

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION:

DATE:

December 15, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION**

**ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Working agenda for December 15, 2011 and the September 20, 2011 minutes to be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

- The minutes for the September 20, 2011 meeting
- Student-Athlete APR/Graduation Rates
- Fall Sport Program Review
- NCAA Pathways Program
- Good News from Athletics

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

To be determined

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.  
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

Date: December 15, 2011

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

## **ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**

**201 Welch Hall**

**1 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the September 20, 2011 Minutes
- B. Fall Sport Program Review
- C. Dr. Melody Reifel-Werner, NCAA Pathways Program
- E. Good News from Athletics

**Eastern Michigan University  
Board of Regents  
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Minutes of September 20, 2011**

**MEMBERS:**

Regents: James Stapleton, Mike Morris, Floyd Clack and Chair, Mike Hawks

Athletics: Dr. Derrick Gragg, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:01pm, by Regent Mike Hawks

**Athletic Goals 2011-12**

Dr. Gragg presented the 2011-12 Goals for Athletics, which are based on pre-set criteria devised by the Athletic Affairs Committee in 2005-06. This year's goals include:

- Implementing NCAA certification improvement plans
- Integrity and commitment to NCAA rules and Regulations
- Academic Success of Student-Athletes
- Competitiveness within the MAC
- Fiscal Integrity and Fundraising
- Increasing Actual Attendance for Football and Basketball Games

Dr. Gragg praised the fantastic graduate rate for student-athletes; he appreciates all that Erin Burdis, Ann Pierson, all the coaches and staff, who have worked so hard to achieve this good standing.

**Nutrition Station Review & Expansion Proposal**

Dr. Gragg provided an overview of the current nutrition station pilot program in which four (4) of the athletic teams participated including football, women's basketball, women's soccer and women's volleyball. He explained the financial impact of expanding the program to all of the student-athletes. The cost for daily nutritional supplements is approximately \$3.00 per student-athlete per day, five (5) days a week.

**Athletic Facility Improvement Updates**

John Donegan and Scott Storrar provided an update of the most current athletic facility renovations and improvements. John acknowledged the hard work of the physical plant, coaches, athletic management and marketing, who pulled it all together. Locker rooms were in bad need of repair, new signage, replacement of the Rynearson concession booth after the fire. Block bricks are being donated for around the stadium from an alumni and the labor is being donated by the Journey Men's Program. Now, that the Art Department has moved from Bowen, the SASS offices will be relocated upstairs. We have multi sponsorship of a boat house on Ford Lake thanks to Lakeside Park, MNR, and Ypsilanti Township for allowing use of the property. Dr. Gragg thanked John Lumm, Todd Ohmer and Mike Malach for all their hard work on the budget.

**EMU Sport Program and MAC Updates**

Rowing – The Mid-American Conference does not sponsor women's rowing; thus, we are seeking conference affiliation for the Women's Rowing program and plan to explore this more seriously in the coming months.

Conference re-alignments - Syracuse University and the University of Pittsburgh are leaving the Big East Conference after being accepted as full members into the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC); The Big East will be down to seven football schools, including Texas Christian University (TCU), which joins the conference next year. Texas A & M has received conditional membership into the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl was unveiled today as the new name for the Humanitarian Bowl which features a top selection from the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and the Mid-American Conference (MAC). The nation's longest-running outdoor cold-weather Bowl, played since 1997, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. MST at Bronco Stadium in Boise, Idaho and televised on ESPN.

### **Good News from Athletics**

**Volleyball** has gotten off to a 12-2 start this season to follow up last year's 24-11 season after only winning 5 games the year prior. The team opens the MAC season on Friday at Western Michigan University.

**Football** began the season 2-0 for the first time since 1989. We visit Penn State this weekend before coming back to Rynearson for our home MAC opener versus Akron on October 1st. We are looking to be 3-0 at home to begin the season for the first time since 1995, the last year the football program had a winning season finishing 6-5.

**Head Wrestling Coach Derek DelPorto**, who earned All-America honors as a student athlete and later coached his Alma Mater to a regional championship, will be one of seven individuals honored Sept. 24 by induction into the Slippery Rock University Athletic Hall of Fame. DelPorto, a member of SRU's Class of 1999, compiled the third highest win total in Rock wrestling history with a 116-38 career record.

