

**To: Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate Chair**

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

**Re: COA Year End Report for AY 2023–2024**

The COA met six times during the 2023–2024 academic year. Meetings were held in the CBA Dean's Conference Room and the Bickerstaff Conference Room, with simultaneous Zoom access.

Major accomplishments of the committee are as follows:

- September 20, 2023

- Introduction of new Athletics Director Bobby Smitheran.
  - Reports on student-athlete success, NIL, transfer portal, and financial planning.
  - BAC and FAR updates on advising, excused absences, and compliance.
  - Election of COA officers.

- October 18, 2023

- Report from AD Smitheran: Big West rankings, NIL, diversity initiatives, Pyramid facility updates;

- Presentation by Gary Metzker: Sports Journalism and media training for athletes.
  - Discussion of COA charge updates and membership terms.

- November 15, 2023

- Report from Compliance Director Erica Piurkowski: NCAA transfer portal and sports wagering rules;

- Report from AD Smitheran: Pyramid facility status, House vs. NCAA lawsuit, CA Assembly Bill 252, hiring updates, and Hall of Fame planning.

- February 21, 2024

- Report from Nick McRae, Men's Volleyball Associate Head Coach: Team performance, community engagement, and international recruitment.

- Report from AD Smitheran: NIL fundraising gala, Nike contract renewal, facilities studies, alumni relations, and student-athlete leadership initiatives.

- March 21, 2024

Presentation and Q&A with *Daily 49er* sports editors: Alyssa De La Cruz and Matthew Coleman. Special guest: Gary Metzker, who teaches a class in sports journalism

Report from Tiffany Edlin, Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA.

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](#).