

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 9: Revision Faculty Handbook [10.5.11](#) (Faculty Athletic Representative)

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Summary: This document removes the limit of length of service for the Faculty Athletic Representative and adds a mechanism to put out a call for interest every four years.

Rationale: Currently, the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) is appointed for a four-year term. The FAR may be reappointed a second term, but they are not allowed to serve in this position for more than eight years. This document removes the limit of two terms. This allows some flexibility if, for example, other faculty members are not interested in serving in this position. It also allows time for the Faculty Athletic Representative to build relationships within the NCAA community which can lead to opportunities to serve in leadership roles on NCAA committees. According to the NCAA FAR Study Report, 11 percent of Division I FARs report having a limit on the number of terms they can serve as FAR; in Divisions II and III that number is negligible.

While a Faculty Athletic Representative may be reappointed, this document also adds a mechanism to solicit interest from other faculty members. In the fall semester of the fourth year of the term, FWDC will put out a call for interest, and those names will be forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration. This allows opportunities for diverse representation and facilitates efforts in informing our faculty at large of service opportunities available to them.

Revise 10.5.11 as follows:

10.5.11 Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) ([SD0909F](#))

The University Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Big South Athletic Conference is appointed by the Chancellor for a four-year period; ~~a second reappointment may be made. No faculty member will serve for more than eight consecutive years~~ reappointments may be made. However, in the fourth year of each four-year term, FWDC will put out a call for interest, and those names will be forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration. Appointment procedures are outlined in the responsibilities of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (IAC). Since the Department of Athletics operates on a twelve-month schedule, the FAR or a designated representative of the IAC must be available during the summer months.

The FAR is an advocate of the student athlete and monitors the Athletic Department's activities to ensure compliance with NCAA regulations; the FAR is not an advocate of the Athletic Department. Specific duties include keeping the Chancellor and Provost apprised of alleged irregularities within UNC Asheville's athletic program, representing UNC Asheville as the voting delegate at the Annual NCAA Convention, chairing the IAC, conducting the required NCAA exit interviews, certifying eligibility and squad lists in coordination with the Registrar, monitoring graduation rates and academic progress, and monitoring that both scholarship and participation opportunities reflect the University gender ratio.