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RE: California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005 Report

This report addresses that appropriate efforts and resources are directed toward meeting the requirements of the California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005, which seeks to improve the graduation rate of student athletes, particularly those athletes who were admitted as general exceptions for their athletic ability under Section 40900, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

The report also provides information on the appropriate academic support services in order to ensure that student athletes are provided a fair opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Section 89241, The California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005, was added to the Education Code on October 5, 2005. This act requires that:
The Trustees shall report to the Legislature and the Governor on or before November 1, 2006, and subsequently on or before November 1 of each odd-numbered year, commencing on November 1, 2007 regarding the status of the athletic academic progress and athletic academic support in the California State University system for all campuses that are members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Supplemental report language to the California Student Athlete Fair Opportunity Act of 2005 requested that the California State University (CSU) to report on the following:

The report required by this subdivision shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following information:

(A) A five-year history of the graduation rate and Academic Progress Rate of each team on each campus as calculated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, to the extent these rates are available.

(B) Annual admission category information for each team on each campus that indicates the number and percent of students admitted who were not eligible for regular admission to the campus or university.

(C) A summary of the academic initiatives and support programs available to the athletes at each campus.

(D) If the campus participates in Division I, including any of its subparts, of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and if any team or athletic program overall has an Athletic Progress Rate score of less than 925 for any year, a summary of the corrective action planned by the campus or athletic department as well as a report on sanctions, if any, imposed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

(E) The total budget for the athletic programs and each team, including an itemization of the amount spent on the athletic scholarships and the amount spent on summer athletic scholarships.

(i) The California State University shall not encumber, for the purposes of this section, any moneys from the state General Fund or any state university fee revenue.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.
Sincerely,

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