

# Call for Nominations: Faculty Athletics Representative

The Ohio State University is seeking nominations for its next Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) to the Big Ten Conference and the NCAA—one of the university’s most significant faculty leadership roles. Faculty are strongly encouraged to nominate themselves or colleagues who would bring academic integrity, student-centered values, and strong governance experience to this position. This is a unique opportunity for a tenured faculty member to shape policy, influence student success, and represent Ohio State on the national athletics stage.

***Faculty who know colleagues well-suited for this important leadership opportunity—or who feel called to serve themselves—are encouraged to submit nominations.***

The selected FAR will serve a four-year term beginning July 1, 2027, following a one-year transition period starting July 1, 2026, alongside the current FAR. Compensation will be negotiated with the president’s office.

## Why This Role Matters

The FAR is the university’s senior faculty voice in intercollegiate athletics—a critical advocate for academic integrity, student-athlete well-being, and Ohio State’s compliance with NCAA and Big Ten standards. The individual in this role:

- Ensures the academic integrity of the athletics program
- Monitors and champions the student-athlete academic and campus experience
- Oversees institutional compliance with conference and NCAA regulations
- Serves as a senior advisor to the University President and Athletic Director

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All full-time tenured faculty are eligible for nomination; full professors preferred.

### Self-nominations

Please submit:

- A cover letter outlining qualifications and interest in the position; and
- A curriculum vitae not to exceed five (5) pages, with a specific focus on service and leadership roles
- Names and contact information for up to three (3) references

### Nominations of colleagues

Please provide:

- An explanation of no more than two (2) pages regarding why the nominee is well-qualified
- Confirmation that the individual has been contacted about their interest.

**Submissions will be emailed to Ivy Hammond, recording assistant, University Senate, at [hammond.707@osu.edu](mailto:hammond.707@osu.edu), by 6 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2026.**

## Desired Qualifications

The Search Committee is especially interested in candidates who demonstrate:

- Flexibility to manage ongoing FAR responsibilities, including midweek travel
- A strong record of university service and leadership
- Clear communication and relationship-building skills
- Familiarity with athletics operations and governance
- Understanding of Ohio State, Big Ten, and NCAA regulations
- Experience working with diverse undergraduate students
- A commitment to academic excellence and student-athlete welfare
- The capacity to uphold and strengthen Ohio State's leadership in intercollegiate athletics

## Search Committee Members

- [Nicole Kraft](#) (Chair)
- Jennifer Cheavens
- Keely Croxton
- Jared Gardner
- Hasan Jeffries
- Kacy King

# Detailed Faculty Athletics Representative Responsibilities

Each member institution of the NCAA is required to appoint a faculty athletics representative. The faculty athletics representative is recognized as the representative of the institution and its faculty in the relationship between the NCAA and the local campus. The faculty athletics representative is one of five recognized individuals authorized to make contact, on behalf of The Ohio State University, to the NCAA membership services staff. Appointed by the President of the University, the faculty athletics representative provides advice and oversight for the intercollegiate athletics program at Ohio State.

The responsibilities of the faculty athletics representative fall under four main categories and include but are not limited to the following duties:

## **1. The Faculty Athletics Representative participates in the assurance of academic integrity of the athletics program**

- Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Senate's Athletic Council
- Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Academic Progress & Eligibility committee of the Athletic Council
- Meet regularly with, and participate in support of, the Director and leadership of the Student Athlete Support Services Organization (SASSO)
- Facilitate communication with the academic community and other campus units (Registrar, Financial Aid, Admissions, Graduate School, Academic Affairs etc.) in accordance with University policies
- Serve as communication liaison for institutional reports such as APR and GSR
- Review all COAM cases involving S-As for NCAA issues after the University's process has been completed

## **2. The Faculty Athletics Representative monitors and fosters the student-athlete experience**

- Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Athletic Council student wellness committee
- Meet regularly with the Director of SASSO
- Meet regularly with the Executive Committee of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Engage with the Eugene D. Smith Leadership Institute
- Meet with Athletics leadership and staff as needed.
- Foster awareness of:
  - Academic expectations in prospective student-athletes;
  - Best practices for student-athlete success;
  - Educational and experiential opportunities outside of and beyond the University.
- Serve as a point of contact for S-As in the Circle of Care in accordance with NCAA Constitution Article II.E.2 (2022).

## **3. The Faculty Athletics Representative participates in the assurance of institutional compliance with NCAA and Big Ten Conference regulations**

- Participate in the preparation of all waivers or appeals from NCAA/Conference legislation or process
- Serve as member of ad hoc compliance committees as needed
- Meet regularly with Director of Compliance for Athletics and other compliance staff as needed
- Administer annual NCAA compliance examinations to coaches
- Administer selected NCAA team surveys, and other instruments as needed
- Serve as member of the Big Ten Conference Joint Group

## **4. The Faculty Athletics Representative serves as the Senior Faculty Advisor to the President and the Director of Athletics**

- Report regularly to the President of the University
- Meet regularly with the Director of Athletics
- Make annual reports to University Senate and/or Faculty Council
- Represent the University at the NCAA Convention
- Represent the University to other conferences and organizations as needed