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ATHLETIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SR-06-07-09 AC

The Athletic Committee recommends in relation to actions requested in the East Carolina University Resolution on Practical Measures to Reduce the Class Days Missed Due to Athletic Competition that:

The Marshall University Faculty Senate requests that the Athletic Director and University President work with other Conference USA members to take all practical measures to reduce the class days missed due to athletic competition.

Conference-USA initiates and completes a study that applies standardized measures to determine the extent of this issue across the conference (with regard to team GPA).

Conference-USA eliminates scheduling of mid-week conference contests whenever practical.

Conference-USA creates Conference tournament schedules that minimize conflict with the primary academic mission of the conference members.

RATIONALE:

The Athletic Committee would be interested in knowing how great of an issue missed days are across the conference in relation to the teams' GPA. The Committee has discussed how imprecise the way days are measured in relation to individual student athlete's class schedules.

The East Carolina University Faculty Senate also asked for endorsement of establishing specific policies resulting in a 25% reduction in missed class days over a two-year period but the Athletic Committee does not see that establishing a set reduction in missed days over a two-years period is wise or practical.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

| APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: | DATE:12/12/2006 |
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| DISAPPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: | DATE: |
| UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: | |
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