

University Athletics Advisory Committee Annual Report 2023-2024

UAAC Members:

Elected Committee Members

DJ Schepker, Chair, Darla Moore School of Business, Management (2025)
Mary Horton, University Libraries (2026)
Kara Montgomery, Arnold School of Public Health (2026)
Robert Davis Moore, Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Exercise Science (2024)
Tom Regan, College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management - Spte (2024)
Mike Wirth, School of Nursing Nursing (2025)

Appointed Committee Members

Eva Monsma, Faculty Athletics Representative, Physical Education
Ray Tanner, Athletics
Kirsten Kennedy, Division of Student Affairs (2024)
Richard A. Jones, Jr., Board of Trustees Representative, Board of Trustees (2024)
Kevin Hull, School of Journalism & Mass Communication (2024)
Cole Creighton, Undergraduate Representative, Darla Moore School of Business (2024)
Andrew Kramarchyk, Graduate Representative, Political Science (2024)
Kaitlyn Porter, SAAC President, Track & Field, Undergraduate Student (2024)

Ex-officio Members

Charlie Ball-Burrell, Executive Associate Athletics Director and Senior Women's Administrator
Maria Hickman, Athletics ex-officio

The committee met 9 times during the 2023-24 academic year. All meetings were held in person and included tours of the Long Family Football Operations Center and the Gamecock Athletics Village. Each meeting covered a pertinent topic related to the committee's mission and included discussion, as well as regular departmental updates by Ray Tanner, Athletics Director, other senior athletics staff members, and the Faculty Athletics Representative. When available, coaches and staff members addressed the committee to discuss achievements, goals and issues relevant to their teams or other departmental functions. Below is a list of all topics and speakers:

September 13, 2023: **Athletic Training**, speaker: John Kasik, Senior Associate Athletics Director/Sports Medicine.
October 11, 2023: **Legal Issues in College Athletics**, speaker: Mark Nagel, Professor of Retail and Sport Management
November 8, 2023: **Student Athlete Mental Health**, speakers: Sarah Noll, Director of Mental Health; Raylene Ross, Director of Sport Leadership and Mental Performance
December 13, 2023: **Financial Report**, speaker: Jeff Tallant, Chief Financial Officer
January 10, 2024: **Faculty Athletics Representative Update**, speaker: Eva Monsma, FAR
February 14, 2024: **Student Athlete Academic Enrichment**, speaker:

March 13, 2024: Charlie Ball, Associate Athletics Director
Student Athlete Experience, speakers: Kaitlyn Porter, Track & Field; Kai Kroger, Football; Maria Kemp, Soccer

April 10, 2024: **Title IX/Gender Equity/Diversity**, speaker: Judy Van Horn, Deputy Athletics Director/Internal Operations and Risk Management

May 8, 2024: **Gamecock Athletics Village Tour**

Coach and Staff Member presentations were made by:
Chance Miller, Senior Deputy Athletics Director
Tim Call, Head Coach, Track & Field
Lance Grantham, Senior Associate AD, Ticketing and Parking
Marnie Merritt, Assistant Coach, Women's Soccer

UAAC Mission

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. Membership of the committee shall be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Association of Graduate Students); one member of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chair of that committee; the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the director of athletics and one at-large representative from the faculty, appointed by the president . The chair shall be a member of the faculty. The chair and the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR) shall sit with the Intercollegiate Activities Committee at its meetings, ex-officio.