The committee shall review and monitor admissions decisions and the academic performance of all student-athletes by regularly receiving appropriate and relevant information regarding the academic eligibility and progress of student-athletes, including graduation rates. The committee also receives reports on, reviews and advises, as appropriate, the Faculty Senate, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), the president, the director of athletics, and the Board of Trustees on the following: annual inter-collegiate athletic program schedules and major changes to them; the annual budget of the Athletics Department; admissions decisions for athletes receiving grants-in-aid; NCAA certification reports, including Title 9 reports; major requests for waiver of any institutional athletic policies; major changes in Athletics Department personnel (specifically the director of athletics, director of the academic support unit, and head coaches for each sport); the needs, interests, and concerns of student athletes; all other issues regarding inter-collegiate activities as referred to it by University officials. The committee shall make at least an annual, written report of its activities to the Faculty Senate, the president, and the director of athletics.

Members of the committee for 2010-11 were:

Elected
Pamela Melton, Chair, Law Library (2011)
Ray Torres, Geological Sciences (2011)
Charley Adams, Public Health (2012)
Jean Ellis, Geography (2013)
Joel Samuels, Law (2013)

Appointed
Zach Kelehear, Education, FAR SEC Representative
Eric Hyman, Director of Athletics
Dennis A. Pruitt, Student and Alumni Services
Herbert Adams, Board of Trustees
Eva Monsma, Education (2013)
Courtney Newton, President, Student Athletics Advisory Committee
Christopher Campbell, Undergraduate Student
Sarah Obergfell, Association of Graduate Students

The committee met seven times during the 2010-11 academic year. The September meeting was held at the Proving Grounds, where the committee was able to observe part of football practice. Scott Verzyl, Director of Admissions, briefed the committee on the admissions process, especially as experienced by student athletes. The vast majority of student athletes are admitted through the regular process. However there is a process by which a limited number of admissions exceptions for students with special talents (athletes, music, dance, etc.) are reviewed. The number of admissions exceptions for athletics is determined annually by the president, and last year the
athletic department did not need to use the entire allocation. The location of future meetings was discussed. The committee agreed that meeting at practice venues is a good idea, when possible. It was also agreed that the committee should meet once at night to have a joint meeting with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, possibly to include dinner at the Dodie.

At the October meeting, held at the Dodie, DJ Brown briefed the committee on the Academic Progress Rate (APR). He explained how the APR is calculated. South Carolina has made improvements in all sports and only one sport (men’s basketball) falls below the 925 level in the latest report. Raymond Harrison responded to a faculty member’s concern about the security of the information on grades submitted through the GradesFirst system used by the Athletic Department. The use of GradesFirst has been approved by the administration at USC. The form that professors fill out contains a prominent statement about the security of the software and its protection of the privacy of student athletes. All professors who have student athletes in their classes are notified by email, giving them a heads-up about the reporting requirements. The response rate with GradesFirst is about 60%, better than the rate with paper reporting. Raymond pointed out that missed classes are a good indicator of a student’s “at risk” status. He also said their experience shows that attendance at extra help sessions can raise a student’s grade.

The November meeting was held at the men’s and women’s basketball practice facility. Zach Keleheah reported on his activities as NCAA Faculty Representative. Jennifer Stiles briefed the committee on the NCAA violations process. There was a discussion of the availability of assistance for team trainers and managers, who travel and attend practice just like the student athletes. There was no basketball practice to observe, but the committee was able to tour the locker rooms and see the recent facility improvements.

The February meeting was held at the USC Natatorium. The committee observed some of the swim practice and had a chance to talk to Coach McGee. Zach Keleheah reported on his activities as NCAA Faculty Representative. Chris Campbell filled in for Courtney Newton to report on the SAAC activities. The new Senior Associate AD/ Senior Women’s Administrator, Judy Van Horn, was introduced to the committee. She briefed us on the NCAA accreditation process. USC is preparing for its next accreditation. The committee volunteered whatever help it could give. Mr. Adams briefed the committee on activities of the Board of Trustees relating to athletics.

The March meeting was held at Carolina Stadium. The committee was to observe some baseball practice but the team was away due to a make-up game. Mr. Adams briefed the committee on activities of the Board of Trustees relating to athletics. Zach Keleheah reported on his activities as NCAA Faculty Representative. The Senior Associate AD/ Senior Women’s Administrator, Judy Van Horn, briefed the committee on the University’s status under Title IX.

