with other members of the Conferences)
   • Participate in legislation review and development of policies and procedures

3. Campus Constituencies
• Advise/consult the President and Chief of Staff on athletic issues which affect the institution
• Brief the President and Chief of Staff on issues pertaining to Conference meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors of the NCAA
• Serve as a voting member of the Advisory Committee on Athletics (ACA) and the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee on Athletics (FAOCIA)
• Report regularly to the Faculty Senate through the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC)
• Assure academic integrity and student-athlete welfare
• Present to Undergraduate Deans
• Participate in discussions with Senate representatives regarding COIA
• Serve on the planning committee for fostering relationships between faculty and coaches
• Serve on ad hoc task forces as needed
• Meet regularly with athletics director and other senior administrators in the athletics department
• Monitor student-athlete academic performance, distribution of student-athletes in majors, etc.
• Participate in eligibility summits with Admissions, Athletics, Compliance, McNamara Academic Center, and the Registrar’s Office
• Participate in and monitor activities of the McNamara Academic Center
• Monitor the student-athlete experience: Attend meetings with coaches, athletics department staff, Student-athlete Advisory Committee, ACA Personnel Subcommittee and Student Welfare
• Work closely with Compliance Office in submitting waivers, petitions, violations, and broaching investigations of issues
• Approve CELs and review missed class time
• Serve on search committees for coaches, AD, and other athletic department staff
• Attend athletics events, scholarship dinners, academic award dinners, AD’s advisory committee meetings.

4. Selection of the Faculty Representative

The Faculty Representatives are appointed by the President in consultation with the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee. Before making an appointment the President will provide an opportunity for interested faculty members to apply. The President will also solicit nominations and applications from the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee on Athletics.

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