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- Michigan State's Academic Governance Bylaws call for an Athletic Council. University Council approves its composition and bylaws. (5.2.1)

*The Athletic Council shall function as the faculty voice in the intercollegiate athletic program.*

- Composition: 9 faculty, 3 alumni/ae, 2 students, 1 student-athlete, 1 UCUE Rep.
- *Ex officio*: Athletic Director; Faculty Athletic Rep. (FAR); Ex. Dir. of the Alumni Association; V.P. for Finance and Operations (or designee)

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- The Athletic Council meets seven times during the academic year

*All members are appointed by the President*

- Staggered member terms: two years, renewable for two
- The FAR is appointed by the President – must be a member the regular faculty
- *The FAR serves at President's discretion. Currently a five-year appointment*

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### ***Responsibilities of the Athletic Council:***

- The deliberative body for academic policies relating to student-athletes & intercollegiate athletics
- Advise the Athletic Director on policies, procedures, and organization relating to intercollegiate athletics

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### ***Four Athletic Council subcommittees:***

1. Academic Compliance and Services
2. Planning and Equity
3. Communications and Operations
4. Drug Education and Testing (NCAA mandated)

*- Each Athletic Council member serves on a subcommittee*

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### ***Additional Council responsibilities:***

- Represent Michigan State; avoid extra privileges beyond those of the Faculty
- Any tickets received are for Athletic Council members and their use
- Report to the University Council annually, including a record of trips and tickets
- Members also attend non-revenue sports and report back to Athletic Council



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- The NCAA requires each member institution to have a Faculty Athletic Representative – a liaison between institution/faculty and the NCAA.
- The FAR is one of five individuals at Michigan State to interact with the NCAA and the Big Ten.



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## *Four Principal FAR Functions*

1. Academic Integrity
2. Academics-Athletics  
Integration
3. Institutional Compliance  
and Control
4. Maintain Independence  
from Athletics





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## ***The Faculty Athletic Representative at Michigan State***

- Chairs the Athletic Council
- Meets with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- Serves on the Big Ten Joint Group body (Presidents/Chancellors, ADs, FARs)
- Represents Michigan State faculty interest in athletics to both the Big Ten and the NCAA
- Participates in University discussions about intercollegiate athletics

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- Meets regularly with Athletics Director
- Meets regularly on issues of athletics with:
  - General Counsel
  - Asc. AD for Compliance
  - Asc. AD for Student Services
- Monitors Student-Athlete experience – attends practices and games/matches & team travel

*At Michigan State, the FAR duties are 20% of a professor's annual load*

### ***Specific FAR duties include:***

- Appeals and Waivers by coaches and athletes
- Violations notification to NCAA and enforcement
- Assist in preparing self-study report
- Play leading role in academic integrity, governance compliance, equity, student-athlete welfare
- Nominate student-athletes for Big Ten and NCAA scholarships

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## *More specific duties:*

- Proctor the NCAA Coaches Certification exam (for 130+ coaches and staffs at Michigan State)
- Monitor Student-Athlete academic performance
- Be senior faculty advisor to CEO
- Sign off on student-athlete eligibility
- Write a column for every football game program



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### ***The Student-Athlete Experience:***

- Only amateurs can be student-athletes
- Must be enrolled full time; in good academic standing; maintain progress toward degree (APR)
- Not all 800 student-athletes are on scholarship. Some are partial or no scholarship
- Student-athletes on roster must sign a drug-testing consent form
- Student-athletes are held to same academic integrity rules that apply to all students

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## *Practice and Playing: General Rule:*

- In-season: NCAA limit is 20 hours/week of playing & practice, 4 hours/day with 1 day off a week. Out-of season: 4hours/day; 8hours/week and 2 days off.
- First Day of Practice is determined by first regularly-scheduled contest



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### ***Student Athletes and Academics***

- Michigan State student-athletes missed class days: 7/semester. Additional missed days must be approved by the FAR
- Student-athletes are actively engaged in community service: food bank drives, reading programs, and hospital visits.

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- Academic Coordinators
- Learning Specialist
- Tutorial Program
- Learning Assistants
- Subject Tutoring
- Assessments
- Interest Inventories



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### Fall 2016 Academic Highlights:

- Student-Athlete Cumulative GPA: 3.1078 (Highest all-time)
- 442 Student-Athletes have a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- 445 Student-Athletes achieved a 3.0 or higher semester GPA
- 18 Sports maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- 54 Student Athletes had 4.0 semester GPA

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## *SASS Academic Gala Highlights*

- The women's golf team won the Athletic Director's Award (highest team GPA) for the sixth year in a row
- Alexis Wiersma and Garret Zuk received the President's Award
- Track & field sophomore Taylor Mullins was the recipient of the Multicultural Award



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## *SASS Academic Gala Highlights*

- The men's soccer team won the Athletic Director's Award for the second consecutive year
- Jasper Koenen of the men's tennis team was the winner of the Gwendolyn Norrell Community Service & Leadership Award

