

AU's Darwyn Cook chosen to attend NCAA FAR Fellows Institute

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ALFRED, NY -- Darwyn Cook, associate professor of mathematics at Alfred University, has been selected as a 2013 NCAA Division III Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Fellow, and will attend the third annual FAR Fellows Institute on October 4-6 at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.

Empire 8 Conference Commissioner Chuck Mitrano nominated Cook for the honor. Cook, faculty athletic representative at Alfred University since the fall of 2010, was appointed the Empire 8 Conference's FAR chair in April.

The role of the FAR at any given institution is to serve as a faculty voice to ensure balance between academics and athletics for the benefit of the student-athlete. In addition, the FAR represents the institution in conference and NCAA affairs. The Division III FAR Fellows Institute is intended to enhance the role of the FAR and raise awareness of the FAR as a valuable campus and conference resource.

The Institute will provide professional development and leadership training to thirty FARs from Division III schools, representing a wide range of athletic conferences and independent institutions. It will offer a thorough examination of best practices and issues regarding the roles and responsibilities of the FAR; help FAR Fellows develop leadership skills; and strengthen the network of FARs to serve on conference, divisional, and association-wide committees.

Cook holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from SUNY Potsdam (1990) and also earned a master's degree in Mathematics from SUNY Potsdam, also in 1990. He earned his PhD in mathematics from Louisiana State University in 1996.

After graduating from LSU, Cook taught mathematics for four years at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, NH, before taking his current position at Alfred University in the fall of 2000. His current research interests involve the application of technology to the teaching of mathematics. As Faculty Athletics Representative at AU, he is working on

implementing a new reporting system aimed at improving retention rates among student-athletes.