

PURDUE ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Annual Report to the University Senate

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Athletic Affairs Committee Report to the University Senate, 2023-24 AY

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Purdue University's commitment to the academic and social well-being of its student-athletes is focused through the activities of the Athletic Affairs Committee (AAC) and Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA). This report covers the two regular semesters in the year that has passed since the last report from the AAC: the Fall 2023 Semester and the Spring 2024 Semester.

FACULTY OVERSIGHT OF ATHLETICS

Faculty oversight of ICA continues to be exercised through the AAC. The 2023-24 and 2024-25 membership of the AAC, listed in *Appendix 1* of this report, includes representation from faculty, an appointed liaison from the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate, a liaison to the President, alumni, citizens from the local community, Purdue University students, and ICA senior staff. The AAC monitors the academic progress of the student-athletes and the efforts of ICA to provide outstanding opportunities to learn, compete, and develop personally. The AAC was briefed on the academic status of each sport program and received updates on the primary NCAA academic metrics, the Graduation Success Rate and the Academic Progress Rate.

At monthly meetings of the AAC, the members hear reports and participate in discussions pertinent to their mandate. All minutes and supporting documents are filed with the University Senate, and thus are readily available for review. The AAC may be asked to study, review and approve changes in Purdue rules and regulations affecting intercollegiate athletics programs, and to formulate positions with regard to legislation pending before the NCAA. The AAC also discusses diverse topics related to Big Ten or NCAA matters, or national news/trends that may affect the status of both university sports programs and the eligibility of student-athletes. A characteristic agenda and a partial list of topics discussed during the current academic year are provided in *Appendix 2*.

The Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics provides additional information related to the strategic plans of the department, including current goals, key progress measures, facilities projects, etc. Elements of the current plan, especially those that pertain to the development and welfare of the students are presented in brief below.

In addition to the AAC meetings, the senior associate athletics director for student services conducts an academic planning meeting each year at which plans and outcomes over a three-year period are discussed. The two faculty athletic representatives (FAR) participate in this meeting, along with members of the senior athletics administrative staff and the athletics student services staff. The purpose of the meeting is to update the FARs on the plans for the academic areas for the next three years. Academic information for the athletics department and for each sports program is reviewed. Information from this meeting is conveyed to the AAC as appropriate.

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General Information on the Committee

- One facet of institutional control of Athletics
- Ties to the beginnings (1895) of what is now known as the Big Ten Conference and the role of the faculty
 - The Presidents of the original member institutions delegated oversight of Athletics to the faculty
- Intended to represent the interests of the **entire University community**
 - Faculty, students, alumni, community representatives, and senior administrators from Intercollegiate Athletics

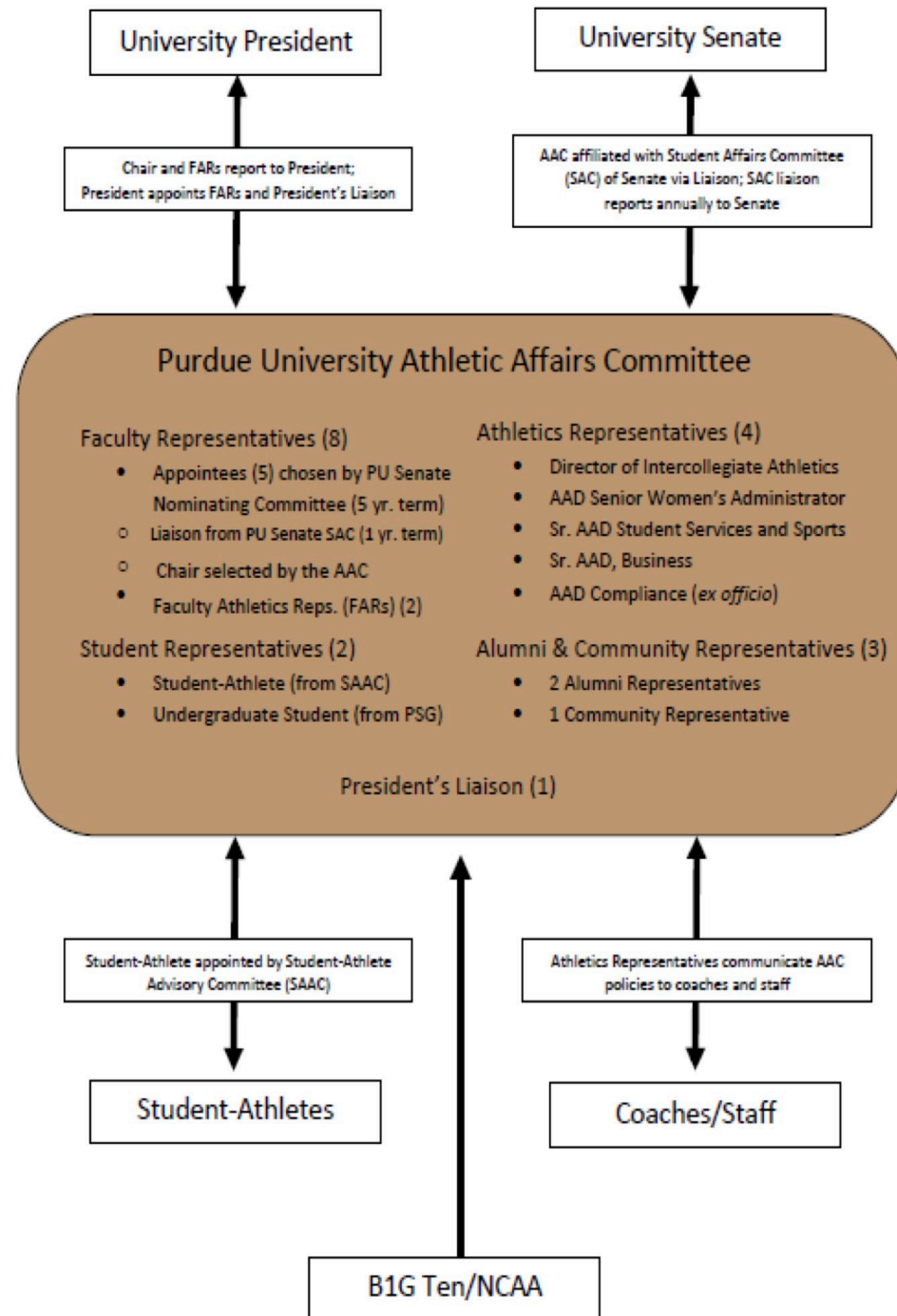
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Examples of Activities of AAC

