Report of the Faculty Athletic Committee, 2011-2012

The members of the 2011-2012 Faculty Athletic Committee (FAC) are: Paul Achter, Jennifer Cable, Henry Chambers (chair), Peter Kaufman, and Robert Phillips. Ex officio members of FAC are: Stephen Allred (Provost), Edward Ayers (President), Bruce Matthews (Assistant Athletic Director of Academics), and Ben Mayes (Faculty Athletic Representative).

The members of FAC are also members of the University’s Athletics Council. The work of the FAC tracks the work of the Athletics Council. Both bodies met once during the academic year. FAC’s meeting occurred on November 21, 2011. The meeting focused on issues related to the implementation of the “Strategic Plan for Spider Student-Athletes” that was approved in April 2011. Issues discussed at the meeting included: difficulties and successes related to class scheduling for student-athletes, the effect that limited facilities can have on practice scheduling and class scheduling for student-athletes, attempts to facilitate study abroad opportunities for student-athletes, academic advising for student-athletes, academic progress reports for athletics teams, and the Bridge program.

Broader discussion ensued regarding continued efforts to keep lines of communication open and strong between the athletics department and the academic units on campus. No motions or actions plans were adopted at the meeting. Next year’s committee will be more active and likely will continue to address the continued implementation of the athletics department’s strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry L. Chambers, Jr., chair, 2011-2012