



BOARD OF REGENTS

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Intercollegiate Athletics: Institutional Reports to the Board of Regents
for AY 2008-2009 (FY 2009)

COMMITTEE: Education Policy

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: June 2, 2010

SUMMARY: The focus of the intercollegiate athletics reports submitted annually to the USM Board of Regents by the eight institutions that have intercollegiate athletics programs is on whether those programs are operating in such a fashion as to demonstrate integrity, to enhance the mission of the institutions, and to warrant the confidence of those within the institutions, particularly the students, and the public that supports public higher education. The format for the report was first used for submission in Spring 2002 of reports on the intercollegiate athletics programs in FY 2001. This year's reports on FY 2009 are being provided to the members of the Committee on Education Policy, along with a summary of "highlights." Highlights only are attached with this item for other meeting attendees. EADA (gender equity) reports were filed with the US Department of Education; these tables are available to Committee members on request.

In some of the tables in the reports, there exists a possibility of having a very small number of individuals in a particular category such that those individuals might be identifiable. Since this might constitute a violation of the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA), institutions were asked to exclude such data from their public session reports, indicating only the existence of a small N. Several institutions have provided additional information for review in executive session should the Committee members so desire.

Representatives of the institutions will be available at the Committee meeting to respond to questions about their reports.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This report is for information only.

FISCAL IMPACT: This report is for information only.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This report is for information only.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Received as information. DATE: June 2, 2010

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

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**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
FY 2009**

HIGHLIGHTS

Philosophy

Each of the USM institutions that have intercollegiate athletics programs has a statement of philosophy that emphasizes scholarship and sportsmanship within the program.

Reporting

The Director of Athletics reports directly to the President of the institution at BSU, CSU, TU, UMCP, and UMES. At FSU, the Athletic Director reports to the Vice President for Administration and Finance. At SU, the Athletic Director reports to the Vice President for Student Affairs. At UMBC, the Athletic Director reports to the Provost.

Admissions

FSU and SU are Division III institutions and as such do not provide athletic scholarships; they have no athletes who are "special admits," and the qualifications of incoming student-athletes are comparable to those of other incoming students. CSU and UMES, both of which are Division I institutions, likewise have no "special admit" athletes. Coppin's admissions data for the Fall 2008 cohort did not include data for all first-time, full-time freshmen, so it is not possible to make comparisons between athletes and the general population.

BSU's Fall 2008 cohort of 307 male and 414 female first-time full-time freshman students included 26 male student-athletes, of whom three were special admits, and 18 female student-athletes, of whom four were special admits. Admissions credentials of BSU's student-athletes were similar to those of all first-time full-time freshmen at the institution in Fall 2008.

In Fall 2008, TU admitted 13 of its 76 new male student-athletes and four of its 73 female student athletes as special admits. Special admit athletes at Towson in Fall 2008 had an average high school GPA of 2.68 for men and 3.06 for women, compared to 3.26 and 3.48 for regular admit athletes, and combined SAT scores (out of a possible 2400) of 1354 (men) and 1318 (women), compared to 1531 and 1625 for regular admit athletes. Among all first-time full-time freshman males, the average GPA was 3.41 for regular admits and 2.81 for special admits; the SAT averages were 1644 for regular and 1503 for special admit males. The first-time full-time freshman female students had an average GPA of 3.53 for regular and 3.25 for special admits; SAT averages were 1607 (regular) and 1390 (special).

In the fall of 2008, 20 of 49 UMBC's admitted male student-athletes were considered special admits. The GPA for the entire male student-athlete cohort was 3.51 compared

to the special admit cohort which was 3.05. The combined SAT for the total male student-athlete cohort were 1128, and the SAT for the special admit cohort was 956. When compared to all first-time male freshmen, the grade point average for male student-athletes was lower than their counterparts (3.51 to 3.56). The SAT average was also lower for male student-athletes than that for all students, 1128 as compared to 1188. The special admit population represents a higher percentage of male student-athletes (41%) when compared to all male special admit students (3%). The grade point averages of the special admit male student-athletes, 3.05, was slightly higher than the all male special admit freshmen (3.01). The SAT's were slightly lower, however, for special admit male student-athletes (956) when compared to all male special admit students (962).

The comparison of UMBC's entering female student-athletes in the fall of 2008 also shows that the percentage of at-risk admits is higher than that for all first-time freshmen women (33% as compared to 2%). The grade point averages for regular admits were higher (3.72) than the new female student-athletes (3.44). The SAT scores for female student-athletes were 1089, which was lower than their counterparts who scored 1186. All new freshmen women who were admitted with special circumstances had a combined SAT average of 976 as compared to 984 for new female special- admit student-athletes. The GPA for new female special- admit student-athletes was 3.33 which was slightly lower than that of all freshmen special admit women at 3.44.

