

Report of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics to the University Council
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Members (2011-2012): Rodney Mauricio (Chair), Tony Capomacchia, Robert Moser, Alan Campbell, Lonnie Brown, Peggy Kreshel, Margaret Robinson, David Shipley (Faculty Athletics Representative), Carla Williams (Athletic Director Representative, Ex-Officio), Meredith Martin and Jason O'Rourke (student representatives).

This is our summary report covering meetings since our last report to Council in August, 2011, and covering the activities of 2011-2012.

The committee met on August 24, 2011 and elected Rodney Mauricio as Chair of the committee. All of the committee members had previously served on this committee, so very little effort was allocated to educating the committee on the academic workings of the athletics department.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics is to review the academic mission of the athletics department. In order to execute this responsibility, the committee met on April 24, 2012 with three groups: head coaches, academic support staff and student-athletes. We met with each group separately and discussed the academic issues each group faced.

The twelve head coaches present were uniformly positive about the performance of the academic support team and about the balance between athletics and academics for student-athletes. Concerns were raised about PE credit for athletes (whether participation on a team satisfies the UGA PE requirement). As in past years, coaches raised questions about some inflexibility on behalf of instructors with respect to test-taking, attendance policies, timely grade feedback. The coaches emphasized that the vast majority of faculty and academic departments are supportive of student-athletes. There were questions about whether student-athletes should be provided excused absences for athletic travel since the student-athletes are traveling on university business. Coaches also expressed some frustration with the withdrawal policy since student-athletes must take 12 credits or endanger eligibility. Students were previously advised to take 15 credits and then withdraw from a class if the schedule was too difficult, but that strategy is not possible when students are restricted to only 4 withdrawals.

The entire academic support staff was present for the meeting and expressed general satisfaction with the system as it is presently operating. Staff mentioned that class scheduling was a major hurdle for student-athletes, although summer school was helpful in keeping students on track. The staff also had some specific issues with scheduling classes in the Grady College, with KINS 2010 and some communication studies classes. An especially problematic issue arises in trying to schedule student teaching for student-athletes in the College of Education. Again, although most faculty are flexible with respect to student-athletes travel, there are persistent issues that arise. The issue of excused absences came up here as well. The staff was also interested in seeing how new distance education technology might be helpful in keeping student-athletes connected to courses while they travel. The committee is always impressed with the professionalism and sincere concern the academic support staff has for the academic performance of student-athletes.

Finally, we met with a large group of student-athletes from a variety of sports. As always, student-athletes at UGA come across as an impressive group of students who work very hard in a demanding academic climate. Students expressed some concerns about the scheduling conflicts that arise between athletics and classes, especially with respect to labs and studio classes. Classes in Grady were particularly problematic since there are few classes not taught in the afternoon. There were many examples of students being limited to specific majors because scheduling conflicts were too cumbersome. Student-athletes also feel like they are being forced to take online classes to complete requirements and that taking classes online is a common practice among student-athletes. They also point out that getting across campus can be challenging and that the athletic department attendance checkers often leave too early. Students also complained of often being “stuck in the middle” between coaches and advisers and teachers.

Another function of the CIA is to monitor and report on the academic progress of the student-athletes. David Shipley, the Faculty Representative to the NCAA, provided some data on academic performance and these are attached to this report.

The committee is satisfied that the Athletic Association and academic support staff do an excellent job of supporting and monitoring student-athletes. Greg McGarity, the Athletic Director and his support staff, as well as the coaching staff, seem committed to a high academic standards.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rodney Mauricio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R" and "M".

Rodney Mauricio, PhD
Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

UGA Graduation Success Rate Improves To Record 81% for All Student-Athletes

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ATHENS — University of Georgia student-athletes graduated at a rate of 81% in the latest NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) survey period according to figures released Tuesday by the NCAA. That's up from 79% a year ago and is the highest graduation percentage for the Bulldogs since the GSR was implemented in 2005.

RELATED CONTENT

In the GSR four-year average rate, University of Georgia athletic teams improved in nine sports including men's basketball, football, men's golf, men's swimming and diving, women's basketball, women's cross country/track and field, women's golf, softball, and equestrian.

Five sports remained the same and three experienced small declines. Georgia had a record five teams score a perfect 100 percent – men's golf, women's golf, gymnastics, softball, and women's tennis.

Among Southeastern Conference schools, Georgia was first in six sport categories— 2005 football freshmen (86%), softball (100%), gymnastics (100%), women's golf (100%), women's tennis (100%), and women's track and field (95%). Georgia was second among SEC schools in soccer (95%) and men's swimming (90%). The Bulldogs finished among the top six SEC schools in 12 sports.

