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RE: Athletic graduation rate reporting

We have recently completed and submitted our annual report on graduation rates of all entering freshmen, and of athletes by sport, all by gender and ethnicity.

The files we submit contain only counts, not rates. Beginning in 2008 we post all-freshman counts to the IPEDS (US Dept of Education) collection site and student athlete counts to the NCAA data collection site only. The NCAA then calculates the graduation rates. Prior to 2004, we submitted all data to IPEDS and the NCAA obtained the information from IPEDS. From 2004 to 2007 we submitted reports to both IPEDS and the NCAA.

We have attached tables showing the counts we are reporting, as well as the graduation rates calculated from them. We have also attached a summary of graduation rates over time (see next to last page of document).

Highlights:

- For all full-time first-time freshmen entering summer/fall 2002
 - 41% graduated in 4 years (that's through summer 2006)
 - 62% in 5 years
 - 67% in 6 years. It's 68% for women, and 65% for men.
- Six year graduation rates for athletes (all national publications use 6 year rates)
 - Football 38% (of 24)
 - Basketball: men 50% (of 4), women 0% (of 2)
 - Track and cross country: men 40% (of 10), women 50% (of 8)
 - All other sports combined: men 71% (of 5), women 44% (of 18)
 - All athletes combined: men 44%, women 43%, **all 44%**
- Six year graduation rates for the four most recent entering cohorts combined
 - Football 54%
 - Men's basketball 36%
 - All sports combined (men and women) 58%.

We uploaded the file to IPEDS in early April and to the NCAA in late May.

Let us know if you have questions. We have posted all this and additional information at <http://www.colorado.edu/pba/degrees/ath/index.htm> -- a copy of this web page is attached as the final page of this document.

IPEDS grad rate survey--Report Year (year graduation is through) 2008 LMCC
 Full-time fall freshmen entering 2002
 PBA, L:\ir\Tracking\GRS\for_memo.sas
 Grad rates - By ethnic/racial group and gender

All frosh

Rates		All	Grad in 4	Grad in 5	Grad in 6	Still enrld after 6 years	Grad/- still enrl after 6 years
-	-						
8M	1NRaln	16	31%	75%	75%	0%	75%
	2Black	63	29%	49%	52%	3%	56%
	3AmInd	32	19%	41%	47%	3%	50%
	4Asian	168	32%	60%	66%	5%	71%
	5Hisp	152	28%	51%	57%	5%	61%
	6White	2233	38%	61%	66%	3%	69%
	7Unkwn	108	34%	56%	66%	4%	69%
	All	2772	36%	60%	65%	3%	68%
9W	-						
	1NRaln	20	25%	40%	40%	5%	45%
	2Black	34	24%	47%	53%	0%	53%
	3AmInd	21	29%	43%	52%	14%	67%
	4Asian	191	39%	62%	67%	3%	69%
	5Hisp	171	33%	57%	64%	1%	64%
	6White	2064	50%	66%	70%	1%	71%
	7Unkwn	108	42%	59%	62%	3%	65%
	All	2609	47%	65%	68%	2%	70%
All	-						
	1NRaln	36	28%	56%	56%	3%	58%
	2Black	97	27%	48%	53%	2%	55%
	3AmInd	53	23%	42%	49%	8%	57%
	4Asian	359	35%	61%	66%	4%	70%
	5Hisp	323	31%	54%	60%	2%	63%
	6White	4297	43%	64%	68%	2%	70%
	7Unkwn	216	38%	58%	64%	3%	67%
	All	5381	41%	62%	67%	2%	69%

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Football

Rates						Grad/-	Grad/-
						Still	still
						enrld	enrl
						after	after
						6	6
						years	years
		All	Grad	Grad	Grad		
			in 4	in 5	in 6		
-	-						
8M	1NRaln	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	2Black	14	14%	43%	43%	0%	43%
	6White	9	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%
	All	24	8%	38%	38%	0%	38%
All	-						
	1NRaln	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	2Black	14	14%	43%	43%	0%	43%
	6White	9	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%
	All	24	8%	38%	38%	0%	38%

Basketball

Rates						Grad/-	Grad/-
						Still	still
						enrld	enrl
						after	after
						6	6
						years	years
		All	Grad	Grad	Grad		
			in 4	in 5	in 6		
-	-						
8M	2Black	4	50%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	All	4	50%	50%	50%	0%	50%
9W	-						
	6White	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	7Unkwn	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All	-						
	2Black	4	50%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	6White	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	7Unkwn	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	6	33%	33%	33%	0%	33%

