

To: Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate Chair
From: Chris Karadjov, Chair, Committee on Athletics (COA)
Re: COA Year End Report for AY 2024-2025

The COA met six times during the 2024-2025 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 Bickerstaff Conference Room, as well as being simultaneously held on Zoom.

Members of the committee are listed on the Academic Senate website at:
<https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/2024/documents/COA%20Roster%2024-25.pdf>

Major 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:
 - Bobby Smitheran, Executive Director of Athletics (Multiple Meetings)
 - Highlighted current athletic programs success and gave updates regarding the NCAA vs House lawsuit.
 - Brenda Vogel, Faculty Athletics Representative and COA Vice Chair (Oct 16)
 - Highlighted role as advocate for student-athletes and the institution.
 - Alison Ede, Chair of Department of Kinesiology (Oct 16)
 - Highlighted the Adaptive Sports Program and the Movement Science Lab.
 - Jeffrey Scott, Assistant Athletic Director, Ticket Operations/Sales and Customer Services (Oct 16)
 - Highlighted new ticketing procedures, season tickets and attendance.
 - Gary Metzker, Professor of Journalism (Nov 20)
 - Highlighted JOUR 318 class and the Sports Journalism industry.
 - Erica Piurkowski, Associate Athletics Director of Compliance, and Emily DeMots, Director of Compliance (Mar 26)
 - Highlighted the ever-changing policies and procedures for student-athletes in regard to compliance, eligibility, and NIL revenue.
 - Li'Shae Childs, Alea Caceres, and Christina Lang, Mindful Elevate (Mar 26)
 - Highlighted Mindful Elevate, an aspiring group hoping to help student-athletes navigate the nuances of performance anxiety.
 - Sandra Shirley, Director of Academic Advising, & Loren Edwards, Director of Academic Support Services - Bickerstaff Academic Center (Apr 16)
 - Highlighted the work of the Bickerstaff Academic Center as a valuable resource to current and incoming student-athletes.

- 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](#).