ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT  
2011-12

I. Athletic Council Membership


II. Athletic Council Meetings

Guests: DIA Staff: Holly Baumgartner, Jim Pignataro, Peggy Brown, Shelley Appelbaum, Greg Ianni, Chuck Sleeper, Paul Schager, President Simon, and invited coaching staff members and student-athletes.


III. Intercollegiate Athletics - Operational Matters

- Varsity Team Schedule Review
  - Missed Class Time Guidelines (sports scheduling)
  - Length of Season Constraints
  - Avoidance of Final Exam Conflicts
- MSU Athletic Department Budget Review
  - Reorganization and Changes in Development
  - Review of Scholarship and Operations Funding
  - Gender Equity and Facilities Annual Report
- Student-Athlete Academic Support Services
  - Student-Athlete Surveys/Exit Interviews
  - Smith Academic Center Program Review
  - Life Skills/MSUnity [www.sass.msu.edu]

IV. Intercollegiate Athletics - Academic Matters

a. NCAA: Academic and Related Matters
  - Satisfactory Progress/Degree Requirement Monitoring
  - Athletic Certification Interim Report Review
  - Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse Operation/Amateurism
  - Gender-Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics (Annual Report)

b. MSU/NCAA: Graduation Rate Disclosure Reports
  - NCAA graduation report for student body and student-athletes
  - Compliant with the Federal Student Right-to-Know Act (1990)
  - Report submitted by Office Planning & Budgets [IPED/GRDF]
  - Report includes only athletes receiving athletically related aid
  - FGR (federal graduation rate) <> GSR (graduation success rate)
20-Years – MSU Academics (COHORT: only S-As on athletic aid)

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- MSU S-A exhausted athletic eligibility graduation rate = 89%
  - Calculations:
    - Student-Body = number graduated / freshman cohort
    - FGR S-A = number graduated / freshman cohort (single year)
    - GSR S-A = adjusted graduated / freshman adjusted cohort
    - Exhausted Eligibility = S-As who exhausted athletic eligibility

- NCAA Division FBS Rates:
  - 2004-05 Student-Body: 63%  2004-05 FGR S-A: 65%
  - 2004-05 GSR S-A Rate: 80%  2004-05 Exhausted Elig: 87%

- MSU APR – 2005-06-07-08-09 Academic Progress Rate (2011 Report)
  - Incorporates academic eligibility, retention, and graduation.
    - M Baseball (984)  W Basketball (1000)
    - M Basketball (981)  W Cross Country (986)
    - M Cross Country (974)  Field Hockey (972)
    - Football (943)  W Golf (979)
    - M Golf (944)  Gymnastics (995)
    - Ice Hockey (967)  Rowing (990)
    - M Soccer (978)  W Soccer (992)
    - M Swimming (988)  Softball (983)
    - M Tennis (1000)  W Swimming (977)
    - M Track/Field (953)  W Tennis (984)
    - Wrestling (991)  W Track/Field (982)
    - Volleyball (980)
V. Highlighted Council Deliberations
   a. NCAA Reformation Working Groups
      Intent: reviewed post-Presidential Retreat actions within the NCAA to redesign the intercollegiate athletic model. Working Groups include: Student-Athlete Welfare, Resource Allocation, Rules, and Enforcement. 
      Process: understand the proposed changes to NCAA governance, rules, and regulations; including multi-year grants, cost of attendance miscellaneous funds, and revised schedule of violations/penalties. 
      AC Discussion Points: comparative analysis of NCAA and Big Ten legislation, governance, and bylaw deregulation processes. 
      AC Resolution: interested consideration of NCAA reformation. 
   b. Functionality of the MSU Office of Athletic Compliance 
      Intent: provide an overview of the multiple functions performed by the compliance staff with respect to education of students, coaches, alumni, boosters, and related community groups. 
      Process: AC noted processes and protocols for reporting allegations and violations to the NCAA and Big Ten Conference. 
      AC Discussion Points: discussed average number of reports, comparisons with other conference schools, and educational content contained in messaging and disposition of issues. 
      AC Resolution: AC supported continuous detailed monitoring to ensure compliance within the context of athletic programming. 
   c. MSU All Student-Athlete Survey (Even-Year) Report
      Intent: to understand time demands, coach influences, facilities, competitiveness, support-services, and sports programming. 
      Data: n= 532; 52.1% female, 47.9% male; all teams represented. 
      Process: Council reviewed written summary results and graphic presentation of findings compiled from student responses. 
      AC Discussion Points: benefits of outcomes/findings noted. 
   d. Athletic Council Subcommittee Activities 
      Academic and Compliance Services: review SASS annual academic reports and plans for improved services; review academic accountability; review compliance services report. 
      Planning and Equity: review varsity sport gender equity and minority equity data; review minority equity planning; review and recommend elevation of club team for varsity sport status. 
      Communications and Operations: review ticket distribution policies and recommended ticket pricing; sport venue plans. 
      Drug Education and Testing Policies: review policies relative to performance enhancement drugs, street drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products; review MSU, Big Ten and NCAA guidelines. 
      Each Athletic Council member is eligible to receive two season football tickets and two M Basketball or Ice Hockey season tickets at a discounted price, subject to IRS tax rules. Seat premiums are payable in full. 
      → Athletic Council website: msuathleticcouncil.org