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January 28, 2022

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Subhash Sharma  
Maddie Walters

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Board executive session meeting via Zoom or YouTube. The agenda, Athletic Report and minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting can be viewed through the Board portal system.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gireesh V. Gupchup".

Gireesh V. Gupchup  
Vice President for Academic Innovation, Planning, and Partnerships

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Attachments

c: Shaylee Clinton  
Ed Curtis  
J. Phil Gilbert  
John Simmons  
Roger Tedrick

Dan Mahony  
Austin Lane  
Randall G. Pembrook  
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## AGENDA

### MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2022  
10:30 a.m. or immediately following  
the executive session meeting

Stone Center, Large Dining Room  
Southern Illinois University System Office  
Carbondale, Illinois

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1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting December 2, 2021
3. Endorsement of SIU System Strategic Plan 2022-2026 (Board Agenda Item K)
4. Presentation: “Why SOAR, GAME, and FAME Matter at SIUE”

Presenters: Dr. Earleen Patterson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Opportunities, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
Advisor for FAME and GAME Programs

Dr. Howard Ramsby, Distinguished Research Professor  
Department of English  
Mentor for FAME and GAME Programs

Dr. Gabriel Msengi, Graduate Student  
Major: Dual Master’s degree in Public Health & Business Administration

Ja’Cideah Nunnery, Undergraduate  
Major: Psychology with minor in Black Studies

5. Information Report: *Athletic Report*
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 2, 2021**

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The Academic Matters Committee met at 12:11p.m on Thursday, December 2, 2021, via Zoom. Present were: Ed Hightower (Chair), Subhash Sharma and Maddie Walters. Other Board members present were: Shaylee Clinton, Ed Curtis, J. Phil Gilbert, John Simmons, and Roger Tedrick. Trustee Clinton departed the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m. Executive Officers present were: President Dan Mahony; Senior Vice President Duane Stucky; Vice President Gireesh Gupchup; Chancellor Austin Lane, SIUC; Chancellor Randall Pembroke, SIUE; and Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, SIU School of Medicine.

**Announcements**

Dr. Gupchup informed the Board that the School of Education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and School of Education, Health and Human Behavior at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville are collaborating on a unique project called the “Illinois Tutoring Initiative.” Along with five other public higher education institutions, the SIU System team is embarking on this project to conduct high-impact tutoring of elementary and middle school learners who have been impacted during the COVID pandemic.

The SIU System team will partner with eight school districts in the first year of this \$3.5 million grant from IBHE, and a total of at least 15 school districts by the end of year two. The project team leads are Dr. Cecil Smith and Christie McIntyre from SIUC and Dr. Natasha Flowers and Jessica Krim from SIUE.

He concluded his announcements by thanking the project team and the SIUC and SIUE pre-award offices for creating a process to accept grant monies that will be distributed across the campuses. He also stated he would have the project leads present at a future Board meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2021, Meeting**

Motion was made by Trustee Sharma to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Hightower. Madam Secretary called roll call with Hightower, Sharma and Walters passing the motion.

### **Presentation: SIUC Student Research**

Dr. Gupchup introduced Dr. Bruce DeRuntz, and Dr. James Mathias. Dr. DeRuntz is a faculty advisor, professor and Director of the leadership Development Program in the School of Applied Engineering and Technology. Dr. Mathias is a faculty advisor and Associate Professor in the School of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Materials Engineering.

Dr. DeRuntz is faculty advisor for SIUC's NASA Lunabotics Design Team and Dr. Mathias is faculty advisor for Saluki Formula Racing.

The Saluki Formula Racing students Brady Kelkohff (President), Stephen Thompson (Vice President), Colin Noel and Forrest Burdette were the first to speak.

Saluki Formula Racing is a registered student organization that designs and builds a Formula One style race car for a competition held by the Society of Automotive Engineers in late spring/early summer against teams from around the world. The team must design and build their race car following a series of rules outlined in a 170-page document.

This past summer, Saluki Formula Racing attended the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers North competition at Michigan International Speedway. It was the first competition for their team since 2017. They competed against 71 teams from top engineering programs from around the country including schools like Missouri S & T, U of I at Champaign-Urbana, and Michigan Tech. Out of the 71 teams they placed 36 passing through the tech inspection easily showing their car was built within the rules outlined.

They are currently working on building a new race car to take back to Michigan International Speedway for competition in June 2022. They have completed most of the design work, constructed the chassis (fully welded) and manufactured wheel assemblies in the machine shop in the College of Engineering and have finished most of the suspension. They hope to have the car completely built by early April and ready for upcoming competitions in mid-June.

Students involved with Saluki Formula Racing gain hard technical skills through computer aided design, fabrication, welding, machining, 3-D printing as well as softer career skills like teamwork, leadership, budgeting and planning. Students have an opportunity to work on real projects with measurable results. They have applied their skillsets to internships that have resulted in offers of employment contracts.

