2.2 Academic Support

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Academic support policies	Provide adequate academic support to student-athletes to ensure their academic success including graduation; established through an increase in FGR	After a series of meetings with the provost, and the associate vice president for admissions steps were taken to fully integrate academic support for student-athletes with the academic support for all students.	Faculty athletics representative, senior associate athletic director/SWA, athletics academic advisor, and coaches	The initial meetings were held in the 2007-08 academic year and academic support services for student-athletes are now integrated with those services for all students.
Academic support policies	Institute policy on study hall which requires student-athletes to attend	A set of rules concerning study hall requirements for students with GPAs of 2.50 and below were instituted	Faculty athletics representative, senior associate athletic director/SWA, athletics academic advisor, and coaches	These study hall requirements were instituted in fall 2008 and are ongoing
Academic support	Provide laptop access for student-athletes when they travel	Student-athletes have requested access to laptop computers while traveling so that they can complete academic work	Faculty athletics representative	Eight laptop computers have been made available to athletics teams to check out for use during travel. These are available in fall 2009. This system will be monitored and funds will be solicited to provide more laptops as needed.
Academic support	Increase the number of orientation courses for first-time student-athletes from the present one.	An orientation course for first-time student-athletes has been developed and the athletics department has to work with the dean of undergraduate studies to provide enough of these courses.	Faculty athletics representative, senior associate athletic director/SWA, athletics academic advisor, and coaches	The student-athletes orientation course was instituted in 2008 and continues as an ongoing project. It is hoped to add another such course in 2009-10.
Academic support	Increase the support given to student-athletes with disabilities from general access to testing services.	Student-athletes now have access to the office of disabilities services but there is a need for funds for testing services for student-athletes and students in general	Senior associate athletic director/SWA, vice president for student affairs, and director of disabilities services	This is an ongoing project and the availability of fund will determine a start date for full testing services.
Academic support	Facilitate the early completion for student-athletes of testing for English and math placement	Work with composition and mathematics to provide early testing for student-athletes on placement tests	Associate vice president for enrollment management, testing services, and coaches	This early testing was available January 2008 and is ongoing

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Academic support	Require student-athletes who have finished athletic eligibility to continue progress-toward-degree	Evaluate the progress-toward-degree status of student-athletes who have exhausted eligibility; educate student-athletes about the importance of finishing degrees; and provide financial support for fifth year students.	Athletics academic advisor, senior associate athletic director/SWA, faculty athletics representative, and athletics alumni from different sports	This plan will be instituted in Fall 2009.
Academic advising-departmental liaisons	Full advising support for student-athletes; have advising for majors as well as general advising for undergraduates.	An Athletics Academic Advising Council has been established which is comprised of faculty members from every academic program who will advise student-athletes who have declared a major. These faculty members also serve as liaisons to their departments.	Athletics Academic Advisor, senior associate athletic director/SWA, and faculty athletics representative	The Athletics Academic Advising Council was established in February 2009 and will continue with updating and refining of duties as an ongoing project
		These faculty members have received training in progress-toward-degree and NCAA rules	Athletics Academic Advisor, senior associate athletic director/SWA, and faculty athletics representative	
Staffing	A dedicated evaluations staff member who oversees progress-toward-degree and evaluations for graduation for student-athletes	Debbie Blowers was appointed to this position in fall 2008	Associate vice president for enrollment management	The athletics evaluator was appointed in fall 2008 and will continue in this position as an ongoing project
Program development	Availability of tutoring for student-athletes at times needed including evening. An increase in availability of tutoring hours.	The availability of tutors was worked on during the 2008-09 academic year	Faculty athletics representative, director of Student Success and Retention Center, athletics academic advisor, senior associate athletic director/SWA	Tutors will be available to student-athletes in evening and other hours fall 2009 and thereafter