



# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

### I. Executive Summary

The members of the Athletic Committee for the ~~2015~~ 2016 academic year were as follows:

Dr. Laura Bozovic (by interim position)

Mr. Clinton Carter (by position)

Dr. Lisa Clayton (Faculty, 2017)

Dr. Mark Foster (Faculty, 2018)

Mr. Alex Gould (SGA, 2016)

Dr. Ulrich Groetsch (Faculty, 2018)

Dr. Jean Ann Helm (Faculty, 2018)

Mr. Mark Linder (by position)

Dr. Andrew Luna (by interim position)

Mr. Adam McCollum (SGA, 2016)

Ms. Doris McDaniel (Faculty, 2016)

Ms. Whitney Pacil (SGA, 2016)

Dr. Pat Roden (by position)

Mr. David Shields (by position)

Ms. Debbie Williams (by position)

Dr. Lisa Clayton served as Committee Chair for ~~2015~~ 2016 and Dr. Jean Ann Helm is expected to serve as the chair for the ~~2016~~ 2017 academic year. The Athletic Committee

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

1. Ensure the proper role of athletics w

No. 2-2 - Eligibility – Recognized foreign exchange or study abroad program – Transfer, seasons of completion and outside competition exception

Athletics Committee position – Supports with reservation and close monitoring

No. 2-3 – Eligibility – Progress toward degree requirements – Eligibility for competition – Fulfillment of credit hour requirements after designation of degree – Credits earned in a voluntary or optional minor

Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT

No. 2-4 – Eligibility – Outside competition – Competition as an individual/not representing institution – Participation of ineligible student athletes.

Athletics Committee position – NO POSITION

No. 2-5 – Playing and practice seasons – General playing season regulations – Weekly hour limitations – Outside the playing seasons – Skill instruction – Football

Athletics Committee position – OPPOSE

No. 2-6 - Playing and practice seasons Baseball, Softball, and Women's Volleyball – Number of contests – Conference challenge event

Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT

No. 2-7 – Playing and practice seasons – Basketball – Preseason Practice – On court practice – 30 days of countable activities between October 1 and institution's first contest

Athletics Committee position – OPPOSE

Executive regulations – Selection of teams and individuals for championships participation – Automatic qualification

- The Gender Equity Committee met on March 15, 2016 to review the updated strategic plan for the committee. The results of the Athletics Interest Survey were emailed to the Athletics Committee members. Survey is administered to the UNA students every 3 to 5 years to ensure that the needs and wants of sports are met (Charge #1, #2, #7)
- Grades for student athletes are monitored throughout the semester. When student athletes receive their grade checks, Dr. Pat Roden will email faculty members to let them know. The grade checks are used to track the attendance and class progress for student athletes (Charge #7)
- The committee suggested recognizing the Athletics committee by inviting the committee to a softball game in Spring 2016 (Charge #

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

- Dr. Clayton wrote a letter to Marilyn Lee, chair of the Shared Governance Committee regarding a work group for the Minority Student-Athlete Mentoring Program. Members of the committee would coordinate the events for the program.
- The Athletics committee recommended adding sections of FYE that were designated for Athletes to increase mentoring and support.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish

A. In the coming year? The committee is waiting to hear of how to support the move to Division I.

B. In future years? Dr. Pat Roden is compiling information for an honor society for Athletics

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses? ~~NSA~~

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

The committee wants to stress to the University the importance of funding athletics' scholarships for all sports at the Division II level, and the Division I level.

VIII. Comments