

To: Jessica Pandya, Academic Senate Chair  
From: Adam M. Butz, Chair, Committee on Athletics (COA)  
Re: COA Year End Report for AY 2019-2020

The COA met five times during the 2019-2020 academic year. Meetings were all held on days as per the Academic Senate website. Meetings were held in the CBA Dean's Conference Room and the Academic Senate Office. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have met one time via Zoom.

Members of the committee are listed on the Academic Senate website at:  
[http://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/u69781/coa\\_roster\\_19-20\\_9.pdf](http://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/u69781/coa_roster_19-20_9.pdf)

Accomplishments of the committee are as follows:

- As per the charge of the COA, numerous reports were provided to the Committee by members of the Athletics staff. Reports included:
  - 1. A review of student athlete academics was provided by Sandra Shirley, Director of the Bickerstaff Academic Center (BAC). She gave an overview of the many services available to student athletes in the BAC. More recently, in our final meeting via Zoom on 4/15, Sandra provided an update about student athlete support services available during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - 2. A review of the university's APR, GSR, and student retention data was provided by Senior Associate Athletics Director, Cindy Masner for purposes of maintaining NCAA compliance.
  - 3. A presentation on NCAA Compliance rules was provided by Erica Piurkowski (Assoc. Athletic Dir. of Compliance). Topics covered included extra benefits, equipment, betting, social media, and academic misconduct.
  - 4. A presentation was provided by Assistant Director, Student Athlete Development, Stephanie Baugh. Stephanie discussed her role working with student athletes in promoting emotional well-being, leadership, and personal and professional growth through various programs and workshops.
  - 5. A presentation was provided by Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, Jarrod Spanjer. Jarrod highlighted services provided by the Long Beach State Sports Medicine staff.
  - Cindy Masner began each meeting with a report summarizing the overall status of Long Beach State Athletics, success of alumni athletes, personnel changes, team updates, and other Athletic Department developments. In our last meeting, Cindy also provided a detailed update on the implications of COVID-19 for student athletes and Athletics. As of our final meeting via Zoom on 4/15/2020, all athletic training, practices, and competitions have been halted. We've entered a period of uncertainty about what collegiate athletics will look like in the future.