FROM THE EDITOR

It’s a welcome time! As faculty, you have been welcoming students, old and new, to your campuses and classrooms. As FARs you have been welcoming student-athletes to another year of balancing academics and athletics. There’s lots of welcoming to do. With this month’s edition of the FARA Voice, we hitch up the old welcome wagon and welcome you back to FARA for another exciting year. Please enjoy the articles from Alan Hauser, FARA President, along with articles from each of the Divisional Vice Presidents. Finally, Theresa Evans-Hunter welcomes you to the N4A. You’re welcome!

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Dear FAR colleagues,

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer, hopefully with some time for rest and relaxation. Mine has been filled with teaching, family visits, and various items in intercollegiate athletics. But now it is time for the fall term to being in earnest, along with all the fall sports. This is one of my favorite times of the year.

As you know, Mark Emmert will soon be taking the reins as President of the NCAA. As you saw in a recent issue of FARA Voice, I have corresponded with him, welcoming him as President, and he has responded by noting his strong intention for continuing and enhancing the academic reform movement so skillfully put in place by Myles Brand. President Emmert has indicated that he "view(s) FARA as a standard bearer in this campaign," and will "call on FARA for its support in the future." We look to President Emmert for strong leadership as we continue to enhance the academic reform movement.

President Emmert will be our featured speaker Thursday morning, November 11 at our FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium in Baltimore, and we all look forward to hearing what he will have to say. Chancellor William E. Kirwan of the University System of Maryland, who is Co-Chair of the Knight Commission, will be our featured speaker on Friday. I urge you to attend our Annual Meeting and Symposium, as we have an excellent agenda prepared. The dates are November 11-13. Information about our program, as well as registration materials, are now available at www.farawebsite.org. The dates are November 11-13.

Allow me to mention one last item. For several year, we have conducted a Division II Institute, which is a two and one-half day intensive workshop designed for FARs with approximately a year of experience in the position. The workshop is both informative and designed to develop the skills necessary for FARs to be effective leaders on their campus, within their conference, and in the NCAA governance structure. This fall a Division III Institute will be offered for the first time, and we anticipate it will become as successful as the Division II Institute has been. Unfortunately, the funding has not yet been found to begin a Division I Institute, but we are working on that. Roger Caves, Immediate Past President of FARA, has chaired the planning committee that has put together a fine model for a Division I Institute. The committee's other members are David Clough, Dydia DeLyser, Patrick Devine, and myself. If we can find the funding, we hope to offer its initial session this coming spring. This is especially important, due to the recently-approved requirement in Division I that all councils and cabinets have a minimum representation of 20% FARs. The institutes in all three divisions are designed to play an important role in preparing FARs to be influential leaders in intercollegiate athletics.

I wish you all a pleasant and rewarding fall term, and I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

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Editor’s Note: Over the past several years, FARA has developed and enhanced a relationship with the leadership of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A). Our two organizations place primary importance on the academic success of student-athletes. Below is a note from Theresa Evans-Hunter, the Executive Director of the N4A.

Our Destinations Are the Same!

In 1975 the founders of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) were committed to assisting student-athletes with achieving a viable education leading to graduation. Thirty-five years later that goal remains at the core of N4A activities. N4A members represent campus-wide professionals (like you) working with student-athletes stressing the importance of academics and life skills.

I hope I get a chance to meet with each of you and speak in detail about N4A, at the FARA symposium in Baltimore, November 11-13, the benefits of not only membership, and our organizations working together but also the fostering of relationships on your individual campus. In the meantime, below is a sampling of services that assist colleges and universities in their goal of creating and promoting an environment that stresses the importance of academics and academic integrity.

- Virtual Education Series – designed to create training opportunities for your whole academic support team. Past webinars include presentations on objective based learning, first-year college services and tutoring.
- The Locker Room – N4A’s online knowledge center with models, samples and information to help with the day-to-day tasks.
- Face to Face Learning - Conferences and meetings designed to help you meet the challenges you face while enhancing your ability to achieve higher levels of performance.
- Evaluations, Audit and Review – N4A offers trained consultant services to assist with academic improvement plans and/or external reviews of your support unit

Again I’m looking forward to seeing you at the symposium and exploring ways we continue to promote academic integrity on our campuses.

