

Faculty Athletics Representatives (FAR) Athletic Council (AC) Report

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Overview

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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

2022-2023 B1G Standards Report



- ▶ **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 reflect 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)

Constituency	Name	Email	Term	Notes
Faculty	Michael Everett	everettm@msu.edu	2022-2024	
	Pending	Pending	Ex Officio	UCUE Representative for 2023-2024, Mike Callahan appointed
Alumni	Brian Jones	brianjones@playmakers.com		
Alumni	Brian Wagner	brian@ptisglobal.com		
Alumni	Paul Vance	pvance@ccglawyers.com	2019-2021, 2021-2023	
Alumni Association	Nick McLaren	mclarenn@msu.edu	Ex Officio	Director of the Alumni Association
ASMSU	Pending	Pending	2023-2024	
Athletics	Alan Haller	haller@ath.msu.edu	Ex Officio	Athletic Director
Auxiliary Enterprises	Ray Gasser	gasserra@msu.edu	Ex Officio	Designee for Vice President for Finance and Operations
Co-Faculty Athletic Representative	Bonnie Knutson	drbonnie@msu.edu	Ex Officio	
Co-Faculty Athletic Representative	Michael Kaplowitz	kaplowit@msu.edu	Ex Officio	
COGS	Pending	<u>Pending</u>	2023-2024	
Faculty	Teresa Mastin	mastinte@msu.edu	2023-2025	
Faculty	Joanne Gerstner	joanneg@msu.edu	2022-2024	
Faculty	Sheneka Williams	will3677@msu.edu	2023-2025	
Faculty	Sheila Bryant	bryants@msu.edu	2022-2024	
Faculty	Michael Callahan	mrc@msu.edu	2023-2025	
Faculty	Mary Kay Smith	mksmith@msu.edu	2023-2025	
Faculty	Ronald Fisher	fisherr1@msu.edu	2023-2025	
Student-Athlete Advisory Council	Ashley Harlock	harlocka@msu.edu	2023-2024	SAAC President

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.)

	GSR	FGR 4-YR	FGR single-year
All S-A	91	81*	81
Football	69	59	50
MBB	88	58	50

* Indicates **ALL-TIME HIGH**

MSU SA Academic Success – GSR, FGR

- 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!

