IAC Report to UF Faculty Senate

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Presentation Outline

• IAC Mission and Membership
• Current Topics in Intercollegiate Athletics
• Academic Performance Metrics
• Graduating Student-Athlete Experience
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The Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (IAC) is a faculty committee appointed by the President to provide oversight and recommend policies related to academic issues affecting or affected by intercollegiate athletics. The IAC Mission Statement is to:

• Recommend policy changes related to academic issues affecting or affected by intercollegiate athletics
• Monitoring of admissions and academic progress of all student-athletes
• Monitoring changes in NCAA and SEC rules and procedures relative to academic programs and progress
• Reviewing with the UAA compliance officer the institution's compliance program
• Receive, review and advise on various reports related to student athlete academic wellbeing (such as admissions, academic progress or others as identified by the committee or UAA)
• Report to the faculty on issues related to intercollegiate athletics via the University Senate at least once per year
• Make additional recommendations to the President on any other matters related to academic issues affecting or affected by intercollegiate athletics

The success of this mission is highly dependent on information sharing between faculty, student athletes, and the Athletic Association. We encourage all interested parties to use this website and the related email address, IAC@aa.ufl.edu as a conduit for information, suggestions, questions and answers about the critical academic/athletic nexus.

https://iac.aa.ufl.edu/
Thank You Andy!

W. Andrew McCollough

- IAC Chair “Emeritus”
- Professor and Associate Provost for Teaching and Technology
IAC Members & Liaisons

Frank Bova, Distinguished Professor, Neurological Surgery

Jeff Guin, Sr. Assoc. Athletics Director, University Athletic Association

Harrison Hove, Senior Lecturer and Associate Chair, Journalism

Christopher Janelle, Associate Dean and Professor, APK

Ashley Klingenberg, Student, Sport Management

Hope Lerman, Student, Sport Management

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Director of Professional Development

Diba Mani, Instructional Assistant Professor, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology

Jamie McCloskey, Associate Athletic Director, University Athletic Association

Marsha McGriff, Chief Diversity Officer, Senior Advisor to the President

Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost, Enrollment Management

Victoria Pagan-Wolpert, IAC Co-Chair Professor, Classics

Christopher Robinson, Assistant Professor, Neurology

Mark Rush, Professor Department of Economics

Lauren Solberg, Associate Professor and Program Director, Program in Bioethics, Law and Medical Professionalism, Community Health and Family Medicine

Scott Stricklin, Athletic Director, University Athletic Association

Lynda Tealer, Deputy Athletic Director, University Athletic Association

Cyntrice Thomas, Instructional Assistant Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Sport Management

Heather White, Vice President for Student Life, Student Life

Allen Wysocki, IAC Co-Chair Associate Dean and Professor, CALS

https://fora.ua.ufl.edu/University/PresidentialCommittees/Intercollegiate-Athletics-Committee
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Topics of recent interest in Intercollegiate Athletics

• NCAA constitution overhaul
• D1 transformation committee / implementation
• Conference realignment and expansion
• CFP expansion
• CFP exclusion
• Health and safety related policies
• Litigation, litigation, litigation
• Title IX
• Infractions and enforcement processes
• Education related benefits for cost of attendance
• Sports wagering
• Student-athletes as employees
• Revenue sharing
• Transfer portal
• Name, image, and likeness (NIL)
• NCAA leadership transition
Timeline of NIL and related events...
Timeline of NIL and related events (cont.)

- **June 30, 2021**: NCAA adopts interim NIL Policy.
- **July 1, 2021**: NCAA Division I Board of Director’s updates guidance on NIL.
- **May 9, 2022**: NCAA Division I releases guidance related to NIL interim policy.
- **May 2022**: NCAA Q&A provides more clarification on implementation with boosters, NIL Collectives, and PSAs.
- **July 2022**: Clarification provided on implementation of NCAA interim policy.
- **Oct 2022**: Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Timeline of NIL and related events (cont.)

- **June 30, 2021**: NCAA adopts interim NIL policy
- **July 1, 2021**: NCAA interim policy and multiple state laws take effect
- **May 9, 2022**: NCAA Division I release guidance on NIL
- **May 2022**: NCAA OSA provides more clarification on involvement with boosters, NIL Collectives, and PSAs
- **July 2022**: Clarification of NCAA Division I bylaws and NCAA interim policy
- **October 2022**: NCAA provides update and examples of NIL scenarios
- **June 2023**: DI Board directs council to develop plans for NIL protections
- **August 2023**: SA Council adopts proposal (August 1, 2023), which establishes student-athlete protections
- **January 2024**: Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
December 5, 2023: Letter from NCAA President, Charlie Baker

Dear Committee Members:

As you know, we have been reviewing the current state of college athletics for the past several months. During this review, several things have become clear:

- For hundreds of thousands of young people – and for tens of millions over time – college sports are a pathway to a college degree, an invaluable learning experience and a major element in the plan that successfully launches them into adulthood.
- Billions of dollars are invested annually by colleges and universities in their athletics programs, their student-athlete support systems and student-athletes. College sports alone delivered $4 billion in scholarships to hundreds of thousands of young people.
- Graduation rates for student-athletes have risen dramatically over the past 15 years – so much so that across every demographic student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than their peers who are not student-athletes.
- More is being done to build on this success:
  - Starting next year, all Division I schools will be required to guarantee the scholarships they offer to student-athletes, whether they play their sport or not.
  - Starting next year, all Division I schools will be required to provide up to 10 years of ongoing tuition assistance to scholarship athletes until they complete their degree.
  - Starting next year, all Division I schools will be required to provide mental health services to student-athletes consistent with the latest best practices.
  - Starting next year, student-athletes across all three divisions will have access to a nationwide injury insurance program that will provide two years of primary or secondary health insurance coverage if they get injured playing a sport for their school and are still in active treatment when they graduate or their eligibility has expired.

