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Dear Associate Provost Banes-Berceli and the Senate Steering Committee,

I am writing in my role as Chair of the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (SIAC) to provide an annual report of the committee's activities. I was reappointed to another 5-year term as Faculty Athletic Representative, and will therefore continue to serve as Chair of SIAC through June 30, 2030. The committee has functioned well in its advisory role to the athletics department.

This year, the committee met monthly, for a total of eight meetings. Discussion topics for each are listed below, and meeting minutes for each are appended to this letter.

- House Settlement impact on OU athletics
- Creation of a new sport-management minor
- Belonging and Victimization
- Updates on OU Athletics APR (Academic Progress Rate) and GSR (Graduation Success Rate)
- Student-Athlete Development, NIL, and SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee)
- Development of a Mental Health Screening Tool for Student-Athletes
- Dining Services
- Strength and Conditioning

I am happy to discuss any of the information provided here, upon request.

Thank you for your time and support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa McDonald".

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