FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE (FAR)
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Description of Responsibilities: The Faculty Athletics Representative’s (FAR) primary roles are to oversee issues related to student-athlete welfare and to protect the academic integrity of the institution as it pertains to intercollegiate athletics. The FAR shall be UC Davis’ representative to the Big West and Big Sky Conferences and UC Davis’ appointed delegate to conventions and other activities of the NCAA.

Responsibilities to UC Davis and to the above-named organizations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and approve certification of eligibility for all student-athletes for conference and NCAA competition, practice, and financial aid. Monitor the academic progress of student-athletes.

2. Assisting and preparing waivers and petitions for student-athletes to the Big West Conference and NCAA including medical hardship and eligibility waivers.

3. Review and approve all Admits by Exception (ABE) prior to submission to the UC Davis Admissions Office.

4. Interpret and provide input on legislation for Conference and NCAA meetings with a focus on academic impact.

5. Represent UC Davis at meetings of the Big West Conference, Big Sky Conference and at NCAA Conventions. The FAR should meet regularly with the Athletics Director and represent UC Davis on appropriate committees of the conference and the NCAA. The FAR is a voting member of the Big West and Big Sky Councils and is the voting designee by the Chancellor to the NCAA Convention.

6. Promote and communicate rules and regulations of the conference and the NCAA to staff and student-athletes.

7. Advise the Chancellor and the faculty of the general status of intercollegiate athletics, including the reporting of academic data pertaining to student-athletes, such as admissions and initial eligibility, satisfactory progress, declaration of major and degree, etc. When required, the reporting of information to the NCAA and to the Big West Conference.

8. Work with the Compliance Officer on investigations of possible secondary and primary violations of NCAA or Conference rules. The FAR will either prepare or receive copies of all correspondence concerned with self-reported violations of NCAA or Conference rules and regulations.

9. Serve as a member of the campus Title IX committee.
10. Serve on senior administrator and head coach hiring committees within the athletics department.

11. Serve as a liaison for student athletes seeking accommodations for missed class for outside competition including serving as a proctor for make-up exams when necessary.

12. Attend various athletics functions including team competition, team meetings, and recruiting events as a guest speaker.

Method of Appointment and Term: The FAR is appointed by, and reports to, the Chancellor of UC Davis and serves at will, normally for a term of approximately three years, which may be extended. If the FAR is unable to represent UC Davis at a meeting, the Chancellor may appoint a substitute.

General Qualifications: The FAR shall be a member of the faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in athletics (NCAA Constitution, Article 6.1.3). Release time (25%) for the assignment is provided.