

AFAM panel set up by UNC system

The five-member panel held its first meeting on July 20.

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The UNC system has launched a review of UNC-Chapel Hill's investigation of academic fraud in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies.

A five-member panel of board members was announced June 14 by then board chairwoman Hannah Gage to demonstrate the UNC system's commitment to preventing academic fraud. The panel met for the first time on July 20.

"We embrace any and all additional reviews that this panel or any faculty or trustees might recommend," UNC-CH Chancellor Holden Thorp said at the panel's first meeting.

The panel was formally charged with reviewing the

both the investigation and the actions taken by the University to fix problems outlined in the University's May report.

UNC-system President Thomas Ross said he wanted to ensure this incident would not be repeated.

"This situation is nothing short of deplorable," he said at the panel's announcement. "It is contrary to everything this University stands for."

The May report linked former department chair Julius Nyang'oro to many of the more than 50 courses found to be aberrant or irregularly taught — meaning courses were not supervised appropriately by professors or that signatures on students' work and grade rolls were forged.

Thorp said at the panel meeting that student-athletes and regular students were treated the same in the improperly-taught courses, even though student athletes were overrepresented.

"It's not the percentage of



Louis Bisette was appointed to chair the Board of Governors academic review panel.

athletes in these classes that was the problem," he said. "It was that they weren't taught properly by a professor who used a syllabus, who met face-to-face with students and who gave them the caliber of educational experience they deserved."

Louis Bisette, who will be chairing the panel, said he believed that a good faith effort was made by the University to investigate and remedy the situation, but that the panel intended to take a serious look at all reports.

The panel intends to complete its work by October.

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Baseball team reloads for the 2013 campaign

By Brandon Moree
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The 2012 season didn't end the way the North Carolina baseball team wanted it to.

Though seasons usually don't, it also didn't end where it normally does — in Omaha, Neb.

It was the St. John's Red Storm that eliminated UNC during regional play at Boshamer Stadium June 3.

"Obviously we didn't get where we wanted to go, but we had a great year," the senior catcher Jacob Stallings said tearfully after his final game in a UNC uniform.

"It's just disappointing the way it ended."

The regional loss ended the hopes of making a sixth College World Series appearance in the last seven seasons. But the team is getting ready to start the process over again to make a run at Omaha in 2013.

North Carolina lost four players to the Major League Baseball draft, including All-American closer Michael Morin and second baseman



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Players disappointedly shake hands with St. John's after the loss.

Tommy Coyle but will welcome a class of recruits that has coach Mike Fox ready to get started this fall.

"They've been lifting with coach (Greg) Gatz and taking classes, so they've been around the stadium a lot so they've gotten to know each other," Fox said. "We've gotten to know them so that's been really good."

"I think this is a good group. They seem to be very committed and determined, you know, I think we've got

some talented players."

Fox will have a 45-day window to conduct team practices in the fall and will conclude that stretch with the annual Fall World Series, which is a best-of-seven intrasquad series.

"Last year's over with, you can't dwell on it," Fox said. "The motivator for this group is, let's put ourselves in the same position again and see what happens."

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