

ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT 2004-05

I. Athletic Council Membership

Faculty Representatives: Henry Beckmeyer, Mary Noel,, George Eyster, Rique Campa, Thomas Schmidt, John Revitte, Louise Selanders, and Geraldine Zeldes. **Alumni Representatives:**, Joan Garety, Elizabeth Turpin and Jack Pitts. **Student Representatives:** Elizabeth Shimek, Andrew McCoy, and Landon Bartley. **Ex Officio Representatives:** Ron Mason, Keith Williams, Charles Gagliano, and Michael Kasavana.

II. Athletic Council Meetings

Guests: Steve Dilley (UCAG liaison), University Administration: Kathy Lindahl; Departmental Staff: Jennifer Smith, Jim Pignataro, Peggy Brown, Shelley Appelbaum, Mark Hollis, Greg Ianni, Chris Retrievi, Jeff Monroe, Jeff Kovan, and John Lewandowski, and invited coaching staff members and student-athletes. **Council Meeting Dates:** September 9, October 7, November 18, 2004; January 20, February 17, March 3, and May 5, 2005.

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]
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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
1997-98	.69	.70

- 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
- ATHLINFO System: automated student-athlete monitoring
- MSU Athletic Petition Process/Annual Compliance Report
- NCAA MSU Second Cycle Certification
- Academic Governance Linkage/Representation

V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

a. Prospective Student-Athlete Recruitment Policy

Intent: development and implementation of policies and procedures consistent with NCAA and Big Ten principles governing on- and off-campus activities of prospects during an official MSU visit.

Process: Office of Athletic Compliance, Office of the General Counsel drafted policies and procedures (including oversight and enforcement) for review and support of the Athletic Council.

AC Discussion Points: reviewed NCAA Recruiting Task Force Recommendations and Emergency Legislation related to meals and lodging, student-hosts, transportation, coaching staff, and educational components of official campus visit.

AC Resolution: recommended the implementation of the MSU Student-Athlete Recruitment Policy effective December 1, 2004.

b. NCAA Certification Report and Peer Reviewer Visit

Intent: participation in second cycle NCAA Certification through subcommittee membership, document review, and document recommendation; work schedule Spring 2004 -- Spring 2005.

Process: AC briefed on NCAA self-study report requirements; worked in sub-committees; reviewed online MSU document; recommended revisions and modifications to document.

AC Discussion Points: evaluation of DIA conformity of NCAA Operating Principles in areas of governance and rules compliance, academic integrity, and student-athlete welfare (gender and minority equity); also plans for improvement.

AC Resolution: AC reviewed and recommended final report be accepted by the MSU President for submission to the NCAA.

c. Drug Education and Testing (DETC) Policy (revised)

Intent: strengthen MSU's year-round drug education and testing program to protect the health, safety, and welfare of student-athletes. Educate relative to drug, tobacco, and alcohol use.

Process: DETC committee actions reviewed by Council; Council discussed and sought legal counsel and central administration input; athletic medicine, coaches, and athletes participated.

AC Discussion Points: innovative fluid and tissue collection and testing procedures; false positives and related implications for change; chain of custody and distribution of findings issues.

AC Resolution: supported revised DETC policy document; received support from DIA and SAAC; adopted November 2004.

d. Athletic Council Subcommittee Activities

Academic and Compliance Services: reviews SASS annual academic reports and plans for improved support services; reviews academic accountability programming and NCAA graduation rate data; reviews 'AthInfo' student-athlete system; reviews Office of Compliance Services' annual report.

Planning and Equity: reviews varsity sport gender equity and roster management data; reviews minority equity planning; recommends elevation of club teams for varsity sport status.

Communications and Operations: reviews ticket distribution policies and procedures; recommends DIA individual game and season ticket pricing; analyzes re-seating of athletic venues; reviews construction and enhancement project plans.

Drug Education and Testing Policies: reviews student-athlete policies relative to performance enhancement drugs, alcohol, recreational drugs, and tobacco products; reviews self-referral and reasonable suspicion programs; reviews 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)