Dr. Mathias spoke about his role as advisor. He meets with Brady Kelkohff weekly and with the team every three to four weeks. During meetings he ensures the team is on track, helps them with needed improvements, and answers any technical questions they might have. The team also receives help from the College of Engineering's machine shop staff and others who help them throughout the preparation process.

Questions asked:

1) Who are your competitors? Response: Collegiate teams from around the world. The recent competition was mostly United States schools but some were from Canada, South America and Central America. People on the team are mostly undergraduates in engineering but the SIU team has a lot of majors from across campus.

2) If you were to put the car on the market, what would it sell for and what is the top speed of the car? Response: It is hard to base what price if sold at market. The car cost at least \$15,000 to build just in raw materials. That number includes discounts received from sponsor companies and donated parts and materials. The amount of man hours that goes into building the car would be hard to put a number on--\$30,000 minimum. Certain competitor schools have hundred thousand-dollar budgets for each car. We are much lower on the playing field in terms of funding, but still produce a nice race car.

Top speed on the car taken to competition in July 2021 was about 62 miles per hour due to the way it was geared with fifth and sixth gear removed. With sixth gear would be able to hit about 92.

SIU's NASA Lunabotics Design Team presentation included faculty advisor Bruce DeRuntz and students Clark Lindsay (Team Lead), Sarah Handrock (President) and Jed Vergara. Before delving into the content of their presentation they shared their majors and why they decided to attend SIUC.

SIU's NASA Lunabotics Design Team has grown considerably in the last year and is open to any student from any major. The Team is divided into three main sections: electrical, computer software, and mechanical. Team members compete in the NASA Luna Robotics Competition which involves designing and manufacturing a robot capable of maneuver through a simulation of a moon-like environment. During competition, their robot is controlled from a separate room and must be able to dig through gravel, sand and stone to find simulated pieces of icy regular which are found under the surface of the moon. Their robot designs are to inspire NASA robots with the harvesting of icy regular for the extraction of water as a source for their missions.

SIU NASA Lunabotics Design Team compete against other universities within the United States. Due to the COVID pandemic, last year they submitted a computer-aided design and project management plan which they tied for first place (alongside six other universities) with a perfect score of 10. Winning teams are invited to present a physical version of the robot at the Kennedy Space Center competition in Florida. The first-place prize was a \$1000 scholarship they are putting toward their new design. Their new design will take into account NASA's feedback and any new guidelines.

The Team experiences the “full lifecycle development” which includes planning, designing, manufacturing, testing, project management and leadership. Having this experience and knowing how each portion works is beneficial when transitioning to industry. The skill sets students gain from being a team member make them more marketable. They also use their skill sets in conducting workshops and through community outreach within the area schools to inspire younger students. The skill sets have also opened doors for Team members to receive internships that later turn into full-time employment.

In closing, Dr. DeRuntz stated he has been the faculty advisor for SIU’s NASA Lunabotics Design Team the past 21 years. Unlike many of their competitors, they are grossly underfunded. However, he credits the Team’s success against tough competitors to their ability to build a team before they build a robot. He has a “hands off approach” letting the students do the learning and problem solving. He is there only when needed. The students deserve credit for doing all the work.

Questions asked:

1) Do you do any partnerships with the local high schools as a means of introduction and possible recruitment of local high school students to the SIUC campus?

Response: I would be interested in working with the high schools because I think they have a robotics club. We have been in preliminary conversations with the local high schools and are putting plans together for a summer camp. We have actually hosted two, robotics competitions at our Automotive Tech Center and it’s been very well received.

The camp will be a good marketing for the campus and provide skills necessary for attendees to develop themselves into future robotics engineers. We are carefully planning out the week where each day they can be learning something new such as software, design, and electronic systems. “If we can start this teaching process early on, they come back to the well for more water.”

Sarah Handrock and Jed Vergara also had the opportunity to attend the Illinois State Fair and participated in the STEM Expo. They spent a day showing kids their battle bots in hopes of sparking interest in the fair, STEM and robot engineering.

Dr. Hightower closed by thanking the faculty advisors and students for their excellent work.

### **Informational Report: Performance Report**

Dr. Gupchup gave a brief overview of the Performance Report that documents the efforts of the university to achieve the four goals of the Illinois Public Agenda. The provosts from SIUC, SIUE, and SIU School of Medicine (Meera Komarraju, Denise Cobb, and Jerry Kruse) highlighted one success that were achieved under each of the four goals.

