

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: Presidential Committee on Athletics

Report Year: 2013-2013

Committee Chair(s)	Prof. N. William Hines
Committee Members	See attached list of regular and ex-officio members
Committee Charge	"The role of the PCA is to advise the University President and the Director of Athletics on athletics issues generally, and to recommend policies pertaining to the Athletics Department consistent with the rules and policies of the NCAA, Big Ten Conference, the Board of Regents, and the University of Iowa.
Current Year Meeting Dates	Aug. 30, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & Nov. 29, 2013 Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 11 & May 9, 2014
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate the frequency of those meetings, too.	As required by its Operations Manual, the PCA meets on the 1st Thursday of each month during the academic year, except January. Three Subcommittees (Academic Achievement, Equity, and Student Athlete Welfare) meet on average six or seven times per year, the Executive Committee meets eight times per year.
Current Year Activities	The PCA routinely monitors the experience of Iowa student athletes with respect to their academic achievement and support, their physical and social well being, and the equity with which the athletic program is administered. Next year the two largest items on the PCA's agenda will be the review
Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year	and approval of the Athletic Department's Strategic Plan and the revision of the PCA Grievance Process for student athletes.
Other issues of concern	Issues of concern that reoccur each year are assuring the integrity and sufficiency of academic support for student athletes, inclusiveness of athletics department activities for diverse student athletes, and gender equity with respect to coaches and other staff positions.
What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?	Applicants should understand that PCA is a working organization in which most service takes place within subcommittees with ambitious portfolios. Part of the work involves intensive interviews with senior administrators, coaches, applicants for coaching and support staff positions, support staff, and student athletes with academic problems, followed by reports on the results of these interviews.

Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.

The most important recommendation is for the Committee on Committees to undertake more careful screening of applicants for appointment to PCA. Applicants should have more than a passing interest in intercollegiate athletics, and should bring to their service some skill set that is relevant to the work of PCA.