

Memo

To: Dr. Alan Freitag and Members of Faculty Council

From: Paula Goolkasian, Faculty Athletic Representative

Date: March 2, 2010

Re: Report on Athletics

I will attend the March 25th faculty council meeting to present some recent data from the NCAA about the academic performance of our student-athletes and to answer questions that the members may have regarding athletics at UNC Charlotte.

Some things that you may want to know are as follows.

1. During the Fall'09 semester there were 276 student athletes playing on one of UNC Charlotte's 14 teams. Average cumulative GPA is 3.06 and this is the 6th straight semester that the Athletic Department achieved an average cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Thirty-eight student athletes were named to the Chancellor's List and 24 had perfect 4.0 GPAs.

2. For student-athletes who want to go on to graduate school, there are some great opportunities for fellowships. Please encourage your students to apply for these awards.

- The NCAA offers graduate fellowships
 - Lamar Currie, a member of the women's track team, received a NCAA fellowship last year
 - We try to nominate several students each year for these awards
- A-10 has graduate fellowships. We will nominate 4 students for these awards this year.

3. The NCAA runs a grant program that funds research on college athletics. Graduate students are invited to submit research proposals within the general topic areas of student-athlete well-being and college athlete's participation. Awards are for one year and \$7500. Contact me if interested in the Call for proposals.

4. Additional Highlights

- **2009-10 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America:** Hailey Beam 1st Team Women's Soccer; Adam Gross 1st Team Men's Soccer. We have had 24 since 2000.
- **2009-10 Atlantic 10 Scholar-Athletes of the Year:** Hailey Beam (Women's Soccer); Adam Gross (Men's Soccer).
- **2009-10 Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference:** Adam Gross (Men's Soccer); Hailey Beam, Lauren Brown, Megan Minnix (Women's Soccer); Adu Dentamo (Men's Cross Country).