

Report of the Standing Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
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One of the duties of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics is to “report to Council on the academic progress of student-athletes at least once a semester.” As such, we present this report today.

The Committee met on October 15 at the Butts Mehre Building. Representatives from UGA Athletics met with us, including Stephanie Ransom, Deputy Athletic Director for Finance, Will Lawler, Executive Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, to review NCAA/SEC compliance rules and Magdi El Shahawy, Deputy Athletic Director for Academics and Student Development, to discuss academic progress of student-athletes. The meeting also gave members of the committee the opportunity to ask questions of the Athletic Association representatives in attendance about academic concerns, including insurance of appropriate standards for academic performance. Overall, the presentations were informative and provided insights into the high-quality academic support provided to UGA’s student-athletes.

We were also provided with data on the recent academic performance of student-athletes. Some of the highlights include:

- The final GPA for all teams, all athletes, men and women, for 2018-19 was 2.99.
- The overall average for the men was a 2.78 with 5 teams above 3.00, and the overall average for the women was 3.21 with 9 teams above 3.00. Just over 56% of Georgia’s Student-Athletes had GPAs at or above 3.00.
- The team with the highest GPA was Men’s Cross Country with a 3.47 average. The top team for women was also Cross Country with a 3.359. These runners barely edged Women’s Swimming with a 3.357 and Equestrian with a 3.354.
- Several noteworthy achievements from 2018-2019 include:
 - Emma Mandarino, an All-American from the Equestrian team, being in the final 30 for the NCAA’s Woman of the Year Award.
 - Volleyball and Men’s Basketball receiving NCAA Public Recognition Awards for having APRs in the top 10% of all squads nationally in their respective sports.
 - Women’s Swimming & Diving being named a Scholar All American Team by the CSDCAA, and 23 of Georgia’s male and female swimmers being named Scholar All Americans by this association of coaches.
 - Six recent graduates receiving D1A FAR Academic Excellence Awards for earning their degrees with at least a 3.80 average and at least two years on one of our intercollegiate teams.

I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.