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TO: Dr. Patricia Humphrey Chair, Senate Executive Committee  
FROM: Brooks A. Keel, President  
DATE: October 9, 2014  
SUBJECT: **October 8, 2014, Faculty Senate Recommendation:  
Motion to Allow the Faculty Athletic Representative to succeed him (her)self  
an indeterminate number of times.**

*Approved  
10/10/14*

Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the October 8, 2014, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of October 9, 2014, I have approved the motion below.

**MOTION:**

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I recommend approval of the following motion presented at October 8, 2014, Faculty Senate meeting.

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# FAR STUDY REPORT



## **Roles, Responsibilities and Perspectives of NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives**

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## APPENDIX D

### **Resolution Regarding the Appointment of Faculty Athletics Representatives**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association recognizes the importance of shared governance at its member institutions and the critical role of faculty athletics representatives in communicating with the faculty role of faculty athletics representatives in communicating with the faculty as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association recognizes the benefits of faculty athletics representatives who provide long-term service to their institutions; and

WHEREAS, said benefits include effectiveness in the performance of their duties, and the opportunity to provide a unique perspective and an experienced faculty voice in the governance of the NCAA and FARA; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association is committed to diversity throughout intercollegiate athletics and, especially, in its ranks; therefore,

Be it **RESOLVED**,

That the following statement be adopted as the official recommendation of the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association, that this policy be communicated to the chief executive officer of each member institution, and that this policy be included in the Faculty Athletics Representatives Handbook and all appropriate faculty athletics representatives materials:

#### **THE FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS:**

- 1) That faculty athletics representatives be appointed through a process that should include consultation with the appropriate shared governance bodies.
- ★ 2) That there is no predetermined limit to the length of time that such faculty athletics representatives may serve.
- 3) That member institutions strongly consider the appointment of women and minorities to the position of faculty athletics representative.

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# **Roles, Responsibilities and Perspectives of NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives**

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# B. Appointment/Reporting

**Table 12**

**Q12 - How did you become FAR?**

	Division											
	I-FBS		I-FCS		I (no football)		I-Overall		II		III	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	N	%	n	%
Elected/Appointed by Faculty Governance Body	1	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	5	2.6	20	8.3
Nominated by Faculty Governance Body and Approved by CEO	16	19.8	7	9.7	6	10.2	29	13.2	15	7.7	18	7.5
Selected by CEO without a Nomination	53	65.4	61	84.7	51	86.4	171	78.1	153	78.9	148	61.4
Other	11	13.6	4	5.6	2	3.4	18	8.2	21	10.8	55	22.8
<b>Total</b>	81		72		59		219		194		241	

**Table 13**

**Q17 - How long is your term as FAR?**

	Division											
	I-FBS		I-FCS		I (no football)		I-Overall		II		III	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
One year	1	1.3	4	5.6	2	3.4	7	3.2	4	2.1	10	4.1
Two years	1	1.3	1	1.4	2	3.4	4	1.8	2	1.0	11	4.6
Three years	14	17.5	7	9.7	7	11.9	29	13.3	17	8.8	15	6.2
Four years	4	5.0	3	4.2	1	1.7	8	3.7	1	0.5	2	0.8
More than four years	16	20.0	7	9.7	5	8.5	28	12.8	2	1.0	8	3.3
I don't have a fixed term	44	55.0	50	69.4	42	71.2	142	65.1	168	86.6	195	80.9
<b>Total</b>	80		72		59		218		194		241	

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