

## **Faculty Athletics Representative**

The Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) is an NCAA-mandated position appointed by and reporting directly to the President. The FAR is one of five University representatives authorized to directly contact the NCAA. The Faculty Athletic Representative will have a strong commitment to supporting the NCAA Division III philosophy, especially seeking “to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete’s athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete’s educational experience, and an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.” (<http://www.ncaa.org/governance/division-iii-philosophy-statement>).

### **Duties:**

The FAR’s primary responsibilities are to support and help to ensure the academic integrity of the University’s Division III athletics program, serve as a liaison between the athletics program and academic affairs and the faculty, and serve as an independent advocate for student–athlete wellbeing.

Specific duties include:

1. Working with the Director of Athletics and the coaches, monitor academic performance of student-athletes, including delivery of academic services.
2. Work with the athletics compliance director to ensure student-athlete eligibility.
3. Serve as a liaison between the athletics department and the faculty; this includes bringing faculty/academic concerns to the athletics department, providing faculty with updates and information about the athletics program; working with faculty, the UFC, Deans, Provost, and other constituencies to address concerns about and develop ways to support student athletes.
4. Serve as senior faculty advisor on athletics to the President; meet regularly with the President.
5. Provide counsel to the Director of Athletics and the Vice President for Student Affairs; meet regularly with each.
6. Work with the Director of Athletics and staff to identify faculty liaisons for each varsity sport team; coordinate the communication between the athletics department and the faculty liaisons for each team.
7. Review annual Institutional Research survey of athletes and address issues with the Director of Athletics.

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8. Serve as a member of the Athletics Leadership Team, attend regular Athletics staff meetings, meet with Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Chair the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee.
9. Attend NCAA Division III new FAR Orientation (Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Baltimore); attend NCAA convention (January 23-25, Orlando, Fla.)
10. Attend athletic conference meetings (1/semester).
11. Participate on 2018-2019 search committee for the new Director of Athletics; serve on search committees for senior athletics department administrators and head coaches as needed.
12. Be visible to student-athletes and staff through attendance at contests, events, etc.
13. Nominate student athletes for national recognitions and/or provide letters of support for same.

**Qualifications:**

- Tenured, full-time faculty member.
- Experience with collegiate athletics, including experience teaching/working with UMW athletes.
- Commitment to and ability to speak to the high impact, educational value of a student's participation in a high quality Division III athletics program, and how a quality Division III program fits with and advances our institutional mission and goals.

**Compensation:**

Annual stipend of \$3,000; one course release per academic year.  
This position has a three-year term; the FAR can be reappointed.

**This position reports to the President.**

**Application Process:**

Submit (1) a brief statement of interest and qualifications, including what you see as the primary goals of a Division III athletics program at a liberal arts institution; (2) current CV.

**Submit your application by email to:** Nina Mikhalevsky, Provost [nmik@umw.edu](mailto:nmik@umw.edu)

Applications will be reviewed by Nina Mikhalevsky, Provost and Juliette Landphair, Vice President for Student Affairs; the Provost and Vice President will make their recommendations to the President, President Paino will make the appointment.

**Deadline for applications: September 10, 2018**

If you have any questions about this position or need further information, please contact the Office of the Provost.