### **Upcoming Athletic Events**

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m. Annual New Student-Athlete reception at the University House where student-athletes get to interact with the university leadership. I want to thank Dr. Martin for hosting this event. Volleyball's home opener for the MAC season is the evening of October 1<sup>st</sup> versus Ohio University.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:37pm

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Karen A. Hansen  
Administrative Secretary  
Intercollegiate Athletics

# NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR)

December 15, 2011  
Board of Regents  
Athletic Affairs Committee

# APR Refresher

- Retention + Eligibility = APR
- Cut-off score
  - Currently 925
  - Moving to 930

# A look at EMU's APR history

- Seven years of APR data (beginning 2003)
- EMU trend in three sports:
  - Football
  - Men's Basketball
  - Baseball

# Football

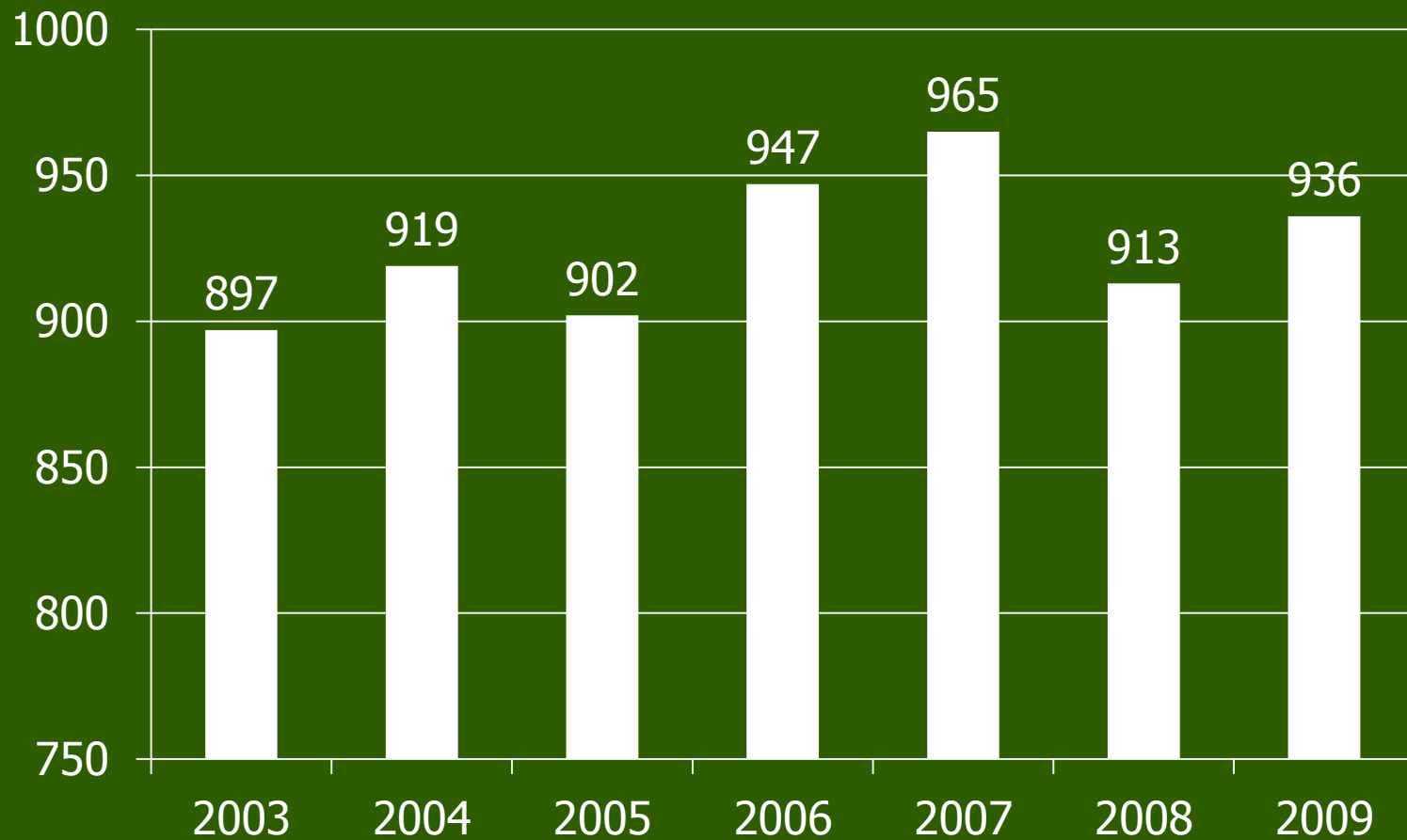
- Individual APR scores (starting with 2003):
  - 897
  - 919
  - 902
  - 947
  - 965
  - 913
  - 936
- Current multi-year: 934





