

**University Athletics Committee  
Academic Integrity Subcommittee Report  
October 6, 2008**

**I. Fall 2007**

- 423 Student-Athletes on rosters (2006 – 413; 2005 – 430)
- 198 Student-Athletes or 46.8 % earned ECU academic honors (2006 – 187 or 45.3%; 2005 – 196 or 45.6%)
- 8 teams attained a semester GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  (2006 – 10; 2005 – 10)
  - Women's Cross Country (3.171)
  - Men's Golf (3.635)
  - Women's Golf (3.430)
  - Women's Soccer (3.197)
  - Softball (3.218)
  - Men's Tennis (3.630)
  - Women's Tennis (3.420)
  - Volleyball (3.453)
- 8 teams had a cumulative GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  (2006 – 9; 2005 – 10)
  - Women's Cross Country (3.241)
  - Men's Golf (3.507)
  - Women's Golf (3.468)
  - Women's Soccer (3.189)
  - Softball (3.161)
  - Men's Tennis (3.520)
  - Women's Tennis (3.442)
  - Volleyball (3.354)
- Fall GPA for all Student-Athletes: 2.835 (2006 – 2.81; 2005 – 2.83)
- Fall GPA for all ECU Undergraduates: 2.76 (2006 – 2.676; 2005 – 2.70)
- Cumulative GPA for all Student-Athletes: 2.854 (2006 – 2.85; 2005 – 2.80)
- Cumulative GPA for all ECU Undergraduates: 2.77 (2006 – 2.737; 2005 – 2.76)
- Number of Student-Athletes on academic probation: 24 or 5.7% (2006 – 15 or 3.6%; 2005 – 18 or 4.2%)
- Number of ECU Undergraduates on academic probation: 1,540 or 7.9% (2006 – 1,431 or 7.8%; 2005 – 1,227 or 6.9%)

**II. Spring 2008**

- 401 Student-Athletes on rosters (2007 – 389; 2006 – 404)
- 197 Student-Athletes or 49.1% earned academic honors (2007 – 182 or 46.8%; 2006 – 181 or 44.8%)
- 11 teams attained a semester GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  (2007 – 11; 2006 – 9)
  - Women's Basketball (3.27)
  - Men's Cross Country (3.18)
  - Women's Cross Country (3.31)
  - Men's Golf (3.37)
  - Women's Golf (3.62)

- Women's Soccer (3.38)
  - Softball (3.23)
  - Women's Swimming (3.06)
  - Men's Tennis (3.75)
  - Women's Tennis (3.33)
  - Volleyball (3.52)
- 10 teams had a cumulative GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  (2007 – 10; 2006 – 10)
  - Men's Cross Country (3.11)
  - Women's Cross Country (3.19)
  - Men's Golf (3.44)
  - Women's Golf (3.50)
  - Women's Soccer (3.30)
  - Softball (3.16)
  - Women's Swimming (3.02)
  - Men's Tennis (3.62)
  - Women's Tennis (3.38)
  - Volleyball (3.39)
- Spring GPA for all Student-Athletes: 2.86 (2007 – 2.88; 2006 – 2.78)
- Spring GPA for all ECU Undergraduates: 2.78 (2007 – 2.701; 2006 – 2.72)
- Cumulative GPA for all Student-Athletes: 2.87 (2007 – 2.89; 2006 – 2.79)
- Cumulative GPA for all ECU Undergraduates: 2.79 (2007 – 2.770; 2006 – 2.79)
- Number of Student-Athletes on academic probation: 11 or 2.7% (2007 – 9 or 2.3%; 2006 – 8 or 2.0%)
- Number of ECU Undergraduates on academic probation: 933 or 5.1% (2007 – 934 or 5.4%; 2006 – 801 or 4.9%)

### III. Selected Additional Recognition for Academic Achievements

- ECU ranked 2nd in Conference USA with 192 student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll (maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better).
- ECU ranked 4th in Conference USA with 36 student-athletes winning Commissioner's Academic Medals (maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better).
- There are 11 student-athletes who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0
- Mr. Geoffrey Handsfield from the men's swimming team won a C-USA Postgraduate Scholarship (\$4000).
- Ms. Hannah Priest from women's tennis and Ms. Kelley Wernert from the volleyball team were selected Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award Winners. C-USA Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards are presented to the top student-athletes in each conference-sponsored sport. The award is based on academic achievement, athletic achievement, and community service.
- For the 2007-08 academic year, a record four teams received the C-USA Sport Academic Award. This award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest grade point average for the current academic year. ECU ranked second with the following teams honored: men's basketball (2.781), men's golf (3.506), men's tennis (3.692), and softball (3.257).

#### IV. Additional Academic Information

##### Comparison of Student-Athlete and Total Student Body Academic Performance

The chart below provides a comparison of the academic performance of student-athletes and all undergraduate students for the 2007-08 academic year.

	SEM		CUM		FRESH AVER SEM		% ABOVE SEM		% ABOVE SEM	
	Fall	Sp	Fall	Sp	Fall	Sp	Fall	Sp	Fall	Sp
	All Students	2.76	2.78	2.77	2.79	2.42	2.00	82	82	57
Student-Athletes	2.83	2.86	2.85	2.87	2.62	2.75	86	88	50	52

##### Student-Athlete Performance by Gender

Following is a breakdown of academic performance by gender of the student-athlete population for spring 2008.

Student-Athletes by Gender	# on Teams	Spring 08 SEM GPA	Spring 08 CUM GPA	FRESH GPA SEM	# of Fresh	2.00 or above	3.00 or above
Males	248	2.70	2.76	2.56	62	85%	41%
Females	153	3.13	3.05	2.99	49	93%	70%

##### Academic Performance of Men's Basketball Team

Below is the historical semester-by-semester academic performance of the men's basketball team. A new coaching staff was hired and in place April 1, 2005.

In July of this year, the team was awarded the C-USA Sport Academic Award. This award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest grade point average for the current academic year. The men's basketball team posted a 2.78 for the 2007-08 academic year.

Cumulative Average	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
	2004	2005	2005	2006	2006	2007	2007	2008
Scholarship	1.89	2.06	2.49	2.40	2.54	2.51	2.73	2.78
Non-Scholarship	3.44	3.45	3.25	3.34	3.32	3.36	3.53	3.51
Total Team	2.13	2.27	2.65	2.60	2.70	2.69	2.78	2.83

Coaching Change

**V. Community Service Contributions of Student-Athletes**

For the 2007-08 academic year student-athletes exceeded their community service goal of 4,100 hours with a final total of 4,482 hours of volunteer service. Agencies benefiting from the volunteer efforts of our student-athletes include the ALS Association, Boys and Girls Club of Pitt County, Family Support Network of Eastern NC, Food Bank of Eastern NC, Habitat for Humanity, Pitt County Animal Shelter, and the Ronald McDonald House. For the 2008-09 academic year, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee voted to set a goal of 4,500 hours.

Year	Goal Hrs	Achieved Hrs
2002-03	n/a	2262
2003-04	n/a	2777
2004-05	3000	3122
2005-06	3500	3668
2006-07	3800	4018
2007-08	4100	4482
2008-09	4500	

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