ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT
2009-10

I. Athletic Council Membership

II. Athletic Council Meetings
Guests: DIA Staff: Jennifer Smith, Jim Pignataro, Peggy Brown, Shelley Appelbaum, Greg Ianni, Chuck Sleeper, Paul Schager, Elliott Daniels, Angela Howard, and invited coaching staff members and student-athletes. Meeting Dates: September 3, October 1, and November 12, 2009; January 14, February 25, April 15, and May 13, 2010.

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)
## 18-Years -- Academic Statistics (COHORT: only S-As on athletic aid)

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- 2002-03 S-A exhausted athletic eligibility graduation rate = 89%

### Calculations:
- Student-Body = number graduated / freshman cohort
- FGR S-A = number graduated / freshman cohort
- GSR S-A = no. graduated adjusted / freshman adjusted cohort
- Exhausted Eligibility = S-As who exhausted athletic eligibility

### NCAA Division I-A Rates:
- 2002-03 Student-Body: 62%
- 2002-03 FGR S-A: 64%
- 2002-03 GSR S-A Rate: 79%
- 2002-03 Exhausted Eligibility: 87%

![MSU APR – 2004-05-06-07-08 Academic Progress Rate (5/2010 Report)]

- Incorporates academic eligibility, retention, and graduation.
- ‘Real time’ metric of academic success by team (>925 threshold)
  - M Baseball (976)
  - M Basketball (1000)
  - M Cross Country (971)
  - Football (941)
  - M Golf (943)
  - Ice Hockey (972)
  - M Soccer (978)
  - M Swimming (997)
  - M Tennis (988)
  - M Track/Field (968)
  - Wrestling (977)
  - W Basketball (978)
  - W Cross Country (995)
  - Field Hockey (971)
  - W Golf (973)
  - Gymnastics (991)
  - Rowing (985)
  - W Soccer (995)
  - Softball (986)
  - W Swimming (993)
  - W Tennis (992)
  - W Track/Field (976)
  - Volleyball (985)
V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

   a. Big Ten and NCAA Governance Restructuring
      Intent: review changes to NCAA governance and impact on Big Ten
              Conference and MSU Athletic Council operational functionality.
      Process: understand the interactivity of six NCAA cabinets with
               Leadership Councils and the Board; similarly focus on Big Ten
               joint group operations and relation to Council of Presidents/Chancellors.
      AC Discussion Points: role and responsibility of appointees;
                              diversity balancing across groups and sub-groups; academic
                              and athletic purview and impact on legislative proposals/cycle.
      AC Resolution: found consistency among NCAA and Big Ten.

   b. Review of S-A Survey Instruments: critique of even and
      odd numbered year-end student-athlete surveys by overall
      population and selected subgroups (hard copy; 68 questions).
      Process: Academic and Compliance Subcommittee suggested
                content and format changes; including online administration.
      AC Discussion Points: discussed question categories, wording,
                            and grouping of findings. Maintain segmentation of results by
                            aggregate, gender, and minority populations across 25 sports.
      AC Resolution: AC supported use of an abbreviated anonymous
                      exit-style survey instrument through online application.

   c. MSU M Basketball Seat Adjustment Program
      Intent: to develop strategic approach to reassigned seating in
              the Breslin Center based on factors determining Spartan Points
              (ticket purchase history, donations, lifetime and planned giving)
      Process: council reviewed proposed criteria and public relations
                strategies and suggested improvements and enhancements.
      AC Discussion Points: benefits and risks, need for positive
                            program positioning, and transparency of online processes.
      AC Resolution: AC subcommittee supported DIA plan.

   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
                          roster management data; review minority equity planning;
                          consider elevation of club team(s) 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 either 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