What is a FAR?

The NCAA Manuals indicate the following:

- Each member institution is required to appoint a faculty athletics representative. [Constitution 6.1.3].
- The NCAA Constitution defines the FAR as “a member of the institution’s faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department.”
- The FAR is recognized as the representative of the institution and its faculty in the relationship between the NCAA and the local campus.
Institutional Role of the FAR

In every case, FARs should be involved in:

- Ensuring the academic integrity of the athletics program
- Ensuring the maintenance of the well-being of the student-athlete
- The institutional control of the athletics program

Your Furniture Collection

- Faculty
  - Teaching
  - Research
  - Service

- FAR
  - Institutional Control
  - Academic Integrity
  - Student-Athlete Welfare
Try to Avoid this...

http://onmyporchswing.blogspot.com/2009_02_01_archive.html

FAR Wheel

CEO
Compliance Office
Athletics Admin - Coaching Staff
Athletics Board
SAAC / Student Athletes
Academic Advising
Financial Aid
Registrar
Faculty / Faculty Senate
Admissions
Office of Student Affairs
FAR
The Spectrum of Activities of a FAR

- oversee eligibility certification
- report on athletics to the CEO
- advise athletics senior leadership
- provide liaison to the faculty
- represent the institution to the NCAA
- represent the institution to the conference
- be known to and provide support to all student-athletes
- monitor student-athlete academic progress
- FAR Duties
- report on athletics to faculty governance

The Effective FAR should be:

- Credible
- Legitimate
- Integrated
- Knowledgeable
### Credible

- Work closely and regularly with CEO.
- Work with the CEO and AD to develop an athletics program promoting:
  - Student-athlete well-being
  - Academic integrity
  - Institutional control.
- Be an **independent** advocate for academic integrity and student-athlete well-being.

### Legitimate

- Have a **clear and accurate position description** that is recognized by all constituents.
- Participate in discussions regarding **NCAA legislation**.
- Serve on **search committees**
Integrated

➢ Have regular direct contact with student-athletes to promote and monitor student-athlete well-being

➢ Attend athletics staff meetings

➢ Build relationships outside athletics

➢ Serve on athletics advisory boards

➢ Act as liaison between faculty and athletics

Knowledgeable

➢ Be knowledgeable

➢ about college athletics on a national level

➢ about the environment on your campus

➢ Know the rules!
FARs and the NCAA and Conferences

- FARs are integrated in the NCAA governance structure
- FARs are involved in the NCAA enforcement process
- FARs are involved with Conference committees and governance to varying degrees.

How can FARA help?

FARA is the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association, the professional association for faculty athletics representatives.
FARA Membership

Membership of FARA includes all persons who hold appointments at their institutions as FARs. There are no dues associated with FARA membership.

If you are the FAR, you are a member of FARA!

Programs and Activities

- FARA meetings:
  - The FARA Annual Meeting
  - Educational sessions at the NCAA Convention
  - Roundtable discussion at the regional rules seminars.
- Divisional FAR Institutes
- Regional Rules Seminars
- www.farawebsite.org
- www.ncaa.org
Breakout by Division!