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**Athletic Council Report
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- Michigan State's Academic Governance Bylaws call for an Athletic Council. University Council approves its composition and bylaws. (5.2.1)
- *The Athletic Council shall function as the faculty voice in the intercollegiate athletic program.*
- Composition: Eight faculty, three alumni/ae, three students, UCUE Rep.
- *Ex officio*: Athletic Director; Faculty Athletic Rep. (FAR); Ex. Dir. of the Alumni Association; V.P. for Finance and Operations (or designee)

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- The Athletic Council meets seven times during the academic year
- *All members are appointed by the President*
- Staggered member terms: two years, renewable for two
- The FAR is appointed by the President – must be a member the regular faculty
- *The FAR serves at President's discretion. Currently a five-year appointment*

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- *Responsibilities of the Athletic Council:*
 - The deliberative body for academic policies relating to student-athletes & intercollegiate athletics
 - Advise the AD on policies, procedures, organization relating to intercollegiate athletics

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- Four Athletic Council subcommittees:
 - Academic Compliance and Services
 - *Planning and Equity*
 - Communications and Operations
 - *Drug Education and Testing (NCAA mandated)*
 - *Each Athletic Council member serves on a subcommittee*

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- *Additional responsibilities:*
 - Represent Michigan State; avoid extra privileges beyond those of the Faculty
 - Any tickets received are for Athletic Council members and their use
 - Report to the University Council annually, including a record of trips and tickets
 - Members also attend non-revenue sports and report back to Athletic Council

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- The NCAA requires each member institution to have a Faculty Athletic Representative (Articles 4, 5, 6) – a liaison between institution/faculty and the NCAA.
- **The FAR is one of five individuals to relate to NCAA and to the Big Ten**



The logo for the Big Ten Conference. It consists of the word "BIG" in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters, followed by the word "TEN" in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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- **Four Principal FAR Functions**
 - Academic Integrity
 - Academics-Athletics Integration
 - Institutional Compliance and Control
 - Maintain Independence from Athletics

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- **The Faculty Athletic Representative at Michigan State**
 - *Chairs the Athletic Council*
 - Meets with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 - *Serves on the Big Ten Joint Group body (Presidents/Chancellors, ADs, FARs)*
 - Represents Michigan State faculty interest in athletics to both the Big Ten and the NCAA
 - Participates in University discussions about intercollegiate athletics

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- *Meets regularly with Athletics Director*
- Meets regularly on issues of athletics with:
 - General Counsel
 - Asc. AD for Compliance
 - Asc. AD for Student Services
- *Monitors Student-Athlete experience – attends practices and games/matches & team travel*
- Participates in Student-Athlete exit interviews

At Michigan State, the FAR duties are 20% of a professor's annual load

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- **Specific FAR duties include:**
 - Appeals and Waivers by coaches and athletes
 - *Violations notification to NCAA and enforcement*
 - Assist in preparing self-study report
 - Play leading role in academic integrity, governance compliance, equity, student-athlete welfare

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- **More specific duties:**
 - Proctor the NCAA Coaches Certification exam (for 130+ coaches and staffs at Michigan State)
 - *Monitor Student-Athlete academic performance*
 - Be senior faculty advisor to CEO
 - Sign off on student-athlete eligibility
 - *Write a column for every football game program*

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- The Student-Athlete Experience – Some Highlights
 - Only amateurs can be student-athletes
 - *Must be enrolled full time; in good academic standing; maintain progress toward degree (APR)*
 - Not all 800 student-athletes are on scholarship. Some are partial or no scholarship
 - *Student-athletes on roster must sign a drug-testing consent form*
 - Student-athletes are held to same academic integrity rules that apply to all students

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- **Practice and Playing: General Rule:**
 - In-season: NCAA limit is 20 hours/week of playing & practice, 4 hours/day with 1 day off a week. Out-of season: 4hours/day; 8hours/week and 2 days off.
 - First Day of Practice is determined by first regularly-scheduled contest



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- Student Athletes and Academics
 - Michigan State student-athletes missed class days: 7/semester. Additional missed days must be approved by the FAR
 - Student-athletes are actively engaged in community service: food bank drives, reading programs, and hospital visits.



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Student Athlete Support Services *Academic Services*

- Academic Coordinators (8)
- Learning Specialist (1)
- Tutorial Program (85)
- Learning Assistants (15)
- Subject Tutoring
- Assessments
- Interest Inventories



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Student Athlete Support Services *Student Athlete Development*

- Personal and Career Development
- Leadership and Education
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Service

