

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate
(Routed through the Senate Student Affairs Committee)

FROM: Subcommittee on Athletics
Karen Wakley, Chair

DATE: January 24, 1983

SUBJECT: Athletic Eligibility
Document for Information

The Bylaws of the Faculty Senate state that the Subcommittee on Athletics shall:

- (5.3.4.3) Establish eligibility requirements for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

In accordance with this charge, the Subcommittee has prepared the attached document concerning eligibility in intercollegiate athletics at IPFW and is forwarding the document for information purposes to the Student Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate. Since eligibility is controlled foremost by NCAA standards, the Subcommittee was guided and limited in their deliberations by the following statements taken from the NCAA MANUAL, 1982-83. These statements are portions of the NCAA constitution, and the underlining has been added to indicate specific information that was particularly relevant to the Subcommittee's decision on eligibility.

Section 3. Principle of Sound Academic Standards

- a. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletic competition unless the student-athlete:

- (1) Has been admitted in accordance with the regular published entrance requirements of that institution.
- (2) Is in good academic standing as determined by the faculty of that institution, in accordance with the standards applied to all students.
- (3) Is enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies and is maintaining satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as determined by the regulations of that institution . . .

0.1.7. The phrases "good academic standing" and "satisfactory progress" are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students, subject to controlling legislation by the conference . . .

The attached eligibility document provides a workable policy which will be of value to our student-athletes, athletic administrators, and the University. However, the

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Subcommittee on Athletics feels that the eligibility statement could benefit by the inclusion of a graduated GPA requirement that specifies the minimum grade-point level necessary for students to remain in good academic standing. The Subcommittee has been notified that the senate is presently developing uniform academic requirements for the University. Since the athletic department is guided by the NCAA constitution to treat student-athletes the same academically as all other students of our University, the Subcommittee on Athletics encourages the Faculty Senate deliberation and passage of uniform academic regulations that would be applicable to students and student-athletes.

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Subcommittee on Athletics
DATE: January 21, 1983
SUBJECT: Eligibility Document

DISPOSITION: on approval, to the Student Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate for information; to the Chancellor, Dean of Student Affairs, and Athletic Director for implementation.

WHEREAS, academic year 1982-1983 marks the first year of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne's athletic affiliation with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II, the Subcommittee on Athletics issues the following policy statement establishing the fundamental guidelines of our athletic program; and

WHEREAS, our first priority is to uphold the standards of academic excellence established by the faculty for the university; and

WHEREAS, we seek to advance the athletic careers of our student-athletes and the competitive stature of our athletic programs consistent with the highest commitment to promote the academic welfare and scholarly advancement of our student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, we expect the students and coaches who represent our University to uphold the objectives of high academic achievement, and to comport themselves, on and off the playing fields and courts, as good citizens of our University and community; and

WHEREAS, the best relationships among the men and women who participate in our intercollegiate athletic program are those fostered on the principles of human dignity, honesty, and fairness; and

WHEREAS, an overriding commitment that should guide the actions of our athletic program is to meet National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II standards, but not be limited by them;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the following recommendations and guidelines be adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Athletic Department develop an on-going monitoring system to be routinely vigilant of student-athlete progress during the semester.
2. That an eligibility committee be established for reviewing and monitoring academic eligibility and progress.
 - a. This committee shall be composed of
 - (1) The NCAA faculty representative as ex-officio chairperson
 - (2) two faculty members from the Subcommittee on Athletics
 - (3) one representative from the Registrar's Office
 - (4) the Athletic Director, ex-officio
 - b. The committee shall meet at least three times each year
 - (1) before the beginning of the fall semester
 - (2) after grades are released for the fall semester and before classes start for the spring semester
 - (3) after grades are released for the spring semester and before classes start for summer session I.
3. That the following guidelines for academic eligibility and progress be effective with the fall semester 1983 and shall not apply to student-athletes participating in athletic programs prior to that date.

GUIDELINES:

1. The constitution, bylaws, and interpretations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be the primary document governing inter-collegiate athletics at IPFW.
2. Student-athletes are considered to be in "good academic standing" with, and making "satisfactory progress" toward a degree at, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne if they meet the following requirements:
 - a. A student-athlete must maintain enrollment of a minimum full-time program of studies. (12 semester hours)
 - b. A student is ineligible if in her/his first semester of enrollment at IPFW her/his GPA is less than 1.0 (on a 4.0 scale) unless the student is in good academic standing. (transfer student)

- c. Subsequent to the student-athlete's first academic year in residence or after having utilized one season of eligibility in a sport, he/she must:
(Bylaw 5-1(j)-(6)-(ii) of the 1982-83 NCAA MANUAL, with IPFW substituted for "the institution.")
- (1) satisfactorily complete prior to each semester in which a season of competition begins an accumulative total of semester hours of academic credit acceptable toward a baccalaureate degree in a designated program of studies at IPFW which is equivalent to the completion of an average of at least 12 semester hours during each of the previous academic semesters in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a semester or semesters, or
 - (2) satisfactorily complete 24 semester hours of acceptable degree credit since the beginning of the student-athlete's last season of competition.
 - (3) Summer school can count with either semester but not with both.
- d. In accordance with standards applied to all students, a student shall be considered in good standing if not dismissed, suspended, or dropped from the university without being readmitted. A student who changes university affiliation at IPFW shall be ineligible for one semester if he/she is not eligible to return to the previous university.
3. Exceptional cases may be appealed to the Subcommittee on Athletics.
- a. The student-athlete must submit the appeal in writing to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Athletics.
 - b. Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Athletics will review the appeal and present it to the Subcommittee on Athletics for action.

Document Passed Unanimously January 12, 1983
Subcommittee on Athletics

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