

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
Report to Council October 4, 2006

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on Thursday, August 31 at 4:00 pm in the Rankin Smith Student-Athlete Academic Building. Committee members present were Malcolm Adams (chair), Bill Barstow, Tony Capomacchia, Rahmel Fuller, Denise Mewborn, Jere Morehead, Dean Rojek, and Claudia Shamp. Visitors were: Frank Crumley of the Athletic Association and Rebecca Quigley of the Athens Banner Herald.

The first item on the agenda was to elect a new chair. Malcolm Adams was nominated and elected to serve another year as chair of the committee.

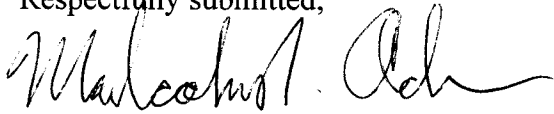
The next agenda item was a discussion of football ticket distribution. Some faculty members had complained in the Fall of 2005 that student tickets were distributed during class time in the drop/add period of fall semester. The concern was that students may be skipping classes because of this. After discussions with this committee the Athletic Association agreed to wait until after the drop/add period to begin distributing tickets. Unfortunately, this experiment seems to have failed. The crowds of students were even larger than usual and, due to some unforeseen circumstances, the ticket distribution was delayed. This situation probably caused more classes to be missed than the previous year and certainly irritated a number of students. The committee spent some time discussing ideas that might alleviate the problem. These ideas included computerized distribution, weekend distribution, voucher systems, allowing students to pick up tickets for several students at a time, and distribution of tickets through a seniority system. Mr. Fuller, the student representative on the committee, said that the athletics committee of the student government association (SGA) had discussed the problem and the consensus seemed to be that a seniority system was favored. The committee suggested that Mr. Fuller seek a formal recommendation from the SGA since their input is very important in this matter.

The committee next moved to a preliminary report on graduation rates of student athletes which were admitted to the University as a "presidential admit". If students fail to be admitted under the standard procedures they can then appeal to a faculty committee, if that committee also fails to admit the student, then the student can appeal to the president for admission. The president admits about 50 student athletes each year under this provision. Last year, with the help of Meg Amstutz from the President's Office, Nancy McDuff, Director of Admissions, Karen Bauer, Director of the Office for Institutional Research, and Glada Horvat from the Athletic Association, the committee began a study on academic progress and graduation rates of presidential admit student athletes. The preliminary report is attached. It was found that from the classes entering in 1999 and 2000, 46% of presidential admit student athletes graduated in six years while about 69% of non-presidential admit scholarship student athletes graduated in six years. This compares to about 73% six year graduation rate for the general student body. Some

committee members expressed that the 46% graduation rate is quite good considering that these students are admitted with very weak backgrounds and that many of them leave the University for reasons other than academic (e.g. pursuit of a professional sports career). The committee felt it would be good to continue the study by trying to determine the reasons for non-graduation of the other 54%.

The committee adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Adams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Malcolm Adams

Preliminary Analysis of Graduation and Success Indicators for UGA Athletes
Summary Notes for Dr. Malcolm Adams
Office of Institutional Research, August 2006

As chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of University Council, Dr. Adams asked officials in the Office of Institutional Research to help examine some indicators of success for UGA student athletes. The statements below summarize the preliminary analysis.

- Student athletes who entered from fall 1999 through fall 2005 were identified as the targeted group.
- Students who matriculated in the summer or fall terms of each year were included in these analyses. Students who matriculated in the spring were not included. Student athletes who matriculated but then either stopped out or dropped out were not included in these preliminary analyses.
- For the total group of student athletes in this study, 65% of those who were eligible to graduate did so in six or fewer years. This is below the overall student six-year graduation rate of 73-74% (as reported in OIR Fact Book).
- Dr. Adams also requested the graduation and GPA averages for scholarship athletes. Overall, 56% of the scholarship athletes who were eligible to graduate in six or fewer years did so.
- Scholarship athletes can be divided into two groups: presidential admits and non-presidential admits. The six-year graduation rate for non-presidential admits was 69%, compared to 46% for presidential admit scholarship athletes (total N=209).
- UGA GPA (calculates a GPA based exclusively on courses completed at UGA) and UGA hours earned after one and three years of undergraduate work were also compared. Preliminary analyses do not show substantial differences in the number of hours earned at one or three years. UGA GPAs, however, were different for the two groups: presidential admit athletes earned lower UGA GPAs.
- Preliminary analyses also examined graduation and GPAs for scholarship athletes by gender. A higher number of female athletes graduated in six or fewer years (70% vs. 43%) and earned higher UGA GPAs at the end of year one and three. Female athletes also earned slightly more credit hours after one and three years of study.

Preliminary Analysis of Scholarship Athletes
Entering UGA between 1999-2005

		Graduated in 6 years or less	UGA GPA after 3 years	UGA Hours Earned after 3 years	UGA GPA after 1 year	UGA Hours Earned after 1 year
Non-Presidential Admit	Mean	68.89%	3.01	83.10	2.85	27.40
	N	90	246	246	493	493
	SD		0.54	9.85	0.60	4.15
Presidential Admit	Mean	46.22%	2.52	83.15	2.38	26.43
	N	119	197	197	306	306
	SD		0.42	9.72	0.60	5.54
Total	Mean	55.98%	2.80	83.12	2.67	27.03
	N	209	443	443	799	799
	SD		0.55	9.78	0.64	4.75

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- Students eligible for 6-year graduation rate entered between 1999-2000
- Students eligible for 3 year rates entered between 1999-2003 and were still enrolled at 3-year mark

Preliminary Analysis of Scholarship Student Athletes
Entering UGA between 1999-2005

		Graduated in 6 years or less	UGA GPA after 3 years	UGA Hours Earned after 3 years	UGA GPA after 1 year	UGA Hours Earned after 1 year
Male Athlete	Mean	43.12%	2.61	82.46	2.50	26.92
	N	109	219	219	404	404
	SD		0.47	9.74	0.60	5.24
Female Athlete	Mean	70.00%	2.98	83.77	2.85	27.14
	N	100	224	224	395	395
	SD		0.55	9.80	0.63	4.19
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