- Discuss topics related to the NCAA (including rule changes, NIL)
- Discuss topics related to the Big Ten Conference (including conference membership)
- Discuss the academic progress and wellbeing of student athletes
- Discuss issues regarding the personal and professional development of student athletes in preparation for their post-graduate lives and careers
- Through the chair, review and approve sport schedules, missed class time, and any needed academic recovery plans when waivers are granted
- Study, review, and approve changes in Purdue rules and regulations affecting intercollegiate athletics
- Select Purdue recipients of conference awards and honors

AAC Linkages



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AAC Membership

- **Five Faculty Members** appointed by the University Senate Nominating Committee for five-year terms *
- **One Faculty Member Liaison** from the Student Affairs Committee of the Senate *
- **Two Faculty Athletic Representatives** appointed by the University President *
- **Two Student Members:** one appointed by the University President with input from PSG (2-year terms) and one student athlete appointed by Intercollegiate Athletics *
- **One University Administrator** appointed by the University President, *ex-officio*
- **Two Alumni Representatives** appointed by Intercollegiate Athletics *
- **One Community Representative** appointed by Intercollegiate Athletics *
- **Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Members**
 - Michael Bobinski (Vice President/ Athletics Director) *
 - Tiffini Grimes (Deputy Athletics Director / Senior Woman Administrator) *
 - Ken Halpin (Deputy Athletics Director, Chief Operating Officer) *
 - Ed Howat (Senior Associate Athletics Director, Student Services and Sports)
 - Tom Mitchell (Senior Associate Athletics Director, Compliance) *
 - Calvin Williams (Associate Athletics Director, Sport Administration)
 - Peyton Stovall (Associate Athletics Director, Student-Athlete Development)

“*” = Voting Member

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Current Faculty Membership

- Chair (Senate Appointee): **Chip Blatchley** (Civil Engineering)

- Student Affairs Liaison: **Tae Hong Park** (Music Department)

- Senate Appointees:
 - **Rachel Clark** (HHS)
 - **Matt Conaway** (Bands/Orchestras)
 - **Kyle Haynes** (Political Science)
 - **Kathy Martin** (Education)

- Faculty Athletic Representatives:
 - **Marcy Towns** (Chemistry)
 - **Phillip VanFossen** (Education)

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Athletics Enrollment Data by
College/School

College or School	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
Agriculture	14	13
Education	11	9
Engineering	70	68
HHS	152	155
Liberal Arts	66	72
Daniels School of Business	74	67
Pre-Pharmacy	1	1
Pharmacy	1	1
Science	16	11
Polytechnic Institute	45	42
Graduate School	33	28
Exploratory Studies	43	32

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Academic Performance – Spring 2024

	Student -Athletes	Campus
Semester GPA	3.15	3.24
Cumulative GPA	3.20	3.29
Semester GPA \geq 3.0	65%	71%
Academic Honors	39.8%	49.9%
Semester 4.0 GPA	9.2%	12.6%
Placed on Probation	5.9%	5.6%
Dropped from Purdue	0.2%	0.9%

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Cumulative GPA By Team Spring 2024

Team	GPA
Baseball	3.06
Football	2.99
Men's Basketball	3.26
Men's Cross Country	3.32
Men's Golf	3.28
Men's Swimming	3.29
Men's Tennis	3.00
Men's Track	3.18
Soccer	3.38
Softball	3.19

Team	GPA
Volleyball	3.37
Women's Basketball	3.10
Women's Cross Country	3.44
Women's Golf	3.67
Women's Swimming	3.41
Women's Tennis	3.39
Women's Track	3.28
Wrestling	3.04
Student -Athlete Totals	3.20
Student Body Totals	3.29



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Student-Athlete Graduation Success Rates
Measures % graduation within 6 years

Team	NCAA	Purdue
Baseball	89	87
Football	81	78
Men's Basketball	85	90
Men's Track / Cross Country	84	79
Men's Golf	92	89
Men's Swimming	91	93
Men's Tennis	93	100
Men's Wrestling	86	78
Soccer	96	100

Team	NCAA	Purdue
Softball	94	82
Volleyball	95	100
Women's Basketball	93	83
Women's Track / Cross Country	92	85
Women's Golf	96	100
Women's Swimming	97	100
Women's Tennis	97	100
Overall	90	87



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AAC Initiatives for 2024-25

- Ensure the University is looking after the welfare and best interests of Student Athletes
 - Academic Support
 - Name, Image, Likeness (NIL)
 - Career Development
 - Personal Support

- Continue review of competition schedules and reviews of missed class time
 - Ongoing discussions regarding the expansion of the Big Ten Conference

- Consistent Updates on Student-Athlete Personal and Professional Development Programming

- Updates on maintaining the positive public image of Purdue Athletics.