ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT
2007-08

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: September 6, October 4, and November 15, 2007; January 10, February 14, April 10, and May 8, 2008.

III. Intercollegiate Athletics - Operational Matters
- Varsity Team Schedule Review
  - Missed Class Time Guidelines (sports schedules)
  - 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) - a 6-year graduation rate horizon

Academic Performance Statistics (only SAs on athletic aid)
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- **2000-01 S-A exhausted athletic eligibility graduation rate = 90%**

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

- **NCAA Division I-Å Rates:**
  - 2000-01 Student-Body: 62%
  - 2000-01 FGR S-A: 63%
  - 2000-01 GSR S-A Rate: 77%
  - 2000-01 Exhausted Eligibility: 86%

- **Rules of Continuing Eligibility: Progress Towards Degree**

  - Incorporates academic eligibility, retention, and graduation.
  - ‘Real time’ metric of academic success by team (925 threshold)
    - M Baseball (969)  ♦  W Basketball (955)
    - M Basketball (963)  ♦  W Cross Country (994)
    - M Cross Country (979)  ♦  Field Hockey (976)
    - Football (926)  ♦  W Golf (975)
    - M Golf (970)  ♦  Gymnastics (1000)
    - Ice Hockey (986)  ♦  Rowing (983)
    - M Soccer (978)  ♦  W Soccer (987)
    - M Swimming (987)  ♦  Softball (975)
    - M Tennis (966)  ♦  W Swimming (1000)
    - M Track/Field (957)  ♦  W Tennis (985)
    - Wrestling (955)  ♦  W Track/Field (973)
    - Volleyball (986)

V. Highlighted Council Deliberations
a. Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics
Intent: review of lengthy document published by the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics relative to 28 proposals for reform/change.
Process: proposals were evaluated against existing NCAA, Big Ten, and MSU policies and procedures; comparative study with COIA.
AC Discussion Points: FARA response; Big Ten response; MSU Task Force response; other institutional responses; SASS feedback; SAAC feedback; reform perceptions and realities.
AC Resolution: supported MSU/Big Ten/NCAA COIA compliance.

b. Big Ten Academic Recognition Award Review
Intent: consideration of a Big Ten proposal to implement a higher level of recognition for academic performance.
Process: reviewed current Big Ten policy for All Academic status; (2nd yr letter winner with a cumulative 3.0 gpa) and considered new award for 3.70 or higher gpa in 2008-09.
AC Discussion Points: considered the 2,018 Big Ten Academic Awards distributed in 2006-07; considered SAAC input on issue. Considered MSU (3.80+ High Honor (top 6%); 3.50 Honor top (20%)
AC Resolution: AC supported Big Ten Proposal to implement additional award “Outstanding Scholar-Athlete” for 2008-09.

c. Annual Audit of Drug Education and Testing Program
Intent: to review proposed annual audit report components of DETP to ensure comprehensive coverage and benchmarking.
Process: subcommittee Chair prepared and presented a detailed plan to implement an annual standardized audit report for AC.
AC Discussion Points: the areas of education, testing and chain of custody procedures, statistical findings, counseling, and student-athlete rights; notification/appeals of positive testing.
AC Resolution: annual audit report format for AC accepted.

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 (established: 1/04)