

Chancellor's Council on Intercollegiate Athletics Annual Report

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It is the opinion of the Chair that Intercollegiate Athletics has experienced continuous improvement, annually, under the current administration. The overall health of the program is good and continuing to improve. If the public or the media were to take a close look at the program, there would be a lot of accomplishments about which to be proud. There are also two challenges, but none are unusual, and none stem from malfeasance or gross negligence.



- No team is currently under penalty for its Academic Progress Rate, and it is anticipated that all teams will score above the single year 930 target again next year.
- The sickle cell audit resulted in findings of high accuracy.
- The Program won multiple championships (2 season, 5 post-season, and 1 national).



- There were numerous missed class policy violations again this year.
- The annual, anonymous student-athlete survey consistently reveals that a minority, but noteworthy number, of student-athletes has perceptions of verbal and mental abuse by coaches and discontentment with coaching staff. Discontentment with coaching staff, by team, tends to change each year. Coach professional development was previously recommended, but first, the Council would like to get student-athlete assistance in defining what student-athletes perceive as abuse.



1. Review the Program's Vision and Mission statements to make sure they are still current.
2. Formalize the independent reporting structure for Compliance and Sports Medicine.
3. Audit specific recruitment expenses.
4. Analyze and recommend a course of action to correct the gender disparity in the Program's graduation rate.
5. Consider restrictions on the recruitment of transfer graduate students who are close to the end of their eligibility.



Program Mission, Vision, and Organizational Structure

- The head trainer position has been elevated to the position of Associate Athletics Director. He or she has final authority for approving injured student-athletes' return to play.

Academic Performance: Student-Athletes Admitted as Exceptions to Admission Criteria

- There were fewer specially admitted student-athletes this reporting year and no academic suspensions, but one did stop out after fall while on academic probation.



- The admission statistics of the 2018 freshman cohort of student-athletes are still similar to those of the general student body.
- Men's Basketball's spring semester average GPA is 2.2; too low in the opinion of the Council's chair.
- All other academic indicators are satisfactory.
- The program earned 2 regular season championships, 5 post-season championships, and a national championship.



Compliance and Violations

- There were 5 confirmed NCAA compliance violations. Of those:
 - A coach played 6 student-athletes who were not yet certified for eligibility.
 - The eligibility certification officer indicated that a specific student-athlete was certified, but he or she was not actually eligible. The coach played that student-athlete.
 - Childress believes that the Academic Standing policy as applied to student-athletes is not compliant with UNC but is with NCAA. We are working on this currently.



Intercollegiate Athletics Fiscal Position

- Recruiting expenditures were over budget, but this was because there were more vacancies than usual in Football that needed to be filled. In turn, this required more recruitment travel.

Financial Stability

- Intercollegiate Athletics is stable financially.

Financial Dashboard

- There is nothing irregular about any IPP Dashboard statistics. All indicators are within what is considered permissible.



- On the annual, anonymous survey, one student-athlete replied that he or she knows of a faculty or staff member who has helped others cheat. As a result, the cluster scanning will now begin to track instructors across years.
- On the annual, anonymous survey, a significant proportion of student-athletes report perceiving verbal and mental abuse by coaches. As a result, the Council recommended professional development for coaches last year, but this year student-athletes will be interviewed to describe what they see as abuse, thus informing the design of the coaches' training.
- The Program has hired a mental health counselor to support student-athletes.

Team Academic Progress Rates

- No team has a multiyear APR below the minimum 930, and it is anticipated that Men's Basketball's APR will improve next year, moving that team further away from 930.

Course Clustering

- There were no findings in the clustering analysis that warranted further investigation to detect possible systematic cheating.

Booster Club Activity and Finance

- Booster activity has continued to be compliant. The Aggie Athletics Foundation continues to grow revenue.



Questions

