

2015-2016 University Athletics Board UAB Report to the Faculty Senate

The UAB carried out its duties as defined by the Faculty Senate.

1. Receive and evaluate reports each semester on the **academic progress of student-athletes** and on institutional athletic eligibility.
2. **Conduct waiver hearings** in accordance with the academic eligibility requirements set forth by the University.
3. **Represent the concerns of faculty and students** in regards to the scheduling of practices and competitive events.
4. Remain **informed about membership in national and regional athletic associations and conferences** (e.g., NCAA, ECAC, NEC), and review reports required by these organizations.
5. Remain **informed about the annual athletics budget** that is prepared by the Athletic Director, regarding admission to contests and gate receipts.
6. Receive reports from the Athletic Director on athletic recruitment policy and admission procedure.
7. Receive reports from the Athletic Director on the establishment and **status of intercollegiate sports programs**.
8. Collaborate with the Athletic Director and the Faculty Athletic Representative **on issues relating to institutional control of athletics**.
9. Report to the Faculty Senate on issues or concerns that involve any of the above.

In the Fall of 2015 we concentrated on Career Preparation with the student athletes. Resume writing and interviewing skills were stressed. Additionally we made them aware of the numerous Career Fairs and Internship Opportunities that are available on campus.

APR Academic Progress Report for CCSU was all good with no teams below the standard mandated by the NCAA.

Waiver Hearing were held by the UAB in January prior to the start of the Spring semester. We met with all student athletes who had a GPA below 2.0 advised them of possible schedule changes and strategies for improving their academic performance.

The UAB worked on an edit to the university missed class policy that appears in the catalog. After researching other universities policies a draft for revision of the CCSU Policy was written and shared with the Provost who gave his support. This is a broad based policy for all students representing the University. Please see the attached Draft of the policy on the next page.

A complete review of the CCSU Athletic Department is available online in their Annual Report at the URL below.

http://issuu.com/ccsubluedevils/docs/2015-16_ccsu_annual_report/43?e=25492841/38159594

DRAFT CCSU - EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR UNIVERSITY-SANCTIONED EVENTS DRAFT

Proposed clarification of the existing catalog language on Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to notify instructors in advance for absences related to official University trips, conferences, intercollegiate athletic events, musical performances, and other events.

1. Due to the fact that the university recognizes that educational experiences extend beyond the classroom and campus, faculty should be flexible with students who are acting as official representatives of the university, or participating in university-sanctioned events or activities that require absence from class.
2. A university sanctioned event or activity shall be one in which a student represents the university to external constituencies in academic, extra-curricular, or community engagement activities. These include but are not limited to student government, intercollegiate athletic and debate contests, music/academic competitions, academic meetings, academic field trips, international travel experiences, and conferences.
3. Faculty should provide opportunities for students who miss an examination or other measurement of academic progress because they are participating in university-sanctioned events or activities with opportunities to be evaluated at other times and by comparable alternative evaluation methods within a reasonable period of time prior to or after the absence.
4. It is the responsibility of the student, whenever possible, to give their professor adequate notice of the absence and discuss arrangements for making up the work. Another way of saying this is: "Excused absences" with prior arrangement, are not subject to penalty and coursework may be satisfied through agreement between the instructor and the student.
5. Students who seek excused absences to attend university-sanctioned events are expected to complete assignments on time, actively participate in other class sessions, and to make up work missed as agreed upon with the faculty member. Students are expected to attend regularly at all other times.
6. Official notice of a university-sanctioned event shall consist of an excused absence request letter from the sponsoring unit or program to the faculty whose class(es) will be missed, delivered by the student. The excused absence letter may request blanket approval for a series of events or approval of a single event.

