

ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT 1999-00

I. Athletic Council Membership

Faculty Representatives: William Anderson, Sue Carter, John Lloyd, Gaylan Rasmussen, Gerhardus Schultink, Louise Selanders, Gloria Smith, and Chris Vanderpool

Alumni Representatives: Joan Garety, Elizabeth Turpin and Rick Audas

Student Representatives: Leah Nilsson, Nate Smith-Tyge, and Joel Klappenbach

Ex Officio Representatives: Clarence Underwood, Keith Williams, Charles Gagliano, and Michael Kasavana

II. Athletic Council Meetings

Guests: Fred Poston and Roger Wilkinson; Department Staff: Greg Ianni, Roger Grooters, Mark Hollis, Kevin Carr, John Hardt, Judy Van Horn, Shelley Appelbaum, Chris Retrievi and various coaching staff members and student-athletes; plus additional specialists as appropriate.

Council Meeting Dates: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, 1999; January 20, February 17, April 13, and May 11, 2000. [Special: Feb 4-00]

III. Intercollegiate Athletics - Operational Matters

o Varsity Team Schedule Review

- Missed Class Time Guidelines
- Length of Season Constraints
- Avoidance of Final Exam Conflicts

o MSU Athletic Department Budget Review

- Reorganization and Changes in Development
- Review of Scholarship and Operations Funding
- Gender Equity and Facilities Annual Report

o Student-Athlete Academic Support Services

- Student-Athlete Exit Interviews
- Smith Academic Center Program Development
- Life Skills/MSUnity in the Community Programming

IV. Intercollegiate Athletics - Academic Matters

a. NCAA: Academic and Related Matters

- o Satisfactory Progress/Degree Requirement Monitoring
- o Athletic Certification Interim Report Review
- o Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse Operation/Amateurism
- o Gender-Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics (Annual Report)

b. MSU/NCAA: Graduation Rate Disclosure Reports

- o NCAA graduation report for student body and student-athletes
- o Compliant with the Federal Student Right-to-Know Act (1990)
- o Report submitted by Office of the Provost [IPED/GRDF]
- o Report includes athletes receiving athletically related aid
- o Report covers a six-year graduation rate horizon

<u>Cohort:</u>	<u>All-Students:</u>	<u>Student-Athletes:</u>
1985-86	.67	.65
1986-87	.69	.62
1987-88	.72	.52
1988-89	.70	.74
1989-90	.69	.51
1990-91	.66	.74
1991-92	.66	.67
1992-93	.66	.65
1993-94	.66*	.65*

*awaiting confirmation

- Average MSU Grad Rate for S-A exhausting eligibility = .87

c. Big Ten Conference: Academic and Related Matters

- o Comparative Continuing Eligibility Standards (NCAA/BT/MSU)
- o Student-Athlete Welfare Issues (agents/conduct/gender equity)
- o Conference Rules Deregulation/Sports Agreements (on-going)

d. MSU: Academic and Related Matters

- o Sports Scheduling/Missed Class Time Guideline Implementation
- o MSU/NCAA Graduation Rate Disclosure Report Review
- o SAAC Committee Meetings: Outcomes and Events
- o Subcommittee: Academic and Student Services
- o NCAA Interim Certification Preparation (March 2000)
- o MSU Athletic Petition Process Review

V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

a. DIA Mission Statement Revision

Intent: to clarify the role of intercollegiate athletics within the university and it's stated mission (delineated constituent dimensions).

Process: DIA prepared first draft document consistent with Council interest in strengthening statement; subcommittee fine tuned draft; Council further refined statement.

AC Discussion Points: perceived and actual objectives of department; inclusion of regulatory agencies; noted internal and external variables; inclusion of positive public image.

AC Resolution: adopted mission statement; received SAAC support. Referred to VP Poston for approval. DIA distributed.

b. NCAA Interim Certification Report

Intent: to conform to NCAA reporting requirements when 8 or more years elapse between peer review evaluation visits.

Process: President appoints Chair and Vice Chair; broad based committee is appointed; Council members appointed to all subcommittees; Council reviews periodic report drafts.

AC Discussion Points: factors considered included: academic integrity, rules compliance, oversight and governance, fiscal responsibility and integrity, gender and minority equity.

AC Resolution: NCAA Interim Report adopted by the Council; supported by SAAC; referred to the President for approval.

c. Council Subcommittee Activities

Academic and Compliance Services: reviewed SASS annual academic reporting of student-athlete performance; reviewed strategies for improved academic support services; reviewed academic accountability proposals; reviewed graduation rate report; discussed Ath Info automated system. Reviewed Office of Compliance Services annual report and program planning.

Planning and Equity: involved in men's gymnastics gender equity review (roster management); Title IX compliance planning; streamlined varsity sport request process; reviewed applications by club teams for varsity sport status.

Drug Education and Testing Policies: reviewed student-athlete responsibility regarding substance abuse and merits of self-referral; revised tobacco policy to include statement on the use of tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco) away from athletic venues and related events; reviewed NCAA medical guidelines. Expanded speakers and resources for drug education and testing program (including SAM program); reviewed PSA recruiting entertainment.

Communications and Operations: reviewed refinement of ticket distribution policies and procedures; special meeting Feb 4 to discuss reseating of athletic venues; reviewed improvement project designs and developments; continuation of football student-voucher system.

Council members received: 2 tickets to Football, M Basketball and Ice Hockey events. Acceptance of tickets subject to IRS tax rules.