The four-year average rate includes not only freshmen but transfers in and out of the institution. The current report tracks the freshman classes of 2002-2003-2004-2005.

"It's gratifying to see that our student-athlete graduation rates continue to improve each year and that 14 of our 17 sports improved or remained the same," said UGA Director of Athletics Greg McGarity. "Our coaches and academic support staff deserve credit for their daily focus on the academic progress and well-being of all our student-athletes. The annual report is encouraging and there is still room for more improvement. All our coaches and staff are committed to that effort."

2012 UGA Graduation Success Rate Report

Sport	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Baseball	61	62	65	63	64	62
Men's Basketball	19	23	18	36	43	50
Men's Cross Country/Track	45	67	69	68	79	67
Football	41	48	57	68	65	69
Men's Golf	78	75	88	89	86	100
Men's Swim/Dive	88	92	100	100	89	90
Men's Tennis	83	88	82	73	75	60
Women's Basketball	80	79	79	77	77	92
Wms Cross Country/Track	69	64	72	75	85	95
Women's Golf	67	71	86	88	88	100
Women's Gymnastics	93	92	100	100	100	100
Soccer	90	89	85	92	95	95
Softball	73	74	82	91	95	100
Women's Swim/Dive	90	91	84	86	88	88
Women's Tennis	100	100	100	100	100	100
Volleyball	91	100	92	91	92	92
Women's Equestrian	-	-	91	68	72	73

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TO: Greg McGarity
David Shipley
Head Coaches
Senior Staff
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FROM: Glada Horvat

The attached information is a GPA ranking of all sports for grades earned during the 2010-11 academic year. The information shows the winners of the "Faculty Athletics Representatives Award", which recognizes the male and female teams with the highest grades for the year. The winners are men's cross country and women's swimming. Congratulations to both teams!

Winners of Faculty Athletics Representatives Award

1992-93	Men's Swimming	Women's Volleyball
1993-94	Men's Track	Women's Golf
1994-95	Men's Golf	Women's Golf
1995-96	Men's Tennis	Women's Golf
1996-97	Men's Tennis	Women's Golf
1997-98	Men's Tennis	Women's Golf
1998-99	Men's Tennis	Women's Swimming
1999-2000	Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis
2000-01	Men's Tennis	Women's Swimming
2001-02	Men's Golf	Women's Volleyball
2002-03	Men's Golf	Women's Equestrian
2003-04	Men's Golf	Women's Soccer
2004-05	Men's Golf	Women's Golf
2005-06	Men's Golf	Women's Swimming
2006-07	Men's Golf	Women's Gymnastics
2007-08	Men's Golf	Women's Gymnastics
2008-09	Men's Golf	Women's Golf
2009-10	Men's Swimming	Women's Swimming
2010-11	Men's Cross Country	Women's Swimming

Academic Report:

Board Secretary and Faculty Athletics Representative David Shipley highlighted some of the individual academic awards received Georgia's student-athletes in 2011-12 including achievements by Drew Butler, Wendy Trott, J.P. Hackney, Aaron Murray, Ty Frixx, Aron White, Chris Burnette, and Noel Couch. The Board materials included a long list of Academic All-Americans. He said that he had presented the FAR Award to Gymnastics at the Buffalo game in recognition of that team's impressive 3.46 GPA, highest among all men's and women's teams. He also presented the Eaves Awards to swimmer Andrew Gemmel and equestrian Maria Salazar. They are the rising seniors with the highest GPA's among all of UGA's male and female athletes.

Shipley then asked the Board to look at the final 2011-12 grade point rankings for Georgia's teams. The GPA for all sports was 3.00, up from 2.96 in 2010-11; the men had improved to 2.84 from 2.80; and the women went from 3.10 in 2010-11 to 3.16 in 2011-12. The teams with the greatest improvement from 2010-11 to 2011-12 were gymnastics, women's cross country, equestrian, men's tennis and football.

He completed his report by discussing his meetings with SAAC, commenting about the changes at Rankin-Smith, proctoring exams for student-athletes, and reviewing proposed NCAA legislation with the Association's senior administrators.

