

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Annual Report, 2025-2026

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The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Boulder Faculty Assembly (IAC-BFA) met 7 times over the course of 2025-2026 (three times in the Fall and four times in the Spring). Highlights of these meetings included a conversation with Athletic Director Fernando Lovo, updating the faculty celebration exhibit in the Events Center, and generating formal subcommittees to launch in Fall 2026. The committee was pleased to hear from Lovo that he is interested and willing to continue conversations of interest with our committee and campus faculty; for example, Lovo shared his experience at a previous institution with developing a faculty appreciation week which we encouraged him to consider at CU and offered to work in collaboration with him and his team.

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 Gender Equity Plan Review and Update Committee.

Committee members dedicated significant time to the Campus Athletics Conversation Series (CACS). A data sub-committee was formed but did not set an agenda or meet; this is an area for improvement in the coming year. The committee is most proud of elevating attention to student-athlete experience, including workload, mental health, and transitions.

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 fourth year, the 2025-2026 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:

- Demystifying the Transfer Portal: Supporting Incoming Transfer Student Athletes (September 2025)
 - Lauren Unrein, Katherine Kubancik
- Beyond the Game: A Conversation with Student Athletes (October 2025)
 - Panel of three student athletes
- From NCAA to World Cup (November 2025)
 - Magda Łuczak, July Furtado