# Football

## Football APR

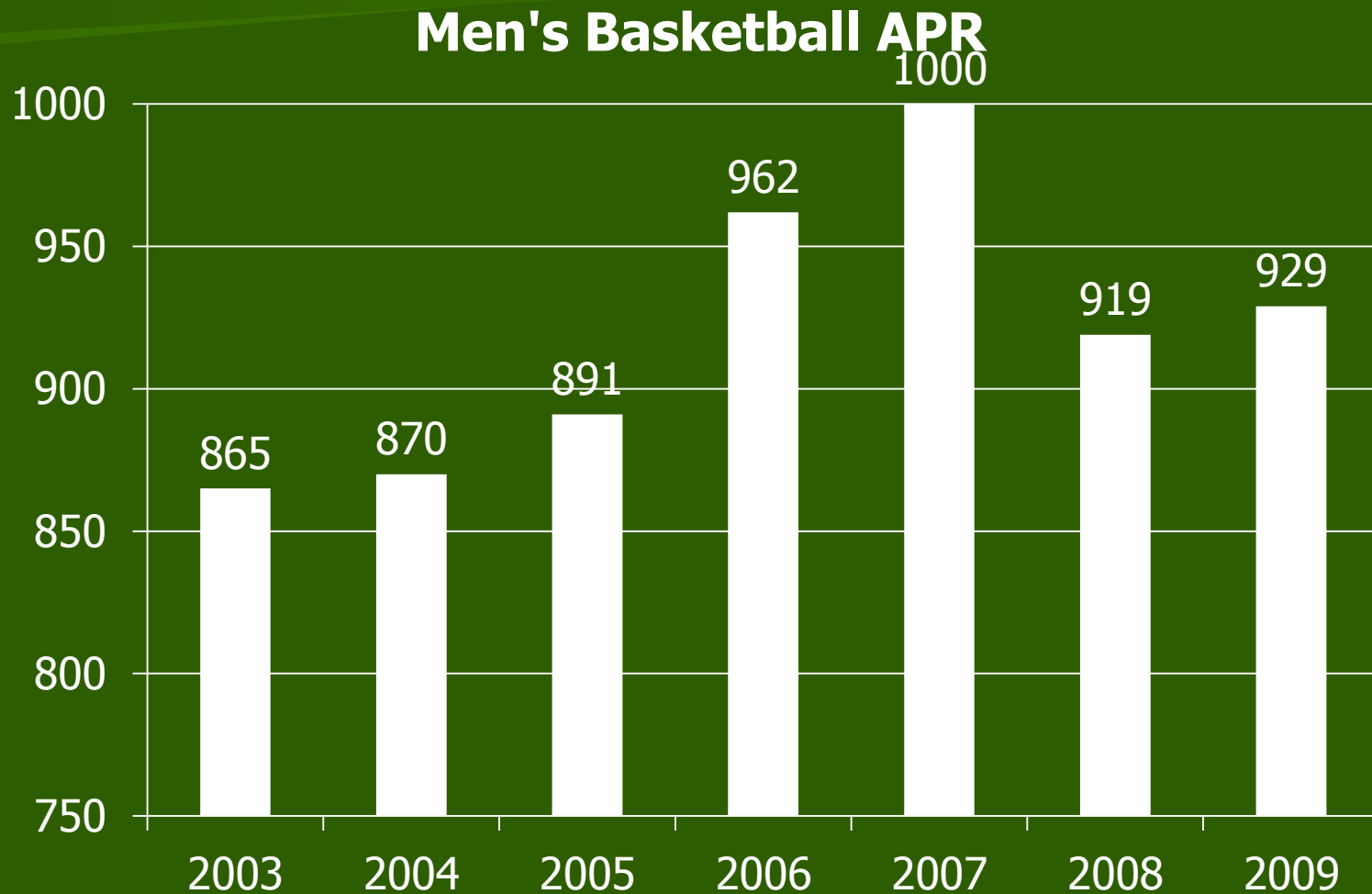


# Men's Basketball

- Individual APR scores:
  - 865
  - 870
  - 891
  - 962
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  - 919
