

COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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The Bylaws require the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) to report to Council at least once each semester about the academic progress of student athletes. As the University's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA I serve on the COIA along with 8 other faculty, an undergraduate student, a graduate student, and the Athletic Association's Executive Associate Athletic Director.

I will be repeating several matters that President Morehead included in his State of the University address on January 23. He noted with pride that our men's and women's teams were doing well in the classroom.

Last Spring UGA's student athletes (269 men, 261 women, for a total of 530) achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.01. Their GPA for the entire 2012/13 academic year was 2.99 with 20% above 3.5 and 56% above 3.0.

For the semester just completed, Fall 2013, their cumulative GPA was 3.01. This is the first time our student athletes had a cumulative GPA above 3.00 for a fall semester. Of these 545 students, 297 were above 3.00 including 20 at 4.00, and 39 between 3.50 and 4.00. This academic success is reflected in the fact that our football team finished first on the SEC's Fall 2013 Academic Honor Roll in terms of the number of student-athletes named the list. When all fall sports are counted, UGA came in third. However, the top two schools, South Carolina and Kentucky, have four fall sports and not just three. We would rank first among all SEC schools sponsoring the sports of football, volleyball and women's soccer.

42 student athletes received their degrees in December.

Our Graduation Success Rate (GSR), as measured by the NCAA, was 83% in 2012/13, up from 81% the year before. That 83% placed us 4th among the 14 universities in the SEC. This was the best GSR for UGA since the GSR was implemented by the NCAA in 2005.

UGA, along with Rice, Stanford and Tulane, received national recognition from the American Football Coaches Association, by sharing the association's 2013 Athletic Achievement Award for recording a 100% graduation rate for members of their freshman football student athlete class of 2006. Nationally, only 12 schools were above 90% and 46 were above 75%.

Finally, the academic progress rates (APR) for all of our teams are strong, well above the NCAA's target score. The APR is another metric mandated by the NCAA. It is calculated the same way at all the NCAA's member institutions.