

UAAAC: 2018 - 2019 Update

by Leigh N. Hersey, PhD, Committee Chair

MEMBERS

MEMBERS: Leigh Hersey (Chair), Tom DeNardin (Past Chair), Lance Nickelson (Secretary), Brett Bennett (FAR), Caroline Carpenter, Todd Dooley, Jim Doull, Ken Leppert, Anthony Malta, Scott McDonald, Meredith McKinnie, Savannah Posey, Barbara Michaelides, Kolton Childress (Student-Athlete - Fall) and Jayden Mount (Student-Athlete - Spring)

The year brought many new members to the Committee. They were given a brief orientation and incorporated into the activities of the Committee.

Although there was strong fall participation of student-athletes, it did not continue into the spring. The Committee is incomplete without their voice.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Sub-committees met throughout the semester to focus on key issues.

EQUITY AND STUDENT ATHLETE WELL-BEING: Tom DeNardin (chair); Jayden Mount, Meredith McKinnie, Savannah Posey

ACADEMICS, INTEGRITY, AND COMPLIANCE: Brett Bennett (chair); Jim Doull, Barbara Michaelides, Todd Dooley, Anthony Malta

GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL INTEGRITY: Ken Leppert (chair); Scott McDonald, Lance Nickelson

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded Dr. William Hey the Faculty Award, based on nominations submitted by student-athletes. He will be publicly recognized at the fall fundraising event.
- Awarded Miranda Weed, Academic Counselor, Staff Award, based on nominations submitted by student-athletes. She will be publicly recognized at a football game.
- Members attended a baseball game together to build camaraderie and show support for our teams.
- Brett Bennett was recognized at the February 28th basketball game for his service as the FAR.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mary Adams has been working with Brett Barnett to transition to the FAR position.

The Athletic Department will appoint two new student-athlete members to participate in the meetings.

The Committee will continue to look at ways to bridge the bayou.