2012-13 ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT

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, and invited coaching staff members and student-athletes.

Meeting Dates: August 23, September 20, October 18, and November 29, 2012; January 10, February 21, April 18, 2013.

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:
  2005-06 Student-Body: 63%  2005-06 FGR S-A: 65%
  2005-06 GSR S-A Rate: 80%  2005-06 Exh. Eligibility: 87%

‑ MSU– 2008-09, 09-10, 10-11, 11-12 Academic Progress (2012 Report)
  ★ Multi-year academic eligibility, retention, and graduation.
  ‍♦ M Baseball (978)  ‍♦ W Basketball (987)
  ‍♦ M Basketball (971)  ‍♦ W Cross Country (986)
  ‍♦ M Cross Country (974)  ‍♦ Field Hockey (979)
  ‍♦ Football (955)  ‍♦ W Golf (986)
  ‍♦ M Golf (954)  ‍♦ Gymnastics (1000)
  ‍♦ Ice Hockey (978)  ‍♦ Rowing (986)
  ‍♦ M Soccer (971)  ‍♦ W Soccer (989)
  ‍♦ M Swimming (979)  ‍♦ Softball (984)
  ‍♦ M Tennis (1000)  ‍♦ W Swimming (978)
  ‍♦ M Track/Field (955)  ‍♦ W Tennis (959)
  ‍♦ Wrestling (976)  ‍♦ W Track/Field (980)
  ‍♦ Volleyball (990)
V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

a. MSU Sportsmanship Taskforce (RSO)

**Intent**: received a proposal from the Spartan Squad (planned RSO of ASMSU) to enhance sportsmanship, school spirit, and participation at MSU athletic events with the objective to enhance MSU Unity.

**Process**: proposed actions included a planned website (similar to the site at Iowa) to include a Sportsmanship Agreement, traditions, cheers, schedules, results, events, public service announcements and email.

**AC Discussion Points**: generally the Council was supportive of the proposal but will await next steps and accomplishments by the group prior to consideration of endorsement or support.

**AC Resolution**: interested consideration of proposal.

b. Adoption of Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarships

**Intent**: adoption of two $7,500 postgraduate scholarships sponsored by the Big Ten Conference. Starting Spring 2013 one male and one female awarded scholarship for graduate studies.

**Process**: AC noted nomination, eligibility, and selection protocols and supported creation of an MSU Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarship Committee (two AC members).

**AC Discussion Points**: discussed Big Ten definitions of full-time enrollment, use of funds guidelines, and related considerations.

**AC Resolution**: AC supported creation of a committee to include DIA, administration, and Athletic Council representation.

c. AC Website Redesign by TC 842 as Client Project

**Intent**: redesign a comprehensive AC website that would be user friendly and easier to keep current through a TC 842 project.

**Process**: review and support of Statement of Work developed by the Project Team (with firm go “live” completion deadline).

**AC Discussion Points**: benefits of outcomes/findings achieved.

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: www.spartanmedia.net/athletic-council