

**2022-2023 Faculty Athletics Committee  
Annual Report and Recommendations  
Respectfully Submitted by Gretchen Potts, Chair**

Summary of 2022-2023 Business

Faculty Athletics Committee met in person on 09/06/2022, 10/25/2022, 01/25/2023, and 02/27/2023. The committee also met virtually to review team schedules the week of 08/23/2022 with voting ending on 08/31/2022.

- Week of 08/23/2022: Fall sport missed class schedules were discussed and reviewed virtually (by email). Vote to accept passed 9-0.
- 09/06/2022: The chair reviewed the history and recent work of the committee. Valerie Rutledge explained her role as Faculty Athletics Rep (FAR). The committee discussed future priorities and business, which included Schedule Review Process, Absence Notifications, Committee Description, and Southern Conference and NCAA Business. The committee also decided to discuss the potential for student-athlete study-abroad.
- 10/25/2022: Committee reviewed and voted to accept winter sport missed class schedules by a vote of 10-0. Invited guest, Takeo Suzuki, led a discussion on potential study abroad options. The Schedule Review Subcommittee recommended that some additional notes be added to the schedule, but no changes to the overall missed class policy was recommended. Absence notifications were discussed and a few recommendations were made to the committee to help improve the process. These have been implemented by Athletics.
- 01/25/2023: Committee reviewed and voted to accept the spring sport missed class schedules by a vote of 7-1. Athletics took a survey of student-athletes and learned that they are interested in study abroad. The committee would like to move forward with supporting the development of a program for student-athletes. Whit, Lynette, and DR are working with Study Abroad Office on proposals.
- 02/27/2023: The committee met to discuss edits to the bylaws that describe the responsibilities and composition. The recommended changes were approved by a vote of 7-0. The chair will present the recommendations to the Faculty Senate for review and vote.

Recommendations from the committee

- Missed Class Schedules and Committee Review: More detail should be added to the missed class schedules to explain the volume of misses that are over the recommendation of 3 MWF/2TTh. The committee requests that the language in future schedules include the potential for changes due to inclement weather.
- Study Abroad: This should be further investigated and supported by the Faculty Athletics Committee, with a potential inaugural trip the summer of 2024.
- Bylaw Responsibilities and Composition: The following changes were approved by the committee and recommended to be reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate. The changes were also reviewed by the campus lawyer, Yousef Hamadeh:

Responsibilities. The Athletics Committee acts as a liaison group between the director of athletics, the athletic staff, and the faculty. The committee is charged with making recommendations to the Chancellor in the general field of

intercollegiate athletics, placing specific emphasis on athletic teams' schedules, student-athlete well-being, and academic disciplinary rules, as well as other areas as indicated in the manual of the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

Composition. No fewer than 10 faculty members; three students, including one student-athlete who is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee; ex officio: Chancellor's representative, University Registrar designee, Provost designee, Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics and their designees, Director of Admissions, Southern Conference Faculty Representative.

Members

Potts, Gretchen BGE, Chair  
Baker, Sybil ENGL  
Carlson, Lynette HHP  
Haber, Natalie LIB  
Hathaway, Liz HHP  
Meece, Darrell, EDUC

Myers, Betsy HHP  
Pienkos, Jared CHEM  
Pratt, Allen EDUC  
Sanders, Jocelyn MUS  
Simms-Roberson, Priscilla NURS  
Whit Whitworth, MGT

EX-OFFICIO

Chancellor's Representative  
Southern Conference Faculty Representative  
Provost Designee  
Director of Admissions  
Senior Assoc. AD, Student Support Services  
University Registrar Designee  
Two students

David Steele  
Valerie Rutledge  
Shewanee Howard-Baptiste  
Lee Pierce  
Emily Blackman  
Diana Fryar  
Never identified by SGA