Presentation to the Faculty Senate
Regarding Athletics

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Faculty Athletics Representative
Office of the President

- The National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) mandates that all member institutions have a faculty member in the role FAR.
- The Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) delineates four primary aspects of the role of the FAR:
  - Academic Integrity;
  - Compliance;
  - Student-Athlete Experience;
  - Communication/Administration.

Academic Integrity
- Certify initial and continuing eligibility, in consultation with the Compliance Director and the Athletic Academic Coordinators
  - Fulfillment of Credit hour requirement
  - Freshmen 6/12/24
  - Other classes 6/12/18
  - Progress toward a Degree
    - Starting Junior year 40%
    - Starting Senior Year 60%
    - Starting 5th year 80%
  - Certification of Transfer Students

Compliance
- Participate in internal investigations of possible secondary and major violations of NCAA and the Big Sky Conference (BSC) rules
- Reviews and sign secondary violation of self-reports to NCAA and BSC
- Review and sign waivers and appeals to NCAA and BSC
- Sign and submit Medical Hardship applications to the FAR's Council and BSC
Student-Athlete Experience

- Meet with individual student-athletes on issues concerning student-athlete well-being
- Meet with student-athletes at team meetings
- Go to practice and competitions

Communication & Administration

- Permanent member of the university’s Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (IAAC)
- Participate in searches for senior athletics administrators and head coaches
- Meets regularly with the President and provides input on matters related to the athletics program
- Reports to the Faculty Senate, and other groups, when appropriate, on the academic performance of student-athletes and other issues concerning the athletics program
- Meets regularly with the Director of Athletics and other appropriate athletic administrators on issues related to academic integrity, institutional control, student-athlete well-being, and the like
- Participates in any NCAA or Big Sky Conference, and CSU Board of Trustee certification reviews, audits, and self-studies
- Attend the Fall and Spring meetings of the Big Sky Conference, serves on appointed committees, and is a permanent member of the Big Sky Conference NCAA’s Council

Student Athlete Resource Center (SARC)

- Athletic Academic Services
- Life Skills and Student-Athlete Development
- NCAA Compliance
- Financial Services

Academic Progress Rate (APR)

- The APR measures the proportion of student athletes for each sport that are both eligible and retained each term. It is intended to be an early indicator for graduation rates.
- The APR score has a maximum of 1000 which would imply that all student athletes participating on a sport team were both academically eligible and retained for both semesters.
- Potential Penalties are incurred if a team APR drops below 925 (930 in the future).
- Only one Sacramento State team had an APR below 940 for 2011 – 2012, the most recent data released.
  - Women’s Golf had a 925.
  - Four teams had 1000.
**Graduation Rates**

- Freshman Cohort 2005-06 Graduation Rate
  - All Sac State Students: 41%
  - Sac State Student Athletes: 59%

- Four-Class Average
  - All Sac State Students: 41%
  - Sac State Student Athletes: 54%

- Student-Athlete Graduation Success Rate: 71%

**Student-Athlete Academic Performance**

- Spring 2013: 460 total academic "head count"
  - 18 SAs earned a term GPA of 4.00 (3.9%)
  - 64 SAs earned a term GPA of 3.50 – 3.99 (13.9%)
  - 129 SAs earned a term GPA of 3.00 – 3.49 (28.0%)
  - 45.9% of SAs were above a 3.00 term GPA

- 45 SAs earned a term GPA below 2.00 (9.8%)
- 13 SAs earned an overall GPA below 2.00 (2.8%)
- 22 SAs were not in Sac State’s "Good Standing" category after Spring 2012

- 95.2% of our Spring 2012 SAs were in “Good Standing” based on campus policy.

**Student Research Competition**

$500
Big Sky Conference Online Journal

- Member institutions are allowed as many submissions as appropriate based on quality of work.
- Full member institutions will denote the top two (2) papers from each campus to receive an award. All institutionally approved submissions will be published in the Journal.
- All institutions may submit one (1) piece of artwork for a "Cover Contest". The Conference Office will form a committee to determine the winner. Honorable Mention for artwork may be awarded with publication only.
- Any athletically related topic in any discipline will be accepted.
- Authors must be currently enrolled undergraduate students at the institution at the time of submission to the campus entity reviewing submissions.
- Authors should review the Submission Policies for the Journal, including the Final Manuscript.
- Potential submitters should go to www.csus.edu/faculty/p/sjperez for submission instructions.
- Papers must be submitted by May 9, 2014.

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (IAAC)

- To provide guidance to the President of Sacramento State in developing, implementing, and evaluating policies that balance intercollegiate athletics with academic rigor and promote equity in the intercollegiate athletics program. The advisory committee reports to the President.
- Membership
  - Faculty (three)
  - Alumni/Community (two)
  - Coach Representative (one)
  - Student Representatives (two student-athletes, one ASI)
  - SARC (one)
  - Administrative Representative (one)
  - Faculty Athletic Representative (one)