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Greetings from Division III,

The FARAs have been working hard on the 2010 FARAs Meeting and Symposium which will be held November 11 - 13, 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The breakout sessions for the meeting and symposium will feature a panel session on Missed Class Times with panelists: Chris Graham, Conference Commissioner of the Midwest Conference, Tom Calder, Athletic Director at Johns Hopkins University, a FAR, and a Division III SAAC representative. On Friday the breakout session will consist of looking at the DIII proposed legislation and a presentation by Dan Dutcher about the DIII Identity. On Saturday we will wrap up the meeting with a presentation from Sharon Tufano about NCAA committee service, a look at NCAA scholarships, and the Nuts & Bolts of being a FAR in DIII.

Division III currently has 447 total members (432 active & 15 provisional / reclassifying) with 20% being public institutions and 80% private institutions. I hope you have had a chance to visit the NCAA website [http://www.ncaa.org/divisionIII](http://www.ncaa.org/divisionIII) and looked at the Division III Initiative. Discover, Develop, Dedicate. This is an exciting time to be part of Division III.

The 2010 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) is now available on the NCAA Web site. Please take the time to look it over and discuss it with your President, Athletic Director, and SAAC. Please feel free to contact the legislative review committee with your feedback. The committee members are Jim Wallace [jrwallace@stlawu.edu](mailto:jrwallace@stlawu.edu), Polly Mathys [Polly.Mathys@alvernia.edu](mailto:Polly.Mathys@alvernia.edu) and George Metz [metzg@bluffton.edu](mailto:metzg@bluffton.edu)

The first NCAA Division III Faculty Athletic Representative Institute will be held October 1-3 in Indianapolis.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

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Greetings from Division II,

Greetings to new and veteran Division II FARs. This year Division II has a number of on-going programs to enhance the role of the FAR with new programs on the horizon. The sixth DII FAR Fellows Institute will take place in Indianapolis in October. The FAR Fellows Institute provides an intense developmental opportunity for DII FARs to enhance their ability to perform the critical functions of the FAR. A working group is currently developing a Part II proposal that will be presented and discussed at the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium in November.

Additional DII breakout sessions at the Annual Meeting will cover a variety of topics. Drew Bogner, chair of the DII President’s Council, in conjunction with NCAA staff members will present a DII update. Survey results on the scope of roles and responsibilities of the DII FAR will be presented as well as survey results on faculty attitudes towards intercollegiate athletics at DII institutions. Best practice sessions will highlight DII programs that serve to enhance the student-athlete experience including the implementation of a student-athlete freshman orientation course, and the development of a collaborative recruitment model between campus honors programs and athletics. The developmental life cycle of the FAR, NCAA committee service, and NCAA scholarship opportunities will be the focus of panel discussions.

The DII Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation is now available on the NCAA Web site. The FARA DII Legislative Review Committee report will be posted on the FARA Web site prior to the Annual Meeting. The committee, chaired by Paul Engelmann, welcomes your feedback.

I hope to see a record number of DII FARs in Baltimore. The FARA Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to share best practices, expand your knowledge of the role of the FAR, and network with fellow FARs. Best wishes for a productive and rewarding year.

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Greetings from Division I,

Even with the tight budgets that most of us are experiencing, fall is a time of year on a college campus that generates incredible excitement and a sense of new beginnings.

As we are enjoying all the new students on campus and the fall sports that are underway, it isn’t too soon to start thinking about the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium November 11-13 in Baltimore. We have several Division 1 sessions scheduled that are designed to be of interest to both new FARs and those who have served as their campus Faculty Athletics Representative for several years.

One such session is a panel on student-athlete well-being during challenging economic times. On the panel will be Derrick Ramsey, the Athletics Director at Coppin State who will discuss the topic from the AD’s perspective. There will also be presentations on the economic impact on student-athlete progress toward degree and ability to pursue certain majors due to reduced course offerings and elimination of majors as well as gender equity concerns that may be generated during these tight economic times.

We will hear from two FARs, one of whom is a member of the Academics Cabinet, and from the NCAA concerning issues relating to two-year transfers, including the impact on APR. This panel will also address issues relating to non-traditional courses including proposed legislation dealing with this topic.

On another panel FARs, student-athletes, and a campus student-athlete affairs administrator will discuss the FAR’s role in integrating student-athletes on campus and in the community.

As always, we will have a legislative review session that will bring us up to speed on a variety of legislative proposals that are being considered and allow us the opportunity to determine if FARA wants to take a stand on particular proposals that are of significance to us.

The opportunities to network with other FARs, student-athletes, and NCAA staff are immeasurable and Baltimore itself is a great city for the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium.

I hope you will join us November 10-13 for what looks to be another great FARA meeting.

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