Presentation to the Faculty Senate Regarding Athletics

Steve Perez, Faculty Athletics Representative
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 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 930.
- All Sacramento State teams had an APR above 945 for 2012 – 2013, the most recent data released to the public.
- 2013-14 will be very similar
Graduation Rates

- Freshman Cohort 2006-07 Graduation Rate
  - All Sac State Students 41%
  - Sac State Student Athletes 61%

- Four-Class Average
  - All Sac State Students 41%
  - Sac State Student Athletes 57%

- Student-Athlete Graduation Success Rate 72%
Student-Athlete Academic Performance

- Fall 2014: 490 total academic “head count”
  - 17 SAs earned a term GPA of 4.00 (3.9%)
  - 110 SAs earned a term GPA of 3.50 – 3.99 (13.9%)
  - 143 SAs earned a term GPA of 3.00 – 3.49 (28.0%)
  - **55.1% of SAs were above a 3.00 term GPA**
  - 51 SAs earned a term GPA below 2.00 (10.4%)
  - 24 SAs earned an overall GPA below 2.00 (4.9%)
  - 35 SAs were not in Sac State’s “Good Standing” category after Fall 2014 (7.1%)
  - **92.9% of our Fall 2014 SAs were in “Good Standing” based on campus policy.**
Student-Athlete Academic Performance

- 17 teams (+ 5th years scholarship students and Dance) had a term GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Athletic Department Term GPA was 2.96 (2.85 for undergraduate student body)
- Athletic Department overall GPA was 3.002 (2.98 for undergraduate student body)
- Both of the above are the HIGHEST ATHLETIC GPAs in SCHOOL HISTORY
Student Athlete Resource Center (SARC)

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

- Director – Paul Edwards
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)
New Athletic Director

- Bill Macriss