...
“...perhaps the single-most revolutionary concept introduced by a sitting NCAA leader in college athletics history.”
NCAA, states aim to extend TRO letting transfers play immediately

NCAA memo clears way for multi-time transfers to play in 2024

Previous NCAA rules barred multi-time undergraduate transfers from competing in their new schools. But a memo sent to some schools Friday indicated that those would be free to play immediately in 2024.

NCAA fears ‘perpetual and unchecked free agency’ after court ruling strikes down longstanding transfer policy

By John Kalb and the Associated Press
Dec 10, 2023 at 10:50 AM EST
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Student -Athletes
Student-Athletes: 2022-2023 Academic Performance

- **3.30** Overall GPA
  - 13 14 straight semesters above 3.0
- **18 / 21–21/21** teams earned a cum GPA of 3.0 or better
  - New record
- **410 / 548** Earned SEC Honor Roll
  - New record
    - Does not include fall 2023
- **107** earned degrees
  - 28 graduated with Honors
  - 27 earned Masters degrees
    - Does not include fall 2023
Gators Experience Community Service (Fall 2023)

- **1,556** hours
- **144** opportunities
- **339** SA participating
- **21** sports
- **33** organizations in GNV community
- **$52,008** estimated economic impact
Student-Athletes... 2022-2023 Athletic Performance

• NCAA National Championships
  • Men’s Golf
  • Men’s Outdoor Track & Field

• SEC Championships (6 led the league)
  • Baseball
  • Men’s Golf
  • Gymnastics
  • Men’s Swimming & Diving
  • Women’s Swimming & Diving
  • Volleyball

• Women’s Cross Country
  *note, 2023-24 academic year
The journey to the destination...
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IAC Exit Survey
Fall 2022 - Fall 2023
Welcome to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Graduating Student–Athlete Exit Survey

Purpose of the Survey: The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) is the UF faculty and staff committee appointed by President Fuchs to provide oversight and recommend policy changes related to academic issues affecting or affected by intercollegiate athletics. The IAC is a UF committee and is not part of the University Athletic Association. To meet the charge to our committee, the IAC regularly collects and analyzes insights on various aspects of the student–athlete experience on campus.

The purpose of the enclosed Exit Interview survey is to acquire feedback on the academic experiences of graduating UF Student–Athletes.

Time required: Approximately 5 minutes
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements as they apply to your academic experience here at the University of Florida:

- My academic major aligned closely with my skills, abilities, and interests.
- I was able to major in the field/discipline of my choice without influence from my sport participation.
- I was able to balance my academic and sport responsibilities.
- I am satisfied with my academic experience.
- I am satisfied with my academic performance and achievements.

Legend:
- **Red**: Strongly disagree
- **Orange**: Somewhat disagree
- **Yellow**: Neither agree nor disagree
- **Green**: Somewhat agree
- **Blue**: Strongly agree
Generally speaking....

My UF instructors understood the challenges I faced as a student-athlete.

My UF instructors readily excused absences due sport competition and/or other sport participation.

My team's coaching staff supported my academic development and performance.

I received excellent support from my UAA Academic Advisors at the Hawkins Center.

I was able to register for classes I needed to satisfy my degree requirements and/or progress toward graduation.
Please indicate how much each of the following factors/opportunities have influenced your academic experience:

- Negatively Influenced my Academic Experience (-4)
- Did Not Influence my Academic Experience (0)
- Positively Influenced my Academic Experience (+4)

Factors:
- Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)
- Academic Incentive Awards (Alston)
- Transfer portal
- Social justice
- Mental well-being
The NCAA accounts for progress, retention, and transfer within student athlete cohorts...

• **Academic Progress Rate (APR)**
  - Each student-athlete (receiving athletically related financial aid) **earns one point** for staying in school and **one point** for being academically eligible.
  - A **team’s total points are divided by points possible** and then multiplied by 1,000 to equal the team’s Academic Progress Rate.
  - In addition to a team’s current-year APR, its rolling four-year APR is also used to determine penalties/accountability.

• **Graduation Success Rate (GSR)**
  - Tracks graduation over **6 years**
  - Accounts for **transfers in/out and mid-year enrollees**.
  - Student-athletes who depart a school while in good academic standing (would have met NCAA’s and school’s progress-toward-degree standards) are **passed from that school’s cohort to another school’s cohort**.
  - Student-athletes who depart in **poor academic standing** are deemed non-graduates by both the Federal rate and the GSR.
University of Florida athletics sets all-time high NCAA graduation success rate

2023 GSR = 94.7%
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Looking ahead…

• **IAC research**
  • Post-College Outcomes of Gator Student-Athletes
  • Transfer Student-Athlete Experience
  • Tutor Survey
  • Exit Survey Revision
Inspiration – Fall 2023 Gator Grads

Bobby Finke acknowledges the crowd at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium after returning from the Tokyo Summer Games as a two-time gold medalist. (File photo/Courtney Culbreath)

Photo By: Courtney Culbreath

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Bobby Finke Preps for Paris Olympics and Another UF Milestone Moment

Bennett Solomon, FloridaGators.com Student Writer

Heptathlon star Anna Hall, right, poses with Gators assistant coach Mellance Welty at last week's UF Student-Athlete Graduation Celebration at the Hawkins Center. (Photo: Jordan Perez/UA Communications)

Photo By: Jordan Perez

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Hall Strives to Continue on Path That Helped Her Soar at UF

Daniel Chait, FloridaGators.com Student Writer