

To: Jessica Zacher Pandya, Academic Senate Chair

From: Chris Karadjov, Chair, Committee on Athletics (COA)

Re: COA Year End Report for AY 2020–2021

The COA met six times during the 2020–2021 academic year. Meetings were held on Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Major accomplishments of the committee as recorded in the respective minutes were:

- October 21, 2020

Committee leadership transition: Adam Butz stepped down as Chair. Chris Karadjov elected Chair; Melanie Batiste became Secretary;

Report: Fall sports were postponed to Spring 2021; Men's and Women's Basketball practice outdoors under COVID restrictions;

Report: NCAA granted seniors extensions at coaches' discretion.

- November 18, 2020

Traci Larson, sports nutritionist, presented on counseling and nutrition support for athletes;

La Tanya Sheffield, Track & Field Coach & Chair in Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Diversity initiatives and athlete preparation programs, talked about preparation for athletes in the Excellence Program

Stephanie Baugh, associate director of student-athlete development, discussed athlete mental health concerns, COVID anxiety, and professional identity.

Leadership addition: Brenda Vogel became Vice Chair

- February 17, 2021

Presentation by Andy Fee, Athletic Director: M/W's basketball teams practicing on campus, conference competition only, NCAA will not grant another extension for seniors.

Bryant King spoke on COVID Testing: Rigorous testing three times per week, three positives total, expansion to in-house testing. No estimated timeline for vaccine availability.

Brenda Vogel: FAR mandated by NCAA to report to the University President and focus on student welfare, compliance, and academic integrity.

- March 17, 2021

Presentation Andy Fee, Athletic Director: 1-2000 COVID tests came back positive, coaches and staff received vaccines, waiting for student body approval

Fall/Spring sports limited to non-championship play; no fans.

Erica Piurkowski, NCAA Compliance: Reviewed sports wagering, benefits, social media, academic misconduct. Emphasized the importance of recent cases of noncompliance.

Tiffany Edlin, Athletics Budget: Reported 20% reduction in athletics budget due to COVID restrictions; comparative analysis across programs, CSULB did not lead expense.

- April 21, 2021

Brenda Vogel, FAR, discussed special admissions by overviewing the process and its requirements (Andy Fee's presentation from previous meeting continued);

Sandra Shirley, Tamika Spivey, and Loren Edwards, Academic Advising, presented on services for student-athletes. Reported that Spring 2020 GPA 3.14; 90% graduation rate;

Dean Michael Solt expressed appreciation for the Bickerstaff Academic Center.

- May 19, 2021

Presentation by Ashlie Kite, Athletics Department: Successes in Men's Golf, Women's Softball, Women's Track, and Baseball. Preparation for fall with continued testing; vaccine timeline uncertain.

Title IX 50th Anniversary report main points: CSULB is in compliance; Academic Progress Rate and Graduation Success Rate have been confirmed.

Note: More detailed information on the agenda for each of these meetings, along with presentation and report summaries, and other activities is available in [the respective minutes on COA web site.](#)