

Report to Faculty Senate on Intercollegiate Athletics

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As required by the Office of the President, this annual report to the Faculty Senate covers AY 2017-2018 with respect to 1) student-athlete academic performance, 2) student-athlete eligibility for competition, 3) violations of NCAA and Big Sky Conference (BSC) regulations, and 4) the Athletic Director's statement regarding notable developments and issues. At the November 9th Faculty Senate meeting, we will be happy to answer questions.

I. Academic Performance of Student-Athletes

UM grade point average and credits taken

	<u>Athletes</u>	<u>All undergrads</u>
Fall 2017		
Average term GPA	3.09	2.95
Average cumulative GPA	3.16	2.95
Average term credits	13.9	12.2
On Dean's list	24.1%	23.0%
On academic probation	1.2%	6.3%
Spring 2018		
Average term GPA	3.13	2.99
Average cumulative GPA	3.18	3.05
Average term credits	14.1	12.3
On Dean's list	24.2%	23.4%
On academic probation	1.3%	3.7%

NCAA Multiyear Academic Progress Rates (perfect = 1000; problematic = 930)*

<u>UM sport</u>	<u>APR</u>
Men's Basketball	975
Men's Cross Country	949
Football	950
Men's Tennis	1000
Men's Track	945
Women's Basketball	965
Women's Cross Country	1000
Women's Golf	979
Women's Soccer	981
Women's Softball	990*

Women's Tennis	992
Women's Track	978
Women's Volleyball	961

*The softball APR score represents a three-year cohort (2014-17).

*APR formula: Each student-athlete can earn a maximum of two points each semester: 1 point for retention and 1 point for academic eligibility (maximum of 4 points for an academic year). For each sport, the earned points of the student athletes are added up, divided by the number of possible points, and multiplied by 1000 to yield the yearly APR for that sport. The multiyear APR is derived from the most current APR and the APR for each of the prior 3 years.

UM Graduation Rates: Four-Class Average (based on 2010-11 freshmen cohort)

<u>Athletes</u>	<u>All students</u>
65%	48%

II. Ineligibility for Competition, Spring 2018 and Fall 2018: Reasons and Number

<u>Reason</u>	<u># Spring 2018</u>	<u># Fall 2018</u>
18/24 credit-hour rule	0	5
Grade point average rule	5	2
Six-credit rule	11	6
Percentage-of-degree rule	3	2

These numbers do not constitute the total number of student-athlete ineligible. Several student-athletes were ineligible for several reasons and were counted in each category where they did not meet eligibility criteria.

III. Rules Compliance

UM reported the following 8 NCAA violations during the 2017-18 year:

- Coach exceeded maximum number of calls to a prospect.
- Two student-athlete hosts provided a meal in a restaurant with a visiting prospect (2 cases).
- Three student-athlete exceeded daily countable athletically-related activities on one occasion (range of 7-18 minutes).
- Call placed to a prospect before permissible date (2 cases).
- Mass generated email sent to three prospects before permissible date.
- UM team watched a small amount of a competition involving a future opponent.

IV. Athletic Director's Statement

The 2017-18 academic year was another great year for Grizzly athletics. We continue to focus on a threefold mission of academic excellence, athletic success, and service to the community.

The academic accomplishments of the student-athletes are well documented in Section I. Some department highlights include:

Academic Excellence

The 26th annual Lindsay Honors Banquet held on May 2, 2018 recognized nearly 200 student-athletes for maintaining a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA. The President Awards, presented to the student-athletes with the highest GPAs over the previous two semesters, were taken home by Colin Bingham from football, Teigan Avery from golf and Samantha Engebretsen, a distance runner on the track and field team. All three maintained a 4.0 GPA for the previous two semesters.

Women's cross-country and men's tennis earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards for programs ranking in the top 10 percent in their sport in the country for Academic Progress Rate (APR). APR is an annual scorecard of academic achievement calculated for all NCAA Division I sports teams. For the fifth straight year, Montana had multiple teams recognized.

Fabian Krslovic from men's basketball and Delene Colburn from softball were named Grizzly Cup winners. The annual award recognizes the top overall male and female student-athlete.

Athletic Success

The 2017-18 academic year marked a number of athletic successes for various Grizzly teams. None more thrilling than the men's basketball team winning the Big Sky Conference regular season and tournament championship and participating in the NCAA tournament. Travis DeCuire was named Big Sky Conference coach of the year, the team went a perfect 14-0 at home. The 26 overall wins were third most in school history.

The Grizzly men's tennis team finished the season with a 14-6 record, falling for the second straight year to Idaho in the conference tournament finals. The Griz went 7-0 at home and Jason Brown was named Big Sky Conference coach of the year.

The soccer team finished 10-7-4, the 12th time in school history the soccer program recorded double-digit wins in a season. Overall, 12 Grizzly teams participated in post-season play.

Community Service

Student-athletes contributed 3,909 hours of community service during the 2017-18 academic year. The "Griz in the Community" program, is supervised by the athletic life skills coordinator. Numerous non-profits, schools, and events benefit from this increased focus in giving back to the

community. Head football coach Bobby Hauck and athletic director Kent Haslam participated in a community forum regarding sexual assault education in February. The event included other community partners.

Lady Griz basketball hosted the first “School Day” event on December 13, 2017, welcoming more than 5,000 elementary and middle school students to watch a matinee performance by the team. Schools from Kalispell to Drummond and down the Bitterroot participated with 97 busses transporting students to the Adams Center. Many of these students had never seen a college athletic event or spent time on a college campus. Total attendance surpassed 7,000.

Coaching Staff Updates

Melanie Meuchel was named head coach for women’s softball, replacing Jamie Pinkerton who left for a similar position at Iowa State University. Meuchel had served as an assistant coach since the program’s beginning in 2015.

Jason Brown was named to the permanent men’s tennis head coaching position replacing Kris Nord who was named permanent head coach for women’s golf. Both had been serving in interim roles.

Bobby Hauck returned to Montana as head coach of football, replacing Bob Stitt who was not retained. Hauck previously served as head coach in 2003-2009.

Chris Citowicki was named head coach of women’s soccer after Mark Plakorus was not retained.

Facilities

Dedication of the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center took place on October 13, 2017. The 50,000+ square-foot, \$14 million dollar facility houses a new football locker room, student-athlete weight room, and meeting rooms. This spectacular facility has been a wonderful addition for the student-athletes. The dedication ceremony was a great event with the Dennis and Phyllis Washington family and the many donors who made the facility possible.

A state-of-the-art center-hung video/scoreboard system was installed in the Adams Center and functional prior to the 2017-18 basketball seasons. Private funds paid for the entire project that has been an excellent addition to the fan experience at events in the Adams Center.

Construction of permanent bleachers for 630+ patrons at the softball field was completed. The addition of permanent restrooms is still pending. Private funds completed the entire project and with the addition of permanent seating for fans the softball facility is the premiere softball facility in the Big Sky Conference and a great place to watch a softball game.