  - 929
- Current multi-year: 951



# Men's Basketball



# Baseball

- Individual APR scores:

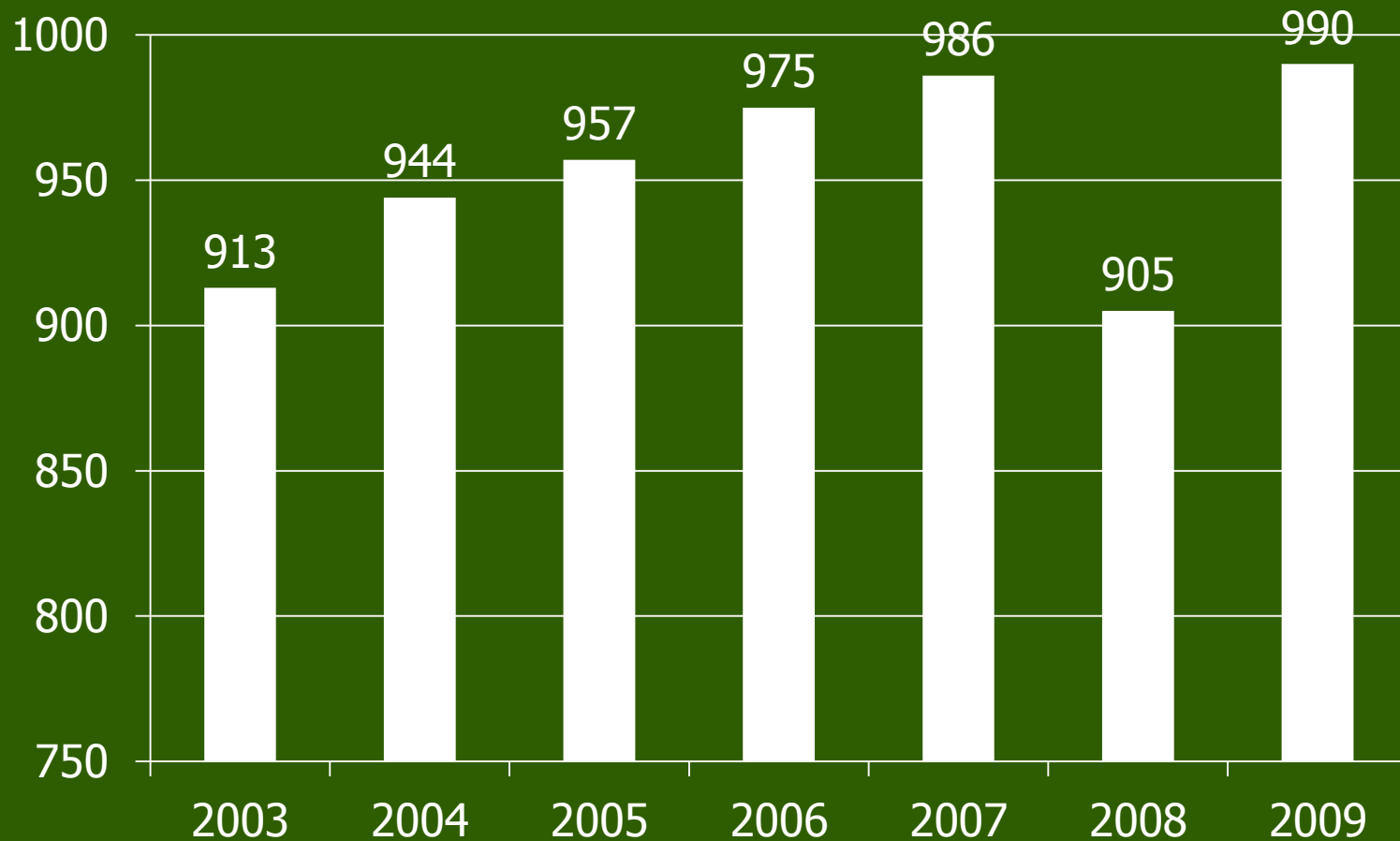
- 913
- 944
- 957
- 975
- 986
- 905
- 990



