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STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PROFILE

Presentation to the
Undergraduate Council
August 29th, 2007

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- 86% of our student-athletes are in good academic standing (over 2.00 gpa)
- 14% of those student-athletes earned Dean's List honors as of Spring 2007
- The average semester gpa for all student-athletes for Spring 2007 was 2.61
- The average cumulative gpa for all student-athletes as of Spring 2007 was 2.55
- UH student-athletes passed 12.9 credit hours on average for Spring 2007

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Academic Achievement

- 13 student-athletes earned a C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (overall gpa of 3.75 or higher) for 2006-2007
- Ninety-four student-athletes were named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, for Spring 2007 (GPA 3.00 or higher)
- Two teams earned semester *gpa's of over 3.0*: Soccer, Volleyball and Tennis (Spring 2007)
- Two teams have cumulative *gpa's over 3.0*: Tennis and Soccer (Spring 2007)
- The football team earned its' 2nd best ever semester gpa (2.44) and its highest-ever hours passed (12.4)

Measures of Academic Success

- Federal Graduation Rates (measures only freshmen scholarship cohorts):
 - 45% for the entering Class of 2000; 48% 4-class average; Will be released in Fall 2007
- Graduation Success Rates : Measures scholarship freshmen and transfers into UH:
 - 63% for the entering Class of 2000
- Exhausted Eligibility Rate: Measures scholarship athletes who exhaust eligibility at UH and graduate without time limit
 - 79% for the classes entering 1991-2000
- Fifth-Year Seniors: have completed athletic eligibility but need additional coursework to graduate:
 - 19 of 23 (82%) graduated in 2006-2007

APR: Academic Progress Rate

- NCAA's new measure of retention and graduation (per student-athlete, per semester).
- A score of 925 for a team is approximated to a 50% graduation rate by the NCAA
- UH has 12 teams who meet or exceed the NCAA minimum of 925 (including Football and Baseball).

Summer 2007 Enrollment

- Approximately 175 student-athletes attended summer school at UH on some type of athletic financial aid for Summer 2007.
- Student-athletes on summer aid are required to take a minimum of 6 degree-countable hours.
- New student-athletes in Football, Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, and Track and Field attended summer school at UH this summer prior to their first semester of full-time enrollment to get acclimated to the campus and the classroom.
- Study hall and tutoring was provided and required for all summer sessions.
- Summer coursework included Math, Economics, Spanish, English, Statistics, Kinesiology, Health, History, Political Science, Sociology, Chemistry, Geology and Biology.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS &
HONORS**

**NCAA POST-GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIPS:**

1990, 1998, 2002, 2003

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POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

1997, 1998, 2006, 2007

**Accountability: Policies aimed
at increasing academic
achievement.**

- **Student athletes who render themselves ineligible for the next season of competition will be removed from athletic scholarship until such time as they re-gain eligibility to compete**
- **In order to receive athletic scholarships for summer, student-athletes must: pass at least 9 credit hours; earn no more than 1 F or W; attend class; attend study halls and tutorials; return all issued textbooks; meet with academic counselor regularly**

STUDENT-ATHLETE OUTREACH

- Regular outreach in the community gets student-athletes involved in volunteer service and brings positive exposure to the University of Houston
- Residents and families at the Star of Hope visited in June for lunch and games with UH student-athletes and staff.
- All-N-One/UH Outreach brings hundreds of disadvantaged youth to each home football game
- Thirty-one student-athletes from various sports worked as camp counselors at area summer camps (HISD, Aldine, Alief, Katy, Baytown ISDs)
- UH athletes gave tours all summer to local youth visiting the campus.

Student-Athlete Welfare

- All student athletes become members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) so that they have a voice to express their individual or team concerns.
- The SAAC assists and contributes to the Student-Athlete Handbook, Outreach events, Student-Athlete Orientation.
- The President of SAAC meets regularly with the Student Services staff.

Student-Athlete Services

- **Student-Athlete Services is staffed by one Associate Director of Athletics; five Academic Counselors and an Outreach Coordinator.**
- **The work of student-athlete services is also supported by the Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and his staff.**
- **Approximately 20 tutors – UH students and graduate students - are employed on a part-time basis each semester as part of our tutorial program. At least 6 UH students work part-time as computer lab monitors and technicians.**

SERVICES OFFERED TO UH STUDENT-ATHLETES

- **PLACEMENT TESTING**
- **CAREER COUNSELING**
- **INTAKE TESTING AND EVALUATION OF LEARNING DISABILITIES**
- **TRAVEL LETTERS**
- **STUDY HALL**
- **STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK**
- **ORIENTATION PROGRAMS**
- **PROGRESS REPORTS**
- **OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**
- **TUTORS – INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP**
- **WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH ATHLETIC COUNSELOR**
- **MENTORING PROGRAM**

**SERVICES OFFERED TO UH
STUDENT-ATHLETES**

- DETERMINATION OF NCAA ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION, IN COORDINATION WITH COMPLIANCE STAFF

- RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT END-OF-YEAR DINNERS AND TEAM AWARDS