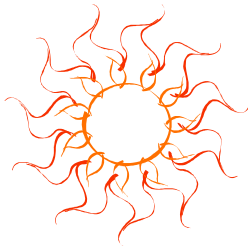




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The end of the school year is upon us, and you have probably finished your spring term. I hope you have had a good year, and will find time to relax over the summer.

I look forward to some summer recreation, but also intend to keep FARA Voice coming to you each month, in order that you may be kept informed of recent events and developments. As always, we welcome your comments.

Our feature article this month is by Dennis Leighton, president of FARA. Among the items Dennis discusses are: “empowerment,” the theme that dominated the programming at last fall’s meeting of FARA; the Presidential Task Force, to which the FARA executive committee responded in detail, both in FARA Voice, and in the NCAA News; the development of an educational program for college and university presidents concerning the role of the FAR, and the development of the theme of “engagement” for this coming November’s FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium. Dennis also mentions the pilot project in which FARA is cooperating with the N4A to develop programs to give

individual campuses guidance on how they may improve their APRs. I will have more to report on this in the June issue of FARA Voice.

Following Dennis’s article is a description of the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium, to be held November 8-10 in Baltimore. This is the primary professional development opportunity for FARs, so please make plans to attend. Not only is there much to enjoy and to learn, but there is also the opportunity to network with FARs from across the country, to discuss important legislation, and to improve our skills as FARs.

Finally, Dennis provides a call for nominations for members of FARA’s executive committee, and for officers for FARA. Please consider nominating FARs who would do well in these roles within FARA. You will note that a slate of candidates will be developed by **June 15**, so take the time now to send us the names of persons you would like to nominate.

Enjoy your summer, make plans for attending the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium in November in Baltimore, and send us your nominees. And remember, you will be hearing from us each month throughout the summer.

*Alan J. Hauser, editor
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ENDING THIS YEAR BEGINS THE NEXT

As we are putting the finishing touches on spring semesters by grading those projects that seemed such a good idea when assigned, and grading those essay questions that seem longer each year, let's pause and think back over the year in our role as FARs. It's been quite a year. The FARA theme this year was "Empowerment." Much of what you read in the FARA Voice had to do with empowerment of FARs to effectively do our jobs. Most of the programming at the FARA Fall Forum had to do with empowerment. I think we all recognize that under the NCAA bylaws, all of our empowerment comes from our presidents. We must then take this empowerment and find the ways at our individual institutions that we can be most effective in our roles of supporting the student-athletes.

As we all worked to become more effective FARs, other important events happened this year that affect us all. The release of the NCAA Presidential Task Force (PTF) Report in October, 2006 presented best practices for university presidents in order to regain control of intercollegiate athletics. While the report is intended for mainly a Division I audience, the points made by the task force members are applicable in many circumstances and instances to Division II and III institutions as well. FARs are prominently referred to in the report as those faculty best positioned to lead the general faculty in a fuller understanding of the positive benefits of intercollegiate athletics. Three members of the FARA executive committee, (president-elect Alan Hauser, past president Lorrie Clemo and I) wrote reactions to the report that were published in the FARA Voice, and have been published in the NCAA News.

Another significant event for FARA was the opportunity for me and Lorrie Clemo to meet with the NCAA Executive Committee at the conclusion of the NCAA Convention last January. We presented an outline for the

development of a comprehensive professional development program for FARs, as well as educational programming for college and university presidents and athletics directors concerning the role of the FAR. Our proposal was fully endorsed by the Executive Committee, and work continues on this important project today. The Faculty Institute in Division II serves as a highly successful model for FAR development, and the FARA executive committee has been looking closely at this model for the past several months.

The FARA executive committee has been quite busy this spring looking toward next year. Alan Hauser and I spent two days at the NCAA national office, meeting with a wide variety of office staff. Much of the discussion was how FARA and FARs can work more closely with national office staff. The staff was very open and willing to assist FARA in a variety of ways. I think the meeting was very beneficial for everyone.

The entire executive committee met for our spring retreat at the end of March. The many agenda items included a sneak preview of the new FARA Web site and advanced planning for the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium (formerly the FARA Fall Forum). The theme for this year's meeting is "Engagement", meaning the engagement of the general faculty for the betterment of intercollegiate athletics. See elsewhere in this Voice for more on the Annual Meeting and Symposium.

Finally, you will be represented by FARA at a few important meetings this summer and this fall. Alan Hauser will represent FARA when the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) meets at Stanford University later this month. COIA will be developing a white paper on intercollegiate athletics, and FARA was invited by COIA leaders to attend their meeting. Alan will also represent FARA at the National

Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A), with whom he has been working on an educational program for the new academic standards in Division I. Finally, I and others will be a part of the Knight Commission Faculty Institute this October. Keep an eye out for more details on this meeting later this summer.

I hope you can see what a busy year it has been. Many other smaller scale initiatives continue to be developed in FARA. We will describe these in more detail as time goes on.

I hope you have had as good a year as I have, and that you will all enjoy the summer months before we get right back at it next fall.

*Dennis Leighton
President, FARA
University of New England*

ANNUAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM



The FARA executive committee met in March to begin planning for the **FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium**. The meeting will be held in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor, from **November 8 - 10, 2007**. The theme for this year's meeting is "Engagement." Much of the programming will revolve around how FARs can better engage the general faculty on their campuses in order to better integrate academics and athletics. The meeting agenda will include some general sessions, divisional breakouts, reports from divisional governance staff, and time to discuss proposed NCAA legislation. On Thursday night will be the popular FARA awards dinner, where the Byers Award winners will be presented. We are very excited about the programming for this

year's meeting. Take a look at your fall calendars, and see if you can't carve out these special days in November. Most FARs should be able to arrive on Thursday and depart on Saturday, missing only two days of classes.

Remember that the **FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium** is THE professional development opportunity for FARs. We hope you will find a way to make it to the meeting this year.

Karen Cooper in the NCAA national office will be sending registration materials out in mid-July. Registration closes October 4, but please register early so we don't run short on rooms.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

For the first time this year, FARA elections will conclude at the Annual Meeting and Symposium in November. The FARA executive committee will develop a slate of candidates by June 15. Additional candidates can be nominated by the membership by submitting to the FARA President a nominating petition endorsed by at least five (5) FARA members by September 1. All nominations close on September 1. The voting will then occur during September and October, with the voting ending on November 1. New executive committee members take office at the conclusion of the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium.

In general, FARs begin as representatives on the executive committee, elected by their divisional peers. Each year, one new representative from Divisions II and III and two representatives from Division I are elected. For 2007, the

Division I representatives must come from a Bowl Championship (I-A) and a Non-Football institution (I-AAA). In addition to the representatives, this year we will also be electing a new secretary-treasurer, which is for a two-year renewable term. The incumbent, Vicki Hightower, is retiring and not seeking re-election.



Full descriptions of the FARA offices can be found on the FARA Web site at the following link:

<http://org.elon.edu/ncaafara/Bylaws07.html>

If you would like to be considered for a position, or you know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dennis Leighton at dleighton@une.edu.

Mark Your Calendars!

June 3-8, 2007
July, 2007

October 4, 2007
November 8-10, 2007
January 11-14, 2008
May 18-23, 2008
June 1-6, 2008
November 13-15, 2008
January 14-17, 2009

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