- Current multi-year: 968

# Baseball

## Baseball APR



# Perfect scores in 2009

- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country
- Men's Golf
- Men's Swimming

# EMU Teams with APR below 925



# Men's multi-year score

■ Baseball	968
■ Basketball	951
■ Cross Country	975
■ Football	934
■ Golf	969
■ Swimming	947
■ Track (Indoor)	926
■ Track (Outdoor)	931
■ Wrestling	970



# Average APR for Men's Sports

■ 952

# Women's multi-year score

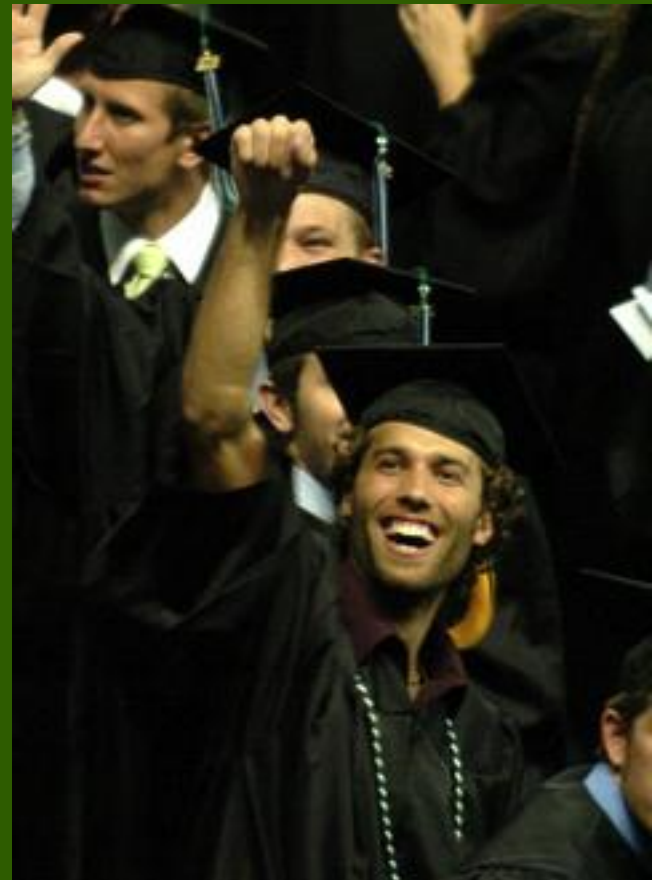
■ Basketball	962
■ Cross Country	990
■ Golf	952
■ Gymnastics	990
■ Rowing	987
■ Soccer	961
■ Softball	992
■ Swimming	988
■ Tennis	991
■ Track (Indoor)	975
■ Track (Outdoor)	975
■ Volleyball	995

# Average APR for Women's Sports

■ 980

# Student-Athlete Graduation Rate

- Student-athletes:  
56%
- Overall student body:  
38%
- Student-athlete  
graduation success  
rate: 72% (includes  
transfer students)



# What works?

- Competent, specialized and continuous advising for student-athletes
- Individual meetings with Learning Specialists
- Mentoring relationships
- Coach support
- Culture of academic excellence
- Academic support through graduation

# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

## Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

### Athletic Affairs Committee Fall Sport Program Update

December 15, 2011



# EMU MAC Athletic History (A Snapshot)

- EMU's athletics program will be competitive in the Mid-American Conference and at the NCAA regional and national level.
- MAC Member since 1973
- Mid-American Conference (MAC) Championships
  - 115 Championships Overall
    - Men's Programs – 93 MAC Championships
    - Women's Programs – 22 MAC Championships



# 2011 Fall Athletics Recap

- Football
- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Women's Soccer
- Reese/Jacoby Trophy standings





# Football Program

- First 6-win season since 1995
- 5-1 Rynearson Stadium record
- Rushing: Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAC and 16<sup>th</sup> in the country overall; The 2,620 yards was the second most in program history trailing only the 1987 team that captured the Mid-American Conference championship while accumulating 2,701 yards.