Eleven of UMCP's 52 new male student-athletes in Fall 2008 were special admits, as were five of the 61 new female student-athletes. The average HS GPA of all male special-admit students was 2.8 and of all female special admit students was 3.0; average combined SAT scores were 959 and 989 respectively. The GPAs and SATs of all first-time full-time regular admits to UMCP in Fall 2008 were 3.9/1301 for men and 4.0/1236 for women.

Graduation

Retention and graduation rates for student-athletes as a whole at FSU, UMBC UMCP, and UMES are comparable to those for all students. Athletes graduate at a higher-than-average rate than do all students at BSU, CSU, SU, and TU. Special admit student-athletes as those institutions that have them graduate at lower rates than do regular admit student athletes, as is the case with special admit non-athletes compared to regular admit non-athletes. There are insufficient data available from the TU Office of Institutional Research to be able to identify numbers of non-athletes who left the institution in good standing.

Student Fees

The following table shows FY 2009 data on the amount of the student athletic fee paid by full-time undergraduate students at each institution, the percent of the total mandatory student fees that the athletic fee represents, and the percent of intercollegiate athletic program revenues accounted for by the student athletic fee.

2009 Student Athletic Fees			
	Annual Fee/FT Student	% of Total Student Fees	% of Athletic Revenue
BSU	\$646	37.6%	97.0%
CSU	\$679	50.0%	51.9%
FSU	\$574	33.0%	90.9%
SU	\$340	20.3%	100%
TU	\$730	34.2%	88.5%
UMBC	\$730	32.0%	65.0%
UMCP	\$384	26.7%	18.6%
UMES	\$520	26.7%	38.8%

Revenues/Expenditures/Fund Balances

The following table illustrates the changes in fund balances for intercollegiate athletic programs between June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2009.

Fund Balances			
	Ending FY 2007	Ending FY 2008	Ending FY 2009
BSU	(\$2,696,454)	(\$2,833,975)	(\$2,766,644)
CSU	(\$3,859,455)	(\$4,766,099)	(\$5,659,570)
FSU	\$186,626	\$83,217	(\$97,159)
SU	\$1,685,621	\$527,803	\$562,521
TU	\$2,355,876	\$2,644,352	\$2,668,871
UMBC	(\$1,364,523)	(\$1,348,601)	(\$1,236,957)
UMCP	\$0	\$0	\$0
UMES	\$42,033	\$73,713	\$71,556

SU, TU, and UMES have historically had revenues in excess of expenditures in the ICA program and have consistently maintained positive fund balances in their programs. FY 2009 is the first year in which the FSU fund balance has dipped into negative territory; FSU indicates that the deficit can be attributed to salary and benefit adjustments that aligned FSU with marketplace norms. Frostburg is working diligently in FY 2010 to eliminate the shortfall.

UMCP has a zero fund balance (revenues equal expenditures in all years) and notes that they have now balanced 15 consecutive operating budgets in the ICA program after having failed to do so for 11 consecutive years (FY84-94). As of July 1, 2009, the Athletic Department had paid down the 1994 inherited debt of \$51 million to \$5.3 million.

UMBC's program has accrued a large deficit as a result of several key factors: the conference change cost, student interest in slowing fee growth, loss of anticipated fees due to an enrollment shortfall, conference mandates, and reallocation required to support University cost containment efforts. A plan has been put into place to eliminate the deficit. The FY 2008 budget was stabilized and slightly reduced the department fund balance. This was part of a long-term budget "pay-back" plan. Fund raising has also increased significantly and has helped toward the goal in this area. During the past

year, UMBC reduced the deficit by \$112,000 and is on track to make continued reductions annually.

CSU made a presentation to the Committee in September 2008 concerning the deficit situation in its intercollegiate athletics program and presented a plan to achieve a balanced budget; that plan is scheduled to be implemented beginning in FY 2010. Further discussions of strategies to eradicate the negative fund balance and/or run a balanced budget in the program are ongoing.

BSU President Mickey Burnim reported to the Committee in June 2009 on the BSU deficit. At that time, he indicated that personnel changes and tightening of spending controls should permit the program to run in the black prospectively. The athletic program's revenue exceeded its expenditures in FY 2009, and the excess was applied to the deficit. BSU continues to work on implementing components of the revenue enhancement plan presented to the Committee in September 2008 in order to reduce further its accumulated negative fund balance.