

**Athletics Committee
2016 - 2017 Committee Report**

The Athletics Committee met three times during the academic year: 08/25/2016, 01/12/2017 and once electronically February 22-24, 2017

At the August meeting, fall and winter sport schedules were reviewed and approved. Laura Herron (Senior Associate AD) presented an update on the Title IX Audit completed by Helen Grant. Members discussed the welfare of international athletes during long breaks (winter, spring break, etc...). Debbie Ingram (FAR) discussed pending NCAA legislation related to student athlete welfare (recruitment, academic clock stoppage for internships, time off for athletes). Dr. Ingram also discussed the Southern Conference Graduate Scholarships and announced that Alicia Payne, graduate student in SOCW and former women's basketball player, received one for 2016. Several faculty and staff attended the Southern Conference Lead Workshop over the summer. The workshop focused on common problems with conference schools and developing relationships.

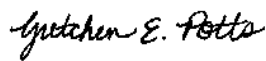
At the January meeting, spring sport schedules were reviewed and approved. The committee developed a list of faculty concerns to present to the Athletics Board (a Chancellor Committee) at the next meeting in February. These included:

1. Ability of athletes to participate in internships due to practice, competition and travel schedules
2. Issue with athletes missing out on academic learning opportunity because attendance would be a hardship
3. Accommodating athletes who require student teaching placements
4. Scheduling issues with certain majors that prohibit some athletes from some majors: e.g. music, art, nursing
5. Faculty/staff involvement in athletics events

D. Ingram announced the GPA highlights from the fall semester: 169 athletes on AD Honor Roll and 146 on Dean's List (out of 299 athletes). These athletes were honored on Academic Night at the Mocs basketball game. Also, Lisa Tarr and Gretchen Potts were awarded the All-Socon staff and faculty awards.

Finally, the committee met electronically February 22-24, 2017 to review and approve an adjustment to the Women's Golf schedule for Spring.

Respectfully submitted,



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