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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julio Frenk, President  
**From:** Tomás A. Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate   
**Date:** April 24, 2019  
**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2018-65(D) – Faculty Senate Athletics Committee 2018-2019 Annual Report

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At its April 17, 2019 meeting, the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to accept the annual report from the Faculty Senate Athletics Committee.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your information.

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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Amar R. Deshpande, Chair, Athletics Committee

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE AY19**

### **FACULTY SENATE END-OF-YEAR REPORT**

#### **The committee's composition was:**

Amar R Deshpande (Chair)	Medicine/Gastroenterology
Vibhor Agarwal	Medicine/Physical Therapy
Helen Bramlett	Medicine/Neurosurgery
Mary Hooshmand	Nursing and Health Studies
Brian McCabe	Nursing and Health Studies
Thomas Steinfatt	Communication
Warrant Whisenant	Education/Kinesiology
Marvin Dawkins	NCAA Faculty Representative

**There was excellent commitment and transparency from the Athletics Department, headed by Athletics Director Blake James. In AY19, we welcomed 3 new members: Helen Bramlett, Mary Hooshmand, Thomas Steinfatt.**

**We had 5 meetings over the years (3 in the Fall and 2 in the Spring). The Faculty Senate has the minutes of each of our meetings, below are the highlights:**

- 1) We were given continual updates on the **FBI and NCAA probes** into college basketball programs and UM in particular, no significant findings were discovered.
- 2) The Carol Soffer **indoor practice facility** opened and is being used, the final phases involving renovating offices in other facilities should be complete by August 2019.
- 3) The **ACC Network** (the last network of the Power 5 to deploy) was fully implemented in digital format and linear is on schedule to deploy in August 2019; UM has made all the necessary AV arrangements at well below the cost of other ACC schools without sacrificing quality.
- 4) There was a question of **lack of WiFi on flights** for some teams that inhibited the optimal environment to do schoolwork, this was being investigated with the charter company but it was noted that the student-athletes do have WiFi access in the hotels.
- 5) **NCAA Compliance Update**
  - a) **17 violations reported in AY18**, 9 related to recruiting
  - b) All were Level 3 (lightest level of violation), mostly coaches self-reporting, expectation is 15-25 violations per year (otherwise not realistic)
  - c) Progressive decrease over last 6 years from >50

- d) **Overall in line with expectations**
- e) Rules, Education Plan, and Time Management plans for AY19 all reviewed
  - 1) Mr. Anderson stressed that **faculty should ensure the Policies and Procedures in course syllabi are accurate and updated** to avoid discordance that could lead to NCAA violations
- 6) **Academic Performance**
  - a) **Graduation Success Rate (GSR) 90% in AY18**
    - 1) AY17 UM GSR 91% and NCAA average 86%, at that time UM was 13<sup>th</sup> amongst all FBS schools
      - a. Main limitation is availability of course offerings
    - 2) **Academic Progress Rate (APR) was 0.991 in AY18**
      - a. APR includes graduation/eligibility and retention; applies to scholarship athletes only
      - b. Goal is >0.985, NCAA issues with APR <0.930
    - 3) GSR >90% OR APR >0.985 lead to money from NCAA (to ACC which splits all profits evenly among member schools)
- 7) **Student-Athlete meeting**
  - a) 5 student-athletes joined us: Zach McCloud (men's football), Cameron Dobbs (women's volleyball), Katherina Auster (women's rowing), Debbie Ajagbe (women's track and field), Dane Dunlap (men's tennis)
  - b) Some key points:
    - 1) **They would like easier advanced access to course syllabi**
    - 2) **They appreciate the work many faculty do to ensure flexibility in time**
    - 3) **They mentioned making the role and involvement of our committee more known to all student-athletes**
- 8) **NCAA Convention Update**
  - a) Highlights provided for new resolutions passed including more accommodations for highly academically performing student-athletes
  - b) Otherwise no major votes, UM's voting in line with others
- 9) **Title IX Update**
  - a) Sexual assault/misconduct – UM is fully in compliance and beyond
  - b) Gender equity part – overall in compliance with federal standards
    - 1) **Getting close to borderline range, in which case would need to decrease men athletes/sports or increase women athletes/sports**
  - c) Others themes all discussed, no major issues
- 10) **Budget Update**
  - a) **FY19** was a balanced budget
    - 1) Increased sponsorship dollars and ACC returns
    - 2) Tax reform (it will equilibrate in AY20), lower tier bowl game, all basketball performance all undershot revenue targets
    - 3) Apart from Mark Richt/Manny Diaz buyouts, budget was balanced

- b) **FY20** planned to be a balanced budget (caveat is that this includes tuition remission dollars)
  - 1) Increase of 20%
  - 2) Most of the increase can be credited to a change in accounting systems with the need to now budget capital expenditures
- c) Recent **student-athlete play restrictions** ruling in the 9<sup>th</sup> District may open up opportunities for payment for internships and foreign travel etc which will affect budget, but appeals process may stall this for years
- 11) Recent **college admissions scandal** – external audit of Admissions and Athletics in progress (particularly with preferred walk-ons), no evidence of issues to date

**The Chair (ARD) will present at the GWC on 04/10/19 and to the Faculty Senate on 04/17/19.**

**The committee will restart its activities in Fall 2019 with an overview of its charge and requests from Athletics and the committee on topics to cover in AY20. All members are scheduled to return.**