# Football (cont.)

- Total Defense: Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in MAC and 35<sup>th</sup> in nation. Eagles' defense has allowed just 292 points for a total of 24.3 points per game. The last EMU squad to accomplish the feat was the 1994 team which gave up 275 points through its 11 contests.
- 4 MAC West Division Players of the Week
- 3 MAC Male Scholar-Athletes of the Week
- Michigan MAC Champions



# Biggest FBS Turnarounds

- Win differential - 2010 to 2011
- 1. Houston 7
- t-2. Louisiana 5
- t-2. Arkansas State 5
- t-2. Western Kentucky 5
- t-5. Eastern Michigan 4
- t-5. Cincinnati 4
- t-5. Vanderbilt 4



# 2012 Football Schedule

- September 1 - @ Ball State
- September 8 – Illinois State
- September 15 - @ Purdue (includes basketball playing here in 2012)
- September 22 - @ MSU
- September 29 – Home Game vs. MAC Opponent
- October 20 - Army



# 2012 Football Schedule

## ■ MAC West Opponents

- Home: Toledo, Central Michigan, Northern Illinois
- Away: Ball State, Western Michigan
- MAC East Crossover Opponents TBA



# Men's/Women's Cross Country

- 16th Mid-American Conference Cross Country Championship in program history
- MAC Head Coach of the Year
  - John Goodridge 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive and 7<sup>th</sup> overall
- Women's Team - 5<sup>th</sup> place finish



# Women's Volleyball

- 21-10 Overall; 9-7 in the MAC
- Advanced to the MAC Tournament
- Haley Stein was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year after amassing 623 digs which ranked 11th nationally
- 3 All-MAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Players
- 1 All-MAC Freshmen Team Member



# Other Fall Highlights

- Tavelyn James – USA Basketball
- Brianna Emig – Olympic Trials qualifier
- Men's Basketball hosted Michigan State
- Women's Basketball hosted Michigan
- Wrestling: Defeated Michigan State for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1987-88





# QUESTIONS?



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# NCAA Pathway Program

December 15, 2011

Board of Regents

Athletic Affairs Committee

# NCAA Pathway Program

- Year-long leadership development program
- 10 participants across all 3 divisions
- Covered all aspects of athletics leadership
- Included seminars, attendance at key events, presentations by wide range of leaders
- Matched with a president for mentoring
  - University of North Carolina Asheville

# NCAA Pathway project

- NCAA Pathway participants do a project to benefit their institution
- My project: **EMU Executive Sport Profiles**

# The idea

- To share sport administrative information with the wider university, especially leaders
- To put this information at people's fingertips

# The sport in a nutshell

- The key information about a sport
  - How is the sport doing, both academically and competitively?
  - How much is EMU investing in the sport relative to other MAC schools?

# Executive Sport Profile

1. Facts
2. Things to know about the sport
3. Academic performance
4. Competitiveness
5. Budget information
6. Coach's wish list

# Example: Softball

## 1. Facts

- a. Squad size is 23
- b. Number of scholarships – 12
  - i. Number scholarship athletes – 20
  - ii. Non-scholarship athletes – 3
- c. Head Coach: Karen Baird



# Example: Softball

## 2. Things to know about the sport

- a. 2011-12 Conference tournament date, location
  - i. May 9-12 – Firestone Stadium – Akron, OH
- b. Sport Administrator – Melody Reifel Werner
- c. An EMU sport since 1981

# Example: Softball

## 3. Academic Performance

a. APR – 996

b. Rank in conference: (2 of 12)

c. GPA – 3.432

# Example: Softball

## 4. Competitiveness

- a. 2010 MAC Win-loss record: 12-8
- b. Standing in MAC: (5 of 12)

# Example: Soccer

## 5. Budget information

a. EMU Soccer Operating budget:

i. \$64,662

b. How do we compare with other MAC schools?

