

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT 2002-03

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### I. Athletic Council Membership

**Faculty Representatives:** Gary Ferenchick, Marvel Lang, John Lloyd, Ed Outslay, Thomas Schmidt, Francisco Villarruel, Melvin Yokoyama, and June Youatt. **Alumni Representatives:**, Joan Garety, Elizabeth Turpin and Rick Audas. **Student Representatives:** Ann Marie Kersten, Tom Morse, and Robin Poston. **Ex Officio Representatives:** Ron Mason, Keith Williams, Charles Gagliano, and Michael Kasavana.

### II. Athletic Council Meetings

**Guests:** Department Staff: Jennifer Smith, Jim Pignataro, Shelley Appelbaum, and John Lewandowski, and various coaching staff members and student-athletes; Ron Fisher, MSU Honors College.

**Council Meeting Dates:** September 5, November 7, December 5, 2002; January 9, February 6, April 3, and May 1, 2003.

### III. Intercollegiate Athletics - Operational Matters

- Varsity Team Schedule Review
  - Missed Class Time Guidelines
  - 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 Exit Interviews
  - Smith Academic Center Program Review
  - Life Skills/MSUnity in the Community Programming

### 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 athletes receiving athletically related aid
- 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	.66
1993-94	.64	.56
1994-95	.66	.62
1995-96	.69	.57
1996-97	.69	.74

- Average MSU Grad Rate for S-A exhausting eligibility = .89

c. Big Ten Conference: Academic and Related Matters

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

d. MSU: Academic and Related Matters

- Sports Scheduling/Missed Class Time Guideline Implementation
- MSU/NCAA Graduation Rate Disclosure Report Review
- SAAC Committee Meetings: Outcomes and Events
- 'AthInfo' System: automated student-athlete monitoring
- MSU Athletic Petition Process/Annual Compliance Report

## V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

a. NCAA Academic Reform Legislation [new national Division I legislation]

Intent: reviewed proposed NCAA legislation in the area of academic reform; critiqued competing amendments; deliberated positions on academic reform proposals; discussed implications for MSU.

Process: FAR and AD participated in discussions; related issues to SAAC, central administration, and BT conference; formulation of MSU position; legislation adopted by NCAA.

AC Discussion Points: initial and continuing eligibility standards; comparisons with current Big Ten and MSU requirements; impact of broadening entrance requirements and adherence to stringent progress requirements; impact on MSU.

AC Resolution: supported the NCAA academic reform movement and its multi-dimensional legislative proposals.

## **b. MSU Student-Athlete Drug Education and Testing Policy Revisions**

**Intent:** discussion focused on strengthening MSU's drug education and testing program; provision to expand specimen collection to include urine and other body fluids and tissues.

**Process:** DETC committee actions reviewed by council; council discusses policy and supports/opposes proposed revisions; revised document presented for legal counsel and central administration ratification; DIA implementation follows.

**AC Discussion Points:** innovative fluid and tissue collection and testing procedures; false positive test results; educational program component; cost implications for changes; clarification of chain of sample custody and distribution of findings.

**AC Resolution:** supported revised DETC policies; policies approved by MSU President; implemented August 1, 2003.

## **c. Council Subcommittee Activities**

**Academic and Compliance Services:** reviewed SASS annual academic report and plans for improved support services; reviewed academic accountability proposal; reviewed graduation rate report; discussed 'AthInfo' system; reviewed Office of Compliance Services annual report.

**Planning and Equity:** reviewed varsity sport gender equity review (roster management); Title IX compliance planning; reviewed applications by club teams for varsity sport status.

**Drug Education and Testing Policies:** reviewed S-A policies relative to substance abuse self-referral; reviewed specimen handling and processing plan; reviewed NCAA medical guidelines; expanded resource plans for drug education and testing program (including SAM) and PSA recruiting.

**Communications and Operations:** reviewed ticket distribution policies and procedures; discussed reseating of athletic venues; reviewed improvement project designs and developments; reviewed football student-voucher system.

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