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES AWARD STANDINGS**2011-12 Rankings of Team GPAs**

<u>Men's Sports</u>		<u>Fall 2011</u>	<u>Spring 2012</u>	<u>Year</u>	
1.	Cross Country	3.23 (1)	3.39 (1)	- 3.31	3.37
2.	Tennis	2.875 (5)	3.33 (2)	+ 3.13	2.92
3.	Swimming	2.878 (4)	3.20 (3)	- 3.04	3.17
4.	Baseball	2.93 (2)	3.04 (4)	- 2.98	3.00
5.	Golf	2.89 (3)	2.98 (5)	- 2.94	2.90
6.	Track	2.86 (6)	2.75 (7)	- 2.81	2.88
7.	Football	2.67 (7)	2.80 (6)	+ 2.74	2.60
8.	Basketball	2.64 (8)	2.65 (8)	- 2.65	2.74
Total		2.78	2.89	+ 2.84	2.80

<u>Women's Sports</u>		<u>Fall 2011</u>	<u>Spring 2012</u>	<u>Year</u>	
1.	Gymnastics	3.38 (1)	3.52 (1)	+ 3.46	3.24
2.	Cross Country	3.30 (2)	3.38 (2)	+ 3.34	3.19
3.	Equestrian	3.22 (3)	3.304 (5)	+ 3.26	3.17
4.	Swimming	3.14 (5)	3.34 (3)	- 3.24	3.30
5.	Track	3.16 (4)	3.307 (4)	- 3.23	3.07
6.	Soccer	3.07 (6)	3.01 (7)	- 3.05	3.14
7.	Golf	2.90 (9)	3.06 (6)	+ 2.988	2.82
8.	Volleyball	3.04 (7)	2.93 (9)	- 2.986	3.23
9.	Tennis	2.95 (8)	2.99 (8)	- 2.97	2.98
10.	Softball	2.85 (10)	2.75 (11)	- 2.81	2.94
11.	Basketball	2.57 (11)	2.90 (10)	+ 2.73	2.60
Total		3.10	3.20	+ 3.16	3.10

<u>All Sports</u>	2.95	3.05	3.00	2.96
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Number of Students

Men	277	268
Women	271	265
Total	548	533

Total 4.0 (percentage)

Men	2 (0.7%)	6 (2.2%)
Women	10 (3.7%)	11 (4.2%)
Total	12 (2.2%)	17 (3.2%)

Total 3.50-3.99 (percentage)

Men	43 (15.5%)	54 (20.1%)
Women	78 (28.8%)	79 (29.8%)
Total	121 (22.1%)	133 (25.0%)

Total 3.0 or Above (percentage)

Men	106 (38.3%)	121 (45.1%)
Women	167 (61.6%)	175 (66.0%)
Total	273 (49.8%)	296 (55.5%)

M. Golf GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	100
	Missouri	100
	Vanderbilt	100
4	Mississippi	90
5	Florida	82
6	Alabama	80
	Kentucky	80
	South Carolina	80
9	Tennessee	78
10	Mississippi State	75
11	LSU	70
12	Texas A & M	67
13	Auburn	56
14	Arkansas	50
	GEORGIA TECH	100

M. Swimming GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Alabama	100
2	Georgia	90
	LSU	90
4	Missouri	89
5	Kentucky	88
6	Florida	80
	South Carolina	80
8	Auburn	67
9	Tennessee	66
10	Texas A & M	59
	Arkansas	NA
	Mississippi	NA
	Mississippi State	NA
	Vanderbilt	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	95

M. Tennis GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Auburn	100
	Mississippi State	100
	South Carolina	100
	Vanderbilt	100
5	Mississippi	89
6	Arkansas	86
	Florida	86
8	Alabama	80
9	LSU	78
10	Kentucky	71
11	Texas A & M	67
12	Tennessee	63
13	Georgia	60
	Missouri	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	89

M. Track GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Vanderbilt	100
2	Mississippi State	89
3	Missouri	88
4	Kentucky	84
5	Alabama	83
6	South Carolina	82
7	Georgia	78
8	Auburn	73
9	LSU	71
10	Florida	70
	Mississippi	70
	Tennessee	70
13	Texas A & M	66
14	Arkansas	63
	GEORGIA TECH	76

W. Golf GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	100
	Alabama	100
	Arkansas	100
	Auburn	100
	Kentucky	100
	Mississippi	100
	Mississippi State	100
	Missouri	100
	South Carolina	100
	Texas A & M	100
11	LSU	89
12	Vanderbilt	88
13	Florida	86
14	Tennessee	83
	GEORGIA TECH	NA

Gymnastics GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	100
	Kentucky	100
3	Arkansas	93
4	Auburn	92
	Florida	92
6	LSU	91
	Missouri	91
8	Alabama	83
	Mississippi	NA
	Mississippi State	NA
	South Carolina	NA
	Tennessee	NA
	Texas A & M	NA
	Vanderbilt	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	NA

