

Position Summary

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) is a full-time member of the faculty who serves as the primary academic liaison between the University's faculty, administration, and intercollegiate athletics program and represents the institution in certain conference and NCAA matters. The role is central to ensuring academic integrity and the overall well-being of student-athletes in accordance with NCAA Division III philosophy and the university's academic mission.

Term and Appointment

- Nominations are submitted and reviewed by a committee composed of the University's Chief of Staff, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation, Provost, and the Faculty Senate President. Recommendations will be submitted to the President for consideration and appointment.
- The FAR cannot hold any other jobs or responsibilities within the Department of Athletics & Campus Recreation.
- The FAR serves for two-year terms, which are renewable at the discretion of the President or designee.
- The FAR may be removed during an active term at the sole discretion of the President or designee.

**As of May 2026, the Chief of Staff to the President serves as the President's designee on term and appointment matters.*

Compensation

- A stipend of \$4,000 will be provided each semester.
- Faculty on 10-month contracts are eligible to receive an additional summer stipend of \$1,500.

Primary Responsibilities

Student-Athlete Advocacy and Well-Being

- Serve as an independent advocate for student-athletes by providing a channel for concerns and feedback, monitoring the overall student-athlete experience, and promoting appropriate balance among academic, athletic, and co-curricular commitments in coordination with campus partners.

Liaison and Communication

- Serve as a liaison between faculty, Academic Affairs, Athletics, and University leadership.
- Communicate academic concerns and provide updates to campus leadership as appropriate.

Reporting and Compliance

- Support athletics staff with the monitoring of academic performance and eligibility of student-athletes.
- Ensure alignment with institutional academic standards and NCAA Division III regulations.
- Prepare and submit required NCAA, conference, and internal institutional reports related to academic integrity and eligibility as deemed necessary by the University.

Faculty–Athletics Advisory Network

- Establish and lead a Faculty–Athletics Advisory Network that assigns faculty liaisons or advisors to varsity sport teams.
- Develop expectations and communication protocols for engagement.

Visibility and Engagement

- Maintain a visible and engaged presence by attending athletic events, as well as Athletics department staff, compliance, and other key meetings as appropriate.
- Partner with Athletics staff to support the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
- Support student-athlete recognition nominations.
- Represent the University at the annual NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives Association conference.

Qualifications

- Full-time, tenured faculty member.
- Commitment to academic excellence and Division III philosophy.
- Strong communication, collaboration, and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated integrity and sound judgment.