INCREASING FACULTY ENGAGEMENT IN A DEREGULATED ATHLETICS CONTEXT

Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics,
Steering Committee
The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR).

By NCAA legislation, all FBS campuses have an institutionalized faculty presence in athletics governance in the form of the FAR. The FAR is an indispensable component of good governance, and must remain the key element of any strengthened governance structure.
The Faculty Governance Body (FGB).

Approximately ninety-five percent of FBS campuses organize the governance functions of the campus-level faculty through some form of FGB, such as a faculty senate or a university senate with predominant faculty membership. The form of the FGB varies greatly across campuses; however, its near-universality makes it an available and essential tool to incorporate the faculty perspective on athletics governance under a less regulated regime.
The Campus Athletic Board (CAB).

Most campuses also have a CAB with a degree of faculty presence. Like the FGB, the CAB is different on every campus; however, where it performs a serious oversight role, it can be important part of effective local athletic governance.
New Local Components:
The Academic Integrity Group (AIG) & Senate Athletic Representative (SAR)

The charge of the AIG would be to set new policy concerning athletics matters that bear on academic integrity, to monitor the campus implementation of all such policies, to report on a regular basis to the FGB, and to provide the NCAA with an annual report confirming the due diligence of the AIG and its ability to perform its assigned role. Although the specific form of the AIG would be determined by each campus, each AIG should share these features:
• Voting members shall be tenured faculty without administrative appointments

• Voting members shall be appointed by the FGB for multi-year terms

• Voting members shall not receive any form of athletics perquisite

• The SAR shall be appointed by the FGB for a term exceeding that of other AIG members

• The FAR shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member
Figure 1
Campus-Level Governance

AIG: Academic Integrity Group
CAB: Campus Athletics Board
FGB: Faculty Governance Body
SAR: Senate Athletics Representative

- dotted line: ex officio membership
- solid line: reporting function
Figure 2
The interaction of campus, conference, and national levels

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SAR: Senate Athletics Representative