Overview

- FAR Background/Context
- Institutional Oversight – Example
  - 22-23 Big Ten Standards Report
- Ex Officio Chair, Athletic Council
- Student-Athlete Welfare – Example
  - Academic Excellence
- 2023-2024 AC Ticket Report
Background and Context

- **MSU Athletics**
  - 23 Teams (incl. Track & Field twice – indoor/outdoor = 2)
  - ~750 student-athletes (SA) (~800 to ~680, time of year)

- **MSU - two-FAR model**
  - Dr. Bonnie Knutson & Dr. Michael Kaplowitz
  - 6 of original Big Ten schools have two-FAR model
    (Illinois, Iowa, MSU, MN, Purdue, Wis.)

- **FARs work to ensure:**
  - Student-athlete welfare and well-being
  - Institutional oversight - Rules compliance/Academic integrity
Example MSU FAR Activities

- Attend Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) meetings
- Meet w/ Student Athlete Academic Service (SAAS) personnel
- Review and receive regular compliance training w/coaches
- Meet w/ Senior Women Administrator (SWA) and Director of Compliance
- Meet w/ coaches, as appropriate
- Work w/ SA on fellowships and scholarship applications
- Provide oversight and sign-offs for NCAA compliance reports, etc.
- Virtually-attend University Council

- Meet w/ Director of Sports Medicine
- Meet w/ & report to MSU President
- Meet w/ Athletics Director (AD), et al.
- Meet w/ MSU Registrar
- Participate in AD strategic planning process
- Co-Chair, Athletic Council (AC) meetings
- Represent MSU @ Big Ten
  - FAR Group and Joint Group
    - Finance Committee (BK)
    - Academic Eligibility (MK)
  - Work w/ Big Ten FAR group, 1A FAR, & FARA
- Represent MSU @ NCAA
  - Autonomous Group (Power Five)
  - Constitutional Change
  - Future of College Athletics Discussion
Institutional Oversight - Example
2022-2023 B1G Standards Report

- Annual Review and Report – Big Ten
  - MSU Institutional Standards in accord with B1G Standards
    Committee: Provost, Dir. of Admissions, Dir. of Fin. Aid, Dir. Sport Med., Dir. SA Support Services, University Counsel, Off. Of Student Support & Accountability, and Dir. of Compliance
    Co-FAR Kaplowitz – chai
  - Reporting process, early fall 2023
    - Each unit/division reviews, reports on, and signs-off
      - Identification of basis/evidence to support findings/sign-offs
  - Committee met, report finalized, in Fall 2023.
  - Report shared w/President and Board of Trustees, early 2024
  - Report shared with Athletic Council, early 2024
Substance of the 22-23 Report

- 2022-2023 MSU compliance efforts enumerated
- No violations of institutional standards in 2022-2023
- No systematic failures of institutional standards in 2022-2023

Updated MSU Standards document to reflects MSU updates
Co-Chair, Athletic Council (Ex officio)
Athletic Council (AC)

- **Composition** [see attachment/next slide]
  - Eight faculty members
  - Three alumni
  - Three students (2 UG, 1 Grad)
- **Ex Officio**
  - Director of Athletics
  - UCUE rep
  - Director Alumni Assoc.
  - Rep from VPFO
  - Co-FAR (co-Chairs)
### 2023-2024 Athletic Council Roster

*(from Academic Governance Site)*

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Athletic Council Activities

- Regular meetings (~ monthly AY) w/ a substantive/participatory agenda

Example Athletic Council Agenda Items

- Name Image & Likeness (NIL)
- SA Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Compliance (e.g., rules, recruiting)
- MSU Athletics Facilities
- SA Academic Achievement
- Athletics Budget Preview
Athletic Council – D2L Site

- AC Topics Schedule
- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
- Reports (e.g., Institutional Standards report, and this 😊)
  - AC Report to UC in spring, as previously requested by Acad. Gov.
Student-Athlete Welfare & Wellbeing -
Academic Success
Student-Athlete Academic Success
NCAA Report (FALL 2023)

NCAA Report

- Cohorts: 2013-2016 cohorts as per NCAA
- The NCAA's release typically focuses on GSR and 4-year FGR.
  - The GSR is an NCAA metric which allows athletics departments to compare themselves to their peers within an agreeable set of conditions. (For example, not being penalized for transfers who leave an institution in good standing.)

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* Indicates ALL-TIME HIGH
• All S-A 4-yr FGR of 81% is all-time high!
  • matches the All-Student 4-year rate
  • 3rd highest in Big Ten (NW-95%, mich-83%, ILL-81%)
  • 7th highest among Power 5 conference peers;
    3rd highest among public institutions in that group

• Five sports posted 100% FGR
  • Gymnastics, Women’s Track/Cross Country,
    Women’s Tennis, Volleyball and Men’s Tennis
Student-Athlete Academic Success
GPA Report (FALL 2023)

- **2nd HIGHEST ALL-TIME DEPARTMENT CUMULATIVE GPA (3.3188)**
  - all-time high is 3.3286 from Spring 2023
  - HIGHEST_EVER POST_FALL cumulative GPA
  - 26th consecutive semester over a 3.00 cumulative GPA

- **4th HIGHEST ALL-TIME DEPARTMENT SEMESTER GPA (3.3389)**
  - 2nd Highest Fall semester GPA (behind pandemic-impacted fs20)
  - 22nd consecutive semester over a 3.0 semester GPA

- 20 of 21 TEAMS posted both CUMULATIVE & SEMESTER GPA 3.0 or better
  - 2nd consecutive semesters with 20 teams above both
2023-2024 AC Ticket Report
AC Ticket Policies – 2023-2024

- **FOOTBALL-Season Tickets:**
  - Athletic Council members are eligible for two (2) football complimentary season tickets
  - Members will be taxed on the face value of the tickets
  - If ticket location chosen has Spartan Fund Seat premium, members responsible for payment of full amount.
  - Personal use only; not to be used for student-athletes, recruits, or high school coaches
  - Parking passes available upon request as well, will be taxed on value of pass.
  - No discount on single-game tickets

- **MEN’S BASKETBALL-Season Tickets:**
  - Athletic Council members can request two (2) men’s basketball season tickets
  - Same re: taxes; Spartan Fund seat premium; Personal use only; & No discount on single-game tickets

- **HOCKEY-Season Tickets:**
  - Athletic Council members can request two (2) hockey season tickets
  - Same re: taxes; Spartan Fund seat premium; Personal use only; & No discount on single-game tickets

- **GO GREEN CARDS**
  - Athletic Council members are eligible to receive two (2) complimentary Go Green cards
  - A Go Green card is good for one (1) admission to any of the following sports for the season: Men’s & Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball, Women’s Basketball, Women’s Gymnastics, Wrestling, Baseball, and Softball
AC Ticket Use Report – 2023-2024

- Athletic Council members (12) (not including AD, FARs, S-A)

- Season Tickets Issued
  - Football – pairs of season tickets issued to 9 AC members
  - Men’s Basketball – pairs of season tickets issued to 10 AC members
  - Hockey – pairs of season tickets issued to 6 AC members

- Go Green Cards
  - Entry to Men’s & Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball, Women’s Basketball, Women’s Gymnastics, Wrestling, Baseball, and Softball
  - All AC eligible members able to pick-up Go Green Cards at the Ticket Office
Questions?

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Go Green!