Faculty Athletics Representative General Responsibilities

The role of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) is to help ensure that the academic institution establishes and maintains an appropriate balance between academics and intercollegiate athletics.

For further information about the FAR including a more detailed position description, contact Kathryn Rummell (krummell@calpoly.edu), Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.

Academic Integrity

The Faculty Athletics Representative should ensure, either directly or indirectly, that student-athletes meet all NCAA, conference and Cal Poly requirements for eligibility for practice, financial aid and intercollegiate competition.

- Work collaboratively with a variety of units (e.g. admissions, office of the registrar, athletics compliance office) to ensure that all certifications for initial and continuing academic eligibility for both first year and transfer student-athletes have been performed correctly and with appropriate documentation
- Periodically review appropriate records for student-athletes and sport teams to ensure that decisions related to admissions, academic advising, evaluation of academic performance and the extent of academic support services are made in ways that are consistent with the primary academic mission of Cal Poly
- Develop or arrange to have developed periodic reports to Cal Poly’s President, Provost, Vice President for Student Affairs, Athletic Director, head coaches, Athletic Council and Academic Senate regarding the academic preparation and performance of student-athletes for each team

Compliance/Institutional Controls

The Faculty Athletics Representative will be called upon to review information that relates to the academic well-being of the student-athlete to ensure that the athletes who attend can and do thrive academically

- Be knowledgeable about and ensure compliance with all NCAA, conference and Cal Poly rules and regulations, related to academic eligibility, transfer requirements, and restrictions and enforcement procedures.
- Maintain oversight of compliance-related activities undertaken within athletics and assist in the coordination of the compliance-related activities
- Work closely with the Cal Poly Athletics Compliance Office
- Participate in the Athletic Review Committee
- Conduct periodic reviews of records for accuracy and to ensure that all institutional compliance systems are engaged and functioning
Student-Athlete Well Being

The Faculty Athletics Representative serves as an advocate for student-athletes, ensures student-athletes’ well-being and promotes the development of student-athletes as students, athletes and members of the campus and broader community.

- Meet regularly and work in concert with other units across campus regarding student-athlete support services (e.g. career services, health and well-being, academic support programs, academic advising, office of the registrar, financial aid)

- Interact with student-athletes across the sports on a systematic and periodic basis
  - Participate in new student-athlete orientation events, with the Student Athletics Advisory Council (SAAC), and in student-athlete convocation activities
  - Attend practices and games to get to know coaches and players

- Review conference, travel and competition schedules to minimize missed class time as well as assess any other potential impacts on student-athletes’ academic well-being and progress

Communication/Administration

The Faculty Athletics Representative provides a faculty perspective in the governance of intercollegiate athletics, contributing to discussions of matters related to intercollegiate athletics at academic senate meetings and athletic council meetings.

- Attend head coaches and Athletics senior staff meetings

- Regularly attend applicable meetings for the conferences Cal Poly participates in (e.g. Big Sky, Big West) and serve on applicable conference committees as needed (e.g. transfer compliance committee)

- Periodically attend the NCAA annual meeting and the Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) annual meeting