ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT
2006-07

I. Athletic Council Membership

II. Athletic Council Meetings
Guests: University Administration: President Lou Anna Simon; DIA Staff: Jennifer Smith, Jim Pignataro, Peggy Brown, Shelley Appelbaum, Greg Ianni, and invited coaching staff members and student-athletes. Council Meeting Dates: September 7, October 12, 2006; November 16 meeting cancelled (due to coaching search); January 11, February 15, April 5, and May 10, 2007.

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

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- 1999-00 MSU student-athletes who exhaust their athletic eligibility graduate at a rate of eighty-nine percent (89%).

- **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 = no. S-A exht’d eligibility/freshman cohort

- **NCAA Division I-A Rates:**
  - 1999-00 Student-Body: 65%
  - 1999-00 FGR S-A: 64%
  - 1999-00 GSR S-A Rate: 77%
  - 1999-00 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 (976) ✷ W Basketball (953)
  - M Basketball (965) ✷ W Cross Country (992)
  - M Cross Country (982) ✷ Field Hockey (980)
  - Football (922*) ✷ W Golf (991)
  - M Golf (1000) ✷ Gymnastics (1000)
  - Ice Hockey (986) ✷ Rowing (992)
  - M Soccer (980) ✷ W Soccer (993)
  - M Swimming (996) ✷ Softball (972)
  - M Tennis (982) ✷ W Swimming (1000)
  - M Track/Field (947) ✷ W Tennis (990)
  - Wrestling (968) ✷ W Track/Field (984)
  - M Baseball (976) ✷ W Basketball (953)

* squad size adjustment ✷ Volleyball (982)
V. Highlighted Council Deliberations
   a. Student-Athlete Population Survey Results
      Intent: each year a segment of the MSU student-athlete population is
              surveyed (odd years all student-athletes; even years only seniors).
      Process: survey administered through sport administrators to all 25
              sports. Survey contains 68 questions (many by AC).
      AC Discussion Points: equitable treatment of student-athletes,
                             coach relations, faculty relations, academic support, facilities,
                             sports medicine, rules compliance, and time demands,
      AC Resolution: noted highly-positive student-athlete satisfaction.
   b. Big Ten Drug Testing Program
      Intent: centralization of steroid testing across the conference.
      Process: review of Big Ten proposal to test student-athletes for
               performance enhancing drugs; impact on NCAA and MSU
               program testing current and future; street drugs not included.
      AC Discussion Points: comparisons with NCAA and Big 12
                             procedures as well as existing MSU protocols and the need to
                             avoid expensive duplicity; administration and cost of program.
      AC Resolution: AC supported proposed Big Ten Drug Testing
                      Program for performance enhancing drugs effective Aug. 2007.
   c. DIA Gender Equity and Diversity Reports
      Intent: to review annual departmental reports relative to the
              status and plans for continuous improvement relative to gender
              equity and diversity programming within MSU athletics.
      Process: reports are presented by Senior Associate AD and
                focus on Title IX criteria, NCAA and conference guidelines.
      AC Discussion Points: student-athlete welfare, equitable
                             resource allocations, roster management, and support services.
      AC Resolution: reports 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)