The April meeting was to be held at the Graveyard, but was held at the Dodie Academic Enrichment Center because soccer practice was cancelled. Herbert Adams reported on the activities of the Board of Trustees. Zach Keleheah reported on the activities of the NCAA Faculty Representative. Raymond Harrison described the level of academic support for student athletes during exams and post-season play. He also said that he is the person who gets the first call if there is an issue with a student athlete. John Kasik, the Director of Sports Medicine,
briefed the committee on the kinds of support the Athletic Department provides for student athletes in crisis or distress.

The final meeting of the year was not held until July, because members of the Athletic Department were with the University’s baseball team as it won the College World Series, to claim a second consecutive NCAA national championship. At the July meeting, Jeff Tallant presented the Athletic Department budget to the committee. Not only did the baseball team win the College World Series, but Michael Roth also received the “Elite 88” trophy for the player with the highest GPA among the College World Series teams.

In response to the budget presentation, it was the sense of the elected members of the committee that the faculty and administration of the University should be made more aware of the extent of the financial contributions of the Athletic Department to the University community. Not only is the Athletic Department totally self-supporting, funding all direct and indirect expenses, next year it will transfer $13,371,338.00 to the University, in tuition payments for student athletes; in television revenue; in trademark and licensing revenue; and in contributions to student government, the marching band, and the USC Foundation among other things. This is approximately 16% of the annual revenue received by the Athletic Department. We think that level of contribution from athletics is unusual among university athletic departments and should be appreciated.

Furthermore, the academic achievement of our student athletes has been steadily improving. Gamecock athletes continue to lead the conference in appearances on the SEC and C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Rolls and our APR rate continues to improve. The impressive list below of the achievements of our student athletes in the classroom and community, compiled for the committee by Raymond Harrison, Associate Director for Academics and Life Skills, should be of interest to all.

Dodie Academic Enrichment Center Academic Achievements 2010-11

Graduates:

- **104 Student-Athlete Graduates in 2010-11**
  - 19 in December
  - 63 in May
  - 22 in August

Other information:

- Fall 2010 departmental GPA 3.146 – Highest departmental GPA on record
- Spring 2011 departmental GPA 3.137 – 9th consecutive departmental GPA above 3.0
- 14 out 17 teams achieved a 3.0 GPA or better for the Spring Semester
- 2010-11 Academic Year –
  - President’s List: 110 student-athletes (52 – Fall, 58 – Spring)
  - Dean’s List: 335 student-athletes (174 – Fall, 161 – Spring)
Attachment 3.

- AD’s Honor Roll: 699 student-athletes (365 – Fall, 334 – Spring)
  - Several teams achieved record highs for team GPAs
    - Fall 2010 – Football (2.779) – Highest GPA on record
    - Spring 2011 – Football (2.711) – 2nd Highest GPA on record
    - Spring 2011 – Women’s Tennis (3.576) – Highest GPA on record
    - Spring 2011 – Men’s Swimming and Diving (3.279) – Highest GPA on record
    - Spring 2011 – Women’s Soccer (3.478) – 2nd Highest GPA on record
    - Spring 2011 – Men’s Tennis (3.546) – 2nd Highest GPA on record
  - Community Outreach – Gamecock student-athletes performed over 3,700 hours of community service.
  - USC had more student-athletes named to the Fall, Spring, and Freshman SEC Commissioner’s Honor Roll during the 2010-2011 academic year than any other school in the SEC.
  - USC has led the SEC in total student-athletes on the SEC Commissioner’s Honor Roll for 5 consecutive years

**Academic All Americans**

- 2012 – Michael Roth, 1st Team, Baseball (P) – 2011 Elite 88 Award Recipient (given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA at the College World Series)
- 2012 – Taryn Zach, 2nd Team, Women's At-Large (Swimming & Diving)
- 2012 – Michael Zajac, 2nd Team, Men's Track & Field
- 2012 – Marvin Reitze, 3rd Team, Men's Track & Field
- 2011 – Jimmy Maurer, 1st Team, Men's Soccer (GK)
- 2011 – Will Traynor, 3rd Team, Men's Soccer (D)
- 2011 – Blake Brettschneider, 3rd Team, Men's Soccer (F)
- 2011 – Mollie Patton, 1st Team, Women's Soccer (GK)

There were no issues personnel presented to the committee for review or advice by the Athletics Department, nor were there any issues regarding inter-collegiate activities referred to it for review or advice by University officials.

Respectfully submitted,

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