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# NCAA hoops blog

Dustin Dow and Jennifer Scroggins offer NCAA basketball news and commentary

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## Reporting for work

What a week to have off. I just spent a week of vacation in Cincinnati (saving money for that wedding in January) and thanks to the weather spent numerous hours playing basketball, biking, running and enjoying being outside. I wish I had another week. Alas, I'm downtown in the Enq headquarters today, **reading over a report issued this morning by the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)**.

COIA is a group of **55 faculty senates from influential D1A sports institutions** such as Duke, Texas, UConn, Ohio State, Michigan, Arizona, Stanford, Alabama, Vandy, etc. In its report, "**Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics**," COIA makes 28 recommendations for correcting the problems it sees in college athletics.

I'll list a few key ones here on the blog. **To see the report yourself, [click here](#).**

1.1.2 The academic profiles of freshmen or transfer student-athletes as a group and by sport should be similar to those of the entering freshman class or the non-athlete transfer cohort, as applicable. **Data on the academic profiles of entering student-athletes and non-student-athletes should be reviewed at least annually by the Campus Athletics Board** or the campus faculty governance body.

1.2.1 **No academic programs or majors should be designed specifically for student-athletes** or created for the purpose of allowing student-athletes to maintain their eligibility. Qualified student-athletes should be allowed and in fact encouraged to pursue the major of their choice and to have the same access to academic classes and programs as other students without explicit or implicit athletic consequences.

2.1.1 Athletics scholarships should be awarded on a year-by-year basis with the presumption that they should be renewed up to four times for a total award of five years, or until graduation, whichever comes first, for students who are in good academic standing, conform to campus codes for student behavior, conform to the athletics department's standards of conduct, and adhere to team rules. Institutions should establish criteria and a mechanism for revoking a scholarship. **The final authority for revoking a scholarship should rest with the campus' chief financial aid officer** or with the chief academic officer. *(If ever adopted, this would make it considerably harder for a coach to "convince" a player that he's better off transferring so they can make room for a new recruit. -- DDow)*

2.4.2 The academic advising facility for student-athletes should be integrated into and report through the existing academic advising structure and not through the Athletics Department.

3.1 Each NCAA member institution should establish a Campus Athletic Board. The charge of this Board should be to monitor and oversee campus intercollegiate athletics. A majority of Board members should be tenured faculty who should be appointed or elected through rules established by the campus faculty governance body. The Faculty Athletic Representative should



Dustin Dow is covering his fifth season of college basketball for the Enquirer. His first memory of the sport is watching Keith Smart hit a 16-foot jumper to win the 1987 National Championship for Indiana. Dow can't wait until the mid-range jumper makes a comeback and hates all those annoying timeouts that coaches call at the end of games. Don't they realize reporters have deadlines?

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be an ex officio voting or non-voting member of the Board. The chair of the Board should be a senior (tenured) faculty member. An Athletic Director should not be chair.

4.4 The University President should take the appropriate steps to fuse athletic fundraising efforts into those of the rest of the university, including **eliminating separate, athletic-only 501(c)(3) entities** and establishing faculty representation on the board of the institutional fund-raising entity. *(If it's not Congress attacking booster clubs, it's COIA. -- DDow)*

posted by [Dustin Dow](#) at 11:11 AM

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at 11:46 AM Anonymous said...

Dustin,

I know there is not much call for Deveroe Summer League articles in the Enquirer but do you plan to attend or will someone be attending from the Enquirer so that information can at least be posted on your blog?

at 11:53 AM [Dustin Dow](#) said...

I'm thinking I'll be heading out there once or twice this week and a couple more times throughout the summer. So I'll post comments here. Mike Dyer had a big write-up about the league in Sunday's paper. I'll ask him when I see him if he's going to be covering any of the games. I know he has in the past.

at 10:41 PM Anonymous said...

Welcome back from vacation Dustin.

So as far as the wedding goes, will the groomsmen be wearing lime green sweaters from Torino, and will the caterer provide mozzarella and tomato sandwiches at the reception?

at 10:56 AM Anonymous said...

It's interesting, the part about student athlete academic advising not being a part of the Athletic Department but rather the existing academic advising structure. This is how it is done at Xavier (Or at least how it was done a few years ago when I went to Xavier). Sister Rose ann Fleming (et. al.) are all apart of the academic advising department NOT the athletic departament. I had just figured that everyone had done it this way.

at 11:23 AM [Dustin Dow](#) said...

The lime green sweaters would be awesome. So would the caprese sandwiches. Unfortunately, I don't think Theresa, my fiancee, would go for either of them. I did enjoy my tomato/basil/mozzarella sandwich yesterday at Ingredients though.

at 3:09 PM Anonymous said...

I like the proposed standard for revoking scholarships.

It seems that schools have an ethical imperitive to renew athletic scholarships if the student is in good academic standing and adhering to the athletic dept. standards.

Pushing a player in good standing off a team in order to replace him with a better performing player smacks of professionalism, and tarnishes collegiate athletics.

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