W. Soccer GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Alabama	100
2	Georgia	95
	Mississippi	95
4	Missouri	92
	Vanderbilt	92
6	Kentucky	91
7	Arkansas	90
	Auburn	90
9	Florida	88
	Mississippi State	88
11	Texas A & M	87
12	South Carolina	85
13	Tennessee	79
14	LSU	76
	GEORGIA TECH	NA

Softball GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	100
	Alabama	100
	Florida	100
	Mississippi State	100
5	Missouri	95
6	South Carolina	93
	Texas A & M	93
8	Tennessee	90
9	Auburn	88
10	Mississippi	87
11	LSU	83
12	Arkansas	80
13	Kentucky	73
	Vanderbilt	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	84

W. Swimming GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Missouri	100
2	South Carolina	96
3	Florida	93
4	Alabama	92
	Kentucky	92
	Tennessee	92
7	Georgia	88
	Arkansas	88
	Auburn	88
	LSU	88
	Texas A & M	88
	Mississippi	NA
	Mississippi State	NA
	Vanderbilt	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	100

W. Tennis GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	100
	Alabama	100
	Arkansas	100
	Florida	100
	Kentucky	100
	Mississippi	100
	Missouri	100
	South Carolina	100
	Vanderbilt	100
10	Texas A & M	89
11	Auburn	88
	LSU	88
13	Tennessee	86
14	Mississippi State	83
	GEORGIA TECH	91

W. Track GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Georgia	95
2	Tennessee	94
3	Mississippi State	92
4	Alabama	91
	Kentucky	91
6	Florida	89
7	Missouri	88
	Vanderbilt	88
9	South Carolina	84
10	Arkansas	83
11	Mississippi	81
12	LSU	79
13	Texas A & M	76
14	Auburn	72
	GEORGIA TECH	93

Volleyball GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Alabama	100
2	Florida	100
3	South Carolina	100
4	Tennessee	100
5	Georgia	92
	Arkansas	92
	LSU	92
8	Mississippi	91
9	Texas A & M	90
10	Kentucky	88
11	Mississippi State	82
12	Missouri	77
13	Auburn	56
14	Vanderbilt	NA
	GEORGIA TECH	92

OVERALL GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Vanderbilt	91
2	Alabama	85
3	Missouri	84
4	Florida	82
5	Georgia	81
6	LSU	80
	Mississippi State	80
8	Kentucky	79
9	South Carolina	78
1	Mississippi	76
11	Auburn	74
	Texas A&M	74
13	Tennessee	73
14	Arkansas	72
	GEORGIA TECH	76

M. Basketball GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Vanderbilt	92
2	Kentucky	78
3	Alabama	71
4	Texas A&M	71
5	Auburn	67
6	Missouri	67
7	LSU	60
8	South Carolina	58
9	Mississippi	56
10	Tennessee	55
11	Georgia	50
12	Mississippi State	29
13	Arkansas	25
14	Florida	17
	GEORGIA TECH	18

W. Basketball GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Florida	100
	Kentucky	100
	LSU	100
	Mississippi State	100
	South Carolina	100
	Tennessee	100
	Vanderbilt	100
8	Georgia	92
	Mississippi	92
	Missouri	92
11	Auburn	91
12	Arkansas	85
13	Texas A&M	75
14	Alabama	69
	GEORGIA TECH	86

Football GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Vanderbilt	85
2	LSU	77
3	Alabama	75
	Florida	75
5	Missouri	73
6	Georgia	69
	Texas A & M	69
8	Kentucky	65
9	Auburn	64
10	Mississippi State	60
11	Mississippi	59
12	Tennessee	58
13	Arkansas	55
	South Carolina	55
	GEORGIA TECH	55

Football freshmen enrolling 2005

1	Georgia	86
2	Vanderbilt	84
3	Texas A & M	74
4	Missouri	67
5	Alabama	64
6	Kentucky	57
7	Tennessee	57
8	Auburn	56
9	Florida	54
10	LSU	50
11	Mississippi State	50
12	South Carolina	46
13	Arkansas	40
14	Mississippi	39
	GEORGIA TECH	50

Baseball GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	Mississippi State	92
2	Vanderbilt	91
3	Alabama	77
4	Florida	72
	Kentucky	72
6	Missouri	71
7	LSU	70
8	South Carolina	68
	Texas A&M	68
10	Mississippi	66
11	Georgia	62
12	Arkansas	61
13	Auburn	58
14	Tennessee	50
	GEORGIA TECH	76

Equestrian GSR (4-year rate 2002-2005)

1	South Carolina	96
2	Texas A & M	77
3	Auburn	75
4	Georgia	73