i. Median: \$109,684

ii. Mean: \$107,504

iii. Rank: 12th out of 12

# Example: Softball

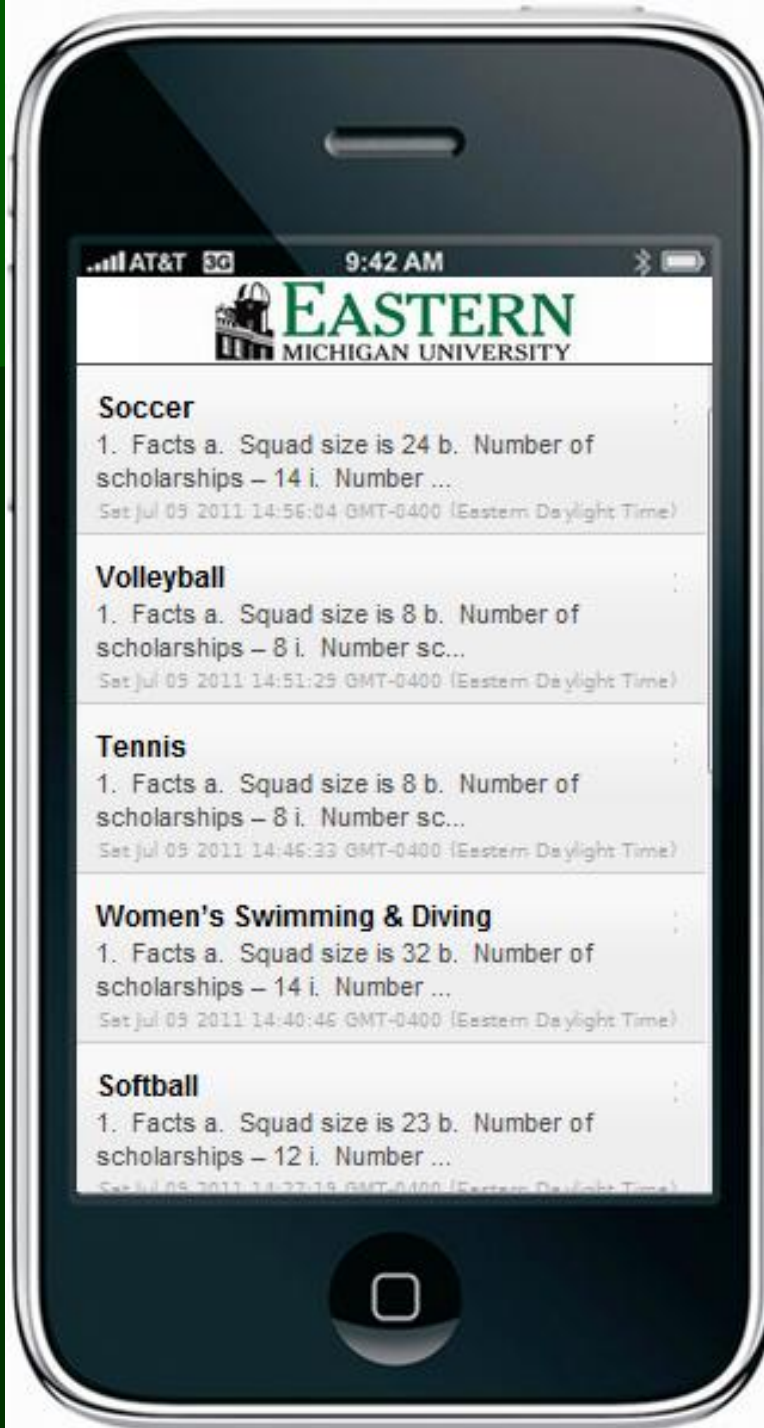
## 6. Coach's wish list

- a. Small need – Phone line/computer line (WiFi) in the press box; signage for Varsity Field by the Shipping and Receiving sign
- b. Medium need – New warning track dirt; new sound system
- c. Large need – New sunken dugouts

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### Soccer

1. Facts a. Squad size is 24 b. Number of scholarships – 14 i. Number ...

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### Volleyball

1. Facts a. Squad size is 8 b. Number of scholarships – 8 i. Number sc...

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### Tennis

1. Facts a. Squad size is 8 b. Number of scholarships – 8 i. Number sc...

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### Women's Swimming & Diving

