

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE

University Athletics Committee--  
Academic Review Subcommittee

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MENDENHALL GREAT ROOM

A. Sub-Committee Composition: eight faculty members from University Athletics Committee (these eight constitute all of the regular (not ex-officio) faculty members of the University Athletics Committee):

- 3 appointed--Ernie Schwarz--HPERS  
Susan McDaniel--Biology  
Rosina Chia--Psychology
- 5 elected--Ted Gartman--Allied Health  
Larry Hines--Psychology  
Spencer Raab--Medicine  
Maury Simon--Political Science  
Dave Glascoff--Marketing

B. Authority and Reporting--Reports directly to the Chancellor and presents information to the University Athletics Committee

C. Meetings--met three times during the year to focus on the academic integrity aspects of the University Athletic Department

D. Activities of the Sub-Committee: to examine, as a process, the activities involving students who participate in athletics at E.C.U. Six sequential elements of the athletic dimension of student activities were touched on over the course of the year:

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| 1. Recruiting  | 4. Compliance with NCAA requirements    |
| 2. Admission   | 5. Satisfactory progress toward degrees |
| 3. Eligibility | 6. Graduation rates                     |

We did not cover these items in the same detail in this year's meetings as we did last year because the committee membership this year was the same as last year. Rather, the emphasis in committee discussions was on changes from 1990-91 to 1991-92.

E. In addition to examining the six steps just mentioned, three aspects of the Athletic Department's activities were examined in detail at the scheduled meetings--E.C.U.'s Student Development Program for Athletes (October 17th); recent NCAA legislation regarding academics, eligibility, and compliance (February 20th); and Athletic Department items (publications, reports, etc.) to be put on file with the Faculty Senate (March 26th).

F. Highlights of the year:

- 1. One of the NCAA requirements is that by the fifth semester of enrollment an athlete must have a declared



major or a designated area and the courses being taken must reflect progress toward completion of that particular program. This requirement is made operational on two dimensions--75% of the cumulative courses taken must be leading toward degree completion and 75% of the courses in which a student is currently enrolled must be leading toward degree completion. E.C.U. certified to the N.C.A.A. that all our athletes met this standard. It should be noted that this makes it much more difficult for a student-athlete to change majors than for the non-athlete student, thus closing a potential loophole affecting graduation.

2. The Sub-Committee passed a motion to require a report back to the committee in two years concerning the academic performance of freshman and transfer students admitted into the University's special studies program.
3. Generally the Sub-Committee was satisfied that its questions of the Athletic Department were being answered in a timely fashion.
4. The Sub-Committee retained all of its members this year, which eliminated some of the start-up and educational aspects of the previous year's meetings. The members believed themselves to be better versed in the "nuts and bolts" of the operations of the academic side of the Athletic Department.

G. Conclude by presenting a few key facts about student-athletes--

1. 23.2% of all athletes were honor students in Fall 1991 based on the criteria in their various programs (71 out of 306 student athletes)--last year 24.7%; university wide this year the number is 25.5%.
2. 20.9% of all athletes had grade point averages above 3.0 (64 out of 306)--last year 26.2%; university wide this year the number is 24.7%. (cumulative GPA's)
3. 82.3% of all athletes had grade point averages above 2.0 (252 out of 306)--last year 77.5%; university wide this year the number is 79.5%. (cumulative GPA's)
4. No athletes were declared ineligible after Fall 1991; last year less than 1% became ineligible.
5. Two student athletes from E.C.U. Ken Burnette and Keith Arnold were among the 36 finalists for the NCAA's \$5,000 postgraduate scholarships and one, Keith Arnold, was a recipient and will be pursuing an M.B.A. this Fall.