

## February 2022 AAC / FAR report to the faculty

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The role of the Athletic Advisory Committee (AAC), according to faculty manual: support the academic and social student-athlete experience

The AAC meets monthly with the Athletic Director, Drew Galbraith.

### Student-athletes at Trinity

approx. 650 individual student athletes (some play multiple sports)

Fall 2020 GPA - 3.44 (3.35 for entire college class)

Spring 2021 GPA - 3.46 (3.38 for entire college class)

226 athletes achieving NESCAC All-Academic Honors (3.5 GPA or higher) in 2020-2021

249 athletes receiving Faculty Honors in Fall 2020

200 athletes receiving Faculty Honors in Spring 2021

7 athletes named Dean's Scholars from the Class of 2024

4 athletes named Presidential Fellows in 2020

Nine teams also earned academic honors with their respective coaches associations.

In summary, they are excellent students while easily spending 20hrs/week on their sport and competing in a highly competitive division (NESCAC)

Having such an academically successful group of student-athletes begins with coaches who recruit promising students, our athletics department who supports our students to succeed both in the classroom and in their sport, and faculty who make the student-athlete experience possible.

We would like to remind faculty that athletics was - and still is - severely affected by the pandemic and we'd ask our colleagues to be flexible when asked by students to accommodate changing competition schedules. We also encourage faculty to reach out to coaches with any concerns about their students.

In the Fall the committee discussed NCAA constitutional changes with Drew Galbraith. The FAR also had a conversation about the proposed changes with the president, who has recently been appointed to the NCAA DIII president's council - congratulations!

The NCAA approved the new constitution in January. Impacts on Division III sports are minimal.

The committee also discussed Title IX issues related to the recent stadium construction and existing softball / baseball facilities. We welcome the outside review of these issues by an outside law firm.

The committee was also informed of a change in employment status from faculty to staff for new head coaches. The AAC opposes this change as it sees no benefits to the College. The AAC stated its position to the president. We discussed the topic with Sonia Cardenas and Susan Masino, realize the need for more information and conversation, and consider the issue an evolving process.

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