

## **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Annual Report, 2024-2025**

### **Respectfully submitted by Seth Hornstein and Wendy Glenn, Co-Chairs**

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Boulder Faculty Assembly (IAC-BFA) met 10 times over the course of 2024-2025 (five times in the Fall and five times in the Spring). Highlights of these meetings included a conversation with Chancellor Justin Schwartz, facilitation of interviews with Faculty Athletics Representative finalists, and generation of formal subcommittees to begin in Fall 2025. Additionally, committee Co-Chairs participated in the Annual Athletics Compliance Meeting, Student Athlete Academic Recognition Breakfast, and several meetings of the Special Admissions Committee and Athletics Aid Appeal Committee.

Committee members dedicated significant time to two particularly exciting initiatives: the Campus Athletics Conversation Series (CACS) and the Faculty Fellows Program (FFP), both described in greater detail below.

#### *Campus Athletics Conversation Series (CACS)*

The Campus Athletics Conversation Series (CACS) was created to build connections between CU faculty, staff, and students and the Athletics Department by fostering learning and conversation around athletics-related content. Now in its third year, the 2024-2025 CACS was organized around the theme of “The Changing Landscape of College Athletics.” Topics were chosen to encourage discussion around the various changes (some seismic) happening in the world of intercollegiate athletics. This year, the IAC hosted the following CACS sessions, all open to members of the CU community and larger public:

- Joe Jupille
  - Perspectives from a Faculty Athletics Representative (October 2024)
- Rick George
  - Buffs United for Future Success (December 2024)
- Kris Livingston
  - The Secret Sauce: Academics and Athletics (February 2025)
- DaWon Baker
  - Creating Environments for All to Thrive in Athletics (March 2025)
- Abbey Shea
  - Name, Image, Likeness: The New Frontier (April 2025)

#### *Faculty Fellows Program (FFP)*

The FFP is designed to foster and expand relationships and mutual understanding between faculty and Athletics, enhance the student athlete experience, and provide support for student athletes in developing skills for success in school and in life. Each Fellow works with a CU athletic squad, aiming to get to know the student athletes and staff and providing support as desired. Sample activities include attending practices and matches, traveling with the team, engaging in recruitment events, writing letters of recommendation, connecting athletes to resources on campus, offering

advice around future schooling and career opportunities, and advocating for student athletes among faculty colleagues within academic departments on issues that may arise (athletic travel accommodations, proctoring, etc.). During 2024-2025, the committee built upon the development of the FFP program in volleyball (with Wendy Glenn serving as inaugural Fellow beginning Spring 2024) by extending the program to skiing (with Nicole Stob serving as Fellow) and identifying potential future partnerships with tennis and golf.