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Track, Cross-Country

Rates						Grad/-	Grad/-
						Still	still
						enrld	enrl
						after	after
						6	6
						years	years
		All	Grad	Grad	Grad		
			in 4	in 5	in 6		
-	-						
8M	2Black	3	0%	0%	33%	33%	67%
	3AmInd	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	6	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%
	All	10	0%	30%	40%	10%	50%
9W	-						
	2Black	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	5Hisp	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	4	25%	75%	75%	0%	75%
	All	8	25%	50%	50%	0%	50%
All	-						
	2Black	6	0%	0%	17%	17%	33%
	3AmInd	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	5Hisp	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	10	10%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	All	18	11%	39%	44%	6%	50%

Other reportable sports

Rates						Grad/-	Grad/-
						Still	still
						enrld	enrl
						after	after
						6	6
						years	years
		All	Grad	Grad	Grad		
			in 4	in 5	in 6		
-	-						
8M	1NRaln	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	4Asian	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	5	0%	40%	60%	0%	60%
	All	7	14%	57%	71%	0%	71%
9W	-						
	1NRaln	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	4Asian	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	5Hisp	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	14	14%	36%	43%	0%	43%
	7Unkwn	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	18	22%	39%	44%	0%	44%
All	-						
	1NRaln	2	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	4Asian	2	0%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	5Hisp	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	19	11%	37%	47%	0%	47%
	7Unkwn	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	25	20%	44%	52%	0%	52%

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All reportable sports

Rates		Grad/-					
						Still	still
						enrld	enrl
						after	after
						6	6
						years	years
	All	Grad in 4	Grad in 5	Grad in 6	6 years	6 years	
-	-						
8M	1NRaln	2	50%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	2Black	21	19%	38%	43%	5%	48%
	3AmInd	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	4Asian	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	20	0%	35%	40%	0%	40%
	All	45	11%	40%	44%	2%	47%
9W	-						
	1NRaln	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	2Black	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	4Asian	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	5Hisp	2	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	19	16%	42%	47%	0%	47%
	7Unkwn	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	28	21%	39%	43%	0%	43%
All	-						
	1NRaln	3	67%	67%	67%	0%	67%
	2Black	24	17%	33%	38%	4%	42%
	3AmInd	1	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	4Asian	2	0%	50%	50%	0%	50%
	5Hisp	2	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%
	6White	39	8%	38%	44%	0%	44%
	7Unkwn	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All	73	15%	40%	44%	1%	45%

**University of Colorado at Boulder -- Graduation rates of entering freshmen cohorts
Football, men's basketball, all sports combined, and all students**

Most recent cohort with 6 years to graduate

Year report submitted to US Dept of Education and NCAA (spring)*

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

150% = 6 years to graduate

Football							
Entered as freshmen in	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
150% Graduation Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# Started	19	18	19	15	16	6	24
# Graduated within 6 years	10	8	15	11	9	4	9
Graduation rate	53%	44%	79%	73%	56%	67%	38%
Rate for cohort + 3 prev cohorts	43%	43%	53%	62%	63%	70%	54%

Men's Basketball							
Entered as freshmen in	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
150% Graduation Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# Started	2	5	4	2	3	2	4
# Graduated within 6 years	0	2	1	1	1	0	2
Graduation rate	0%	40%	25%	50%	33%	0%	50%
Rate for cohort + 3 prev cohorts	14%	21%	29%	31%	36%	27%	36%

All Sports (men and women including football and basketball)							
Entered as freshmen in	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
150% Graduation Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# Started	38	56	50	42	41	34	73
# Graduated within 6 years	20	27	35	34	23	21	32
Graduation rate	53%	48%	70%	81%	56%	62%	44%
Rate for cohort + 3 prev cohorts	57%	53%	58%	62%	63%	68%	58%

All Entering Freshmen							
Entered as freshmen in	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
150% Graduation Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# Started	3,929	4,259	4,263	4,545	5,047	4,962	5,377
# Graduated within 6 years	2,624	2,889	2,824	3,007	3,312	3,344	3,579
Graduation rate	67%	68%	66%	66%	66%	67%	67%
Rate for cohort + 3 prev cohorts	65%	66%	67%	67%	66%	66%	66%

- The number starting is also called the "entering cohort."
- All entering cohorts are fulltime their first term, entering as freshmen in summer or fall terms.
- Athletes are scholarship athletes.
- The US Department of Education typically uses the "rate for cohort shown combined with 3 previous" -- this bases graduation rates on larger numbers of entering students and so is a better assessment, especially for basketball.
- All figures conform to US Department of Education and NCAA reporting specifications.
- Compilation by CU-Boulder Planning, Budget, and Analysis. PBA ref L:\ir\emgt\athletes\AthRates May 2009
- In 2008 the US Dept of Education dropped athlete graduation rates from the annual Graduation Rate Survey (GRS).
- Reporting is now to the NCAA only.
- See PBAs athletics grad rate page <http://www.colorado.edu/pba/degrees/ath/index.htm>