

**Athletic Compliance Committee
End of Year Report
2015-2016**

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The Athletic Compliance committee met on the following dates:

September 30, 2015

January 29, 2016

February 26, 2016

April 27, 2016

May 31, 2016

Summary:

Discussion items this academic year included:

1. New Academic Rules. Four new academic rules were introduced for athletes: Beginning in spring 2016 student-athletes will need 8 credits toward a degree every quarter, the requirement of 75% of credits must be during the regular academic year is going away, student-athletes must earn 36 credits toward a degree every year (counting summer), and there will be no more averaging except going into junior year (7th quarter).
2. Priority Registration. Development of the priority registration policy hasn't been as successful as it could be. Brain storming sessions have been planned.
3. The Faculty/Staff Affiliate Program. This program has been very successful. All sports teams now have at least one faculty/staff affiliate assigned to them. The goal of connecting student athletes to another source on campus is really paying off.
4. EKG Testing. Student-athletes are now being required to do EKG testing in order to get clearance for athletic participation.
5. The committee got an overview of the 2016 NCAA Division II Convention Legislation that went forward in January.
6. New Academic Legislation. Notification to high schools is going out. Effective 2018, academic standards are increasing for freshmen. In addition, transfer students will need to have an AA degree.

7. Title IX Audit. An internal audit was conducted. Student interviews were conducted, the results were finalized in early July, and an official report will come to the committee in early fall 2016.
8. Mental Health. A mental health committee is being formed, comprised of 3 staff members and 5 student-athletes. They will be developing a web page and drafting a monthly newsletter. The goal of this new group is to educate staff, coaches and students on mental health and to assist student-athletes in their transition out of athletics. In addition, a student peer group called PAWS –Peer Athletic Wellness Supporters has been developed to assist student-athletes.
9. Wagering and Social Environment Survey. An anonymous survey regarding wagering and social environment will be conducted with student-athletes from volleyball and baseball. The Human Subjects Review committee will review and approve the survey prior to our athlete’s participation. Results will then be submitted to the NCAA for their report.

Goals for the committee for the upcoming 2016-17 academic year include:

- Revisiting a priority registration policy
- What CWU is doing regarding sexuality and gender issues (NCAA concern)
- Discussing issue trends

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