

**2023-2024 Faculty Athletics Committee
Annual Report and Recommendations
Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Lynberg, Chair**

Summary of 2023-2024 Business

The Faculty Athletics Committee met virtually to review team schedules for the week of 08/23/2023 with voting ending on 09/01/2023, met virtually on 09/06/2023, 10/25/2023, and 01/26/2024 for other recommendations and future projects.

- Week of 08/21/2023: Fall sport missed class schedules were discussed and reviewed virtually (by email). Vote to accept passed 9-0.
- 09/06/2023: The chair reviewed the history and recent work of the committee. Valerie Rutledge explained her role as Faculty Athletics Rep (FAR) . The committee discussed future priorities and business, which included Schedule Review Process, Absence Notifications, Committee Description, and Southern Conference and NCAA Business. The committee also discussed the progress for the student-athlete study-abroad project that has been ongoing.
- 10/25/2023: Committee reviewed and voted to accept winter sport missed class schedules by a vote of 9-0. A continued discussion of absence notifications. These have been implemented by Athletics as of November 2022 and the committee reviewed any proposed changes and none were noted at this time.
- 01/26/2024: Committee reviewed and voted to accept the spring sport missed class schedules by a vote of 9-0. Lynette is working with the Study Abroad Office on proposals and is in the approval process and they have requested proposals.
- Update in May: Athletics took a survey of student-athletes and learned that they are interested in studying abroad. Therefore, the Athletics department has the first event scheduled with the study abroad trip in Summer of 2025. They are moving forward with having the 1st course in Summer 2025 to Argentina! Director of Athletics Mark Wharton supports this endeavor. The athletics department received several proposals through the Study Abroad partners and decided to work with Arcos.

Recommendations from the committee

- Missed Class Schedules and Committee Review: The committee would like to thank Emily Blackman for her continued support and guidance as we continue to navigate and improve the student absences reporting process.
- Study Abroad: This is a continued goal from 2023 and is being built with the Study Abroad Office. The inaugural trip for the summer of 2025 to Argentina is scheduled and being offered to students in athletics. No further action is needed from the committee on this topic.

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