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For those who may not have seen it, Dan's anticipated article runs in today's N&O on page 1A (single column): <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/06/08/2948647/former-unc-african-studies-chairman.html>.

I've copied below for your information and context some of the clarifying responses provided to Dan by UNC-Chapel Hill in recent days. Please also note that the opportunity to participate in the "guest coach" program is offered periodically to department chairs across the campus. Past UNC presidents have also participated.

Among the info provided to Dan, most of which isn't reflected in his article:

The Nyang'oro and Crowder email correspondence was considered during past investigations about this issue. The University cooperated fully; all investigative bodies received unfettered access to any requested information.

AFAM 398 (Summer 2010) was reviewed for both the Hartlyn-Andrews and Martin-Baker Tilly investigations. Afri 120 (Spring 2005) was reviewed for the Martin-Baker Tilly investigation. Neither course appeared on either report's lists of problematic courses. In addition, neither of these courses met the Martin/Baker Tilly report red flag criteria.

No new Type 1 or Type 2 courses have been identified since the Martin/Baker Tilly report and addendum.

The other available information about those two courses is in the data the University provided to John Drescher on March 15 for all undergraduate courses taken by student-athletes from fall 2001 through the summer of 2012.

The Hartlyn-Andrews and Martin-Baker Tilly reports detailed the department's past lax administrative practices. Both of those reports, along with the BOG Academic Review Panel report, also covered the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes.

The "red flag criteria" in the Martin-Baker Tilly report included more than just the two things you mentioned. For example, the percentage of student-athletes in a course was not a correlating factor for a course section being identified as anomalous. (See page 30).

Regarding your statements characterizing what has been said about the ASPSA staff, please refer to page 9 of the Martin-Baker Tilly report. It says, among other things, that, "In the case of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies, there is evidence that certain ASPSA employees were aware that certain courses within the Department were so-called "Term Paper Courses," and that lecture courses were being taught in an independent study format." This is not new information.

EXCERPT FROM BOG ACADEMIC REVIEW PANEL REPORT: "It seems clear that academic counselors in the ASPSA guided student-athletes into AFAM Department courses during the periods under review, without necessarily knowing that the courses were anomalous. We have seen no evidence, for example, that anyone in ASPSA knew about improper and unauthorized grading practices, or the academic misconduct perpetrated by the two former AFAM Department employees. There appears to be, however, some dispute as to whether questions were ever raised by academic counselors or others in the ASPSA about "paper-only" courses that were nominally listed as lecture courses. This Panel acknowledges the open