1. Facts a. Squad size is 32 b. Number of scholarships – 14 i. Number ...

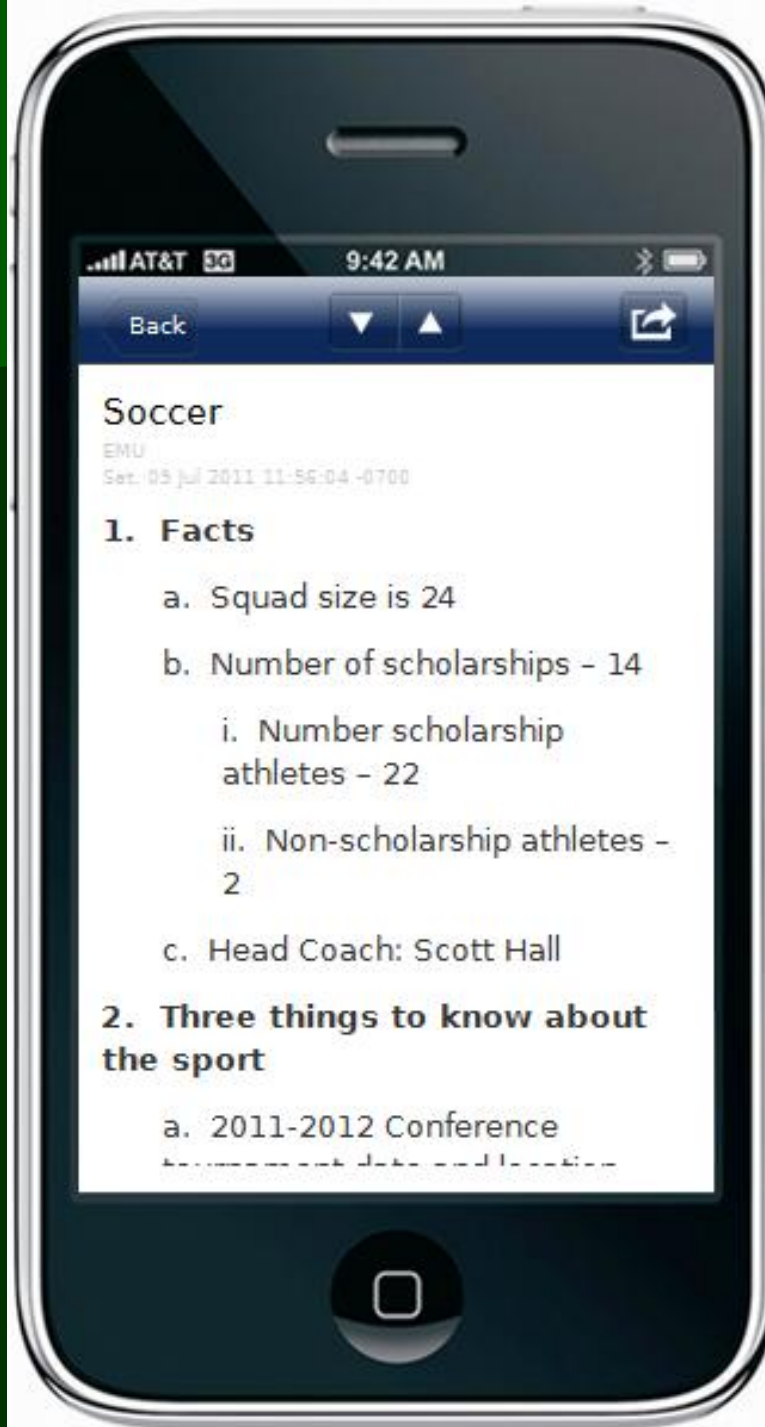
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### Softball

1. Facts a. Squad size is 23 b. Number of scholarships – 12 i. Number ...

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# What are the potential benefits?

- **Openness:** Open sharing of athletics info
- **Context:** EMU compared to MAC schools
- **Balance:** Academics, competitiveness, budget
- **Fundraising:** Coach shares wish list
- **Access:** Info easily accessible