**Recommendation for Distinguished Service and Honorary Degree Awards, (Board Agenda Item J-O)**

Chancellor Austin Lane presented recommendations for Distinguished Service Awards and Honorary Degrees for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC  
[Mr. Roland W. Burris] (Board Agenda Item J)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC  
[Ms. Carolyn Taft Grosboll] (Board Agenda Item K)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC  
[Dr. John S. Jackson III] (Board Agenda Item L)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC  
[Ms. Thelma Mothershed-Wair] (Board Agenda Item M)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC  
[Mr. Richard Hunt] (Board Agenda Item N)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC  
[Dr. Cho-Yee To] (Board Agenda Item O)

Trustee Hightower asked if there was any discussion on items J through O. There being none, he asked if there was a motion for approval. Trustee Sharma made the motion and Trustee Hightower seconded. The Committee approved items J through O.

Madam Secretary called roll call with Hightower, Sharma and Walters passing the motion.

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree Awards, (Board Agenda Item P)**

Chancellor Randy Pembroke presented the recommendation for an Honorary Degree for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE  
[Dr. Henry L. Roediger III] (Board Agenda Item P)

Trustee Hightower asked if there was any discussion on item P. There being none, he asked if there was a motion for approval. Trustee Sharma made the motion and Trustee Hightower seconded.

Madam Secretary called roll call with Hightower, Sharma and Walters passing the motion.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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# STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PROFILE

2020-21



## **2020-2021 Athletic Department Academic Highlights:**

- For the first time, SIU won the Missouri Valley Conference All-Academic Award by earning the highest term GPA in the conference.
- The Academic Progress Rates (APR) for all sports in the 2020-2021 academic year was 972, with 5 of 15 sports earning 1000 single year APR.
- Saluki Unity hosted a charity run/walk to raise awareness for social injustice and racial discrimination. Proceeds went to the Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale.
- Kailyn Stone (Women's Soccer), Jack Colquhoun (Football), and Emily McGiles (Women's Golf) earned the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Good Neighbor Award, awarded to student-athletes who demonstrated good citizenship through sportsmanship and community service. One athlete from each member school is identified in Fall, Winter, and Spring to receive the award. Recipients must be in good academic standing, must demonstrate good citizenship through good sportsmanship and significant community service, and participate in a sport during the season of recognition.
- Forty-four student-athletes were named to the 2020-2021 MVC Scholar-Athlete team.

## **2020-2021 GPA**

The combined 2020-21 departmental GPA was 3.552. The all-sport Fall GPA was the highest departmental GPA on record. Eleven of 15 sports earned their highest term GPA on record. All sports earned over a 3.0 GPA. Three teams earned record Spring GPA's: Baseball, Softball, Volleyball.

- The 2020-21 GPA calculations show that student-athletes have equivalent or slightly higher GPAs than the overall student body. For Fall 2020, the student-athlete GPA was 3.573 (comparable to Fall 2019 average of 3.284); for Spring 2021, the student-athlete GPA was 3.519, which was significantly higher than the Spring 2019 average of 3.243. The Fall 2020 GPA for the student body was 3.27 and for Spring 2021 GPA was 3.34.
- The Fall 2020 departmental GPA was the highest term GPA on record (dating back to Fall 2011).
- The single year Academic Progress Rate (APR) for all sports was 972, which was well above the NCAA minimum of 930 for 2020-2021.
- The student-athlete population continues to add to the diversity of the student body but in more recent years has become more consistent with the ethnic/racial demographics of the entire student population.
- The student-athlete population also continues to graduate at a significantly higher percentage than the regular student body (Federal Graduation Rate for 2020-21 +13% higher than their general student population cohort).

## 2020-2021 Sport Specific Academic Accomplishments

### Baseball

- Noah Farmer earned President's Council Academic Excellence Award
- Thirteen student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and twenty-four earned MVC Honor Roll awards
- Seven student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team awards:
  - Philip Archer- First Team
  - Noah Farmer- First Team
  - Brad Harrison- First Team
  - JT Weber-First Team
  - Kyle Back- Honorable Mention
  - Nick Neville- Honorable Mention
  - Ian Walters- Honorable Mention

### Men's Basketball

- Five student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award
- For the second year in a row all 14 team members earned MVC Honor Roll honors
- Two student-athletes earned the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Trent Brown – First Team
  - Lance Jones – Second Team

### Football

- Two student-athletes earned MVFC All-Academic Team honors:
  - Zeveyon Fucron
  - Jacob Garrett
- Jack Colquhoun earned the MVC Good Neighbor Award
- Two student-athletes earned MVFC President's Council academic honors:
  - Kenan Abed-Mahmoud
  - Keenan Agnew
  - Lucas Giegling
  - Daniel Heilbron
- Thirty student-athletes earned MVFC Commissioner's academic honors and 94 football student-athletes earned MVFC Honor Roll honors

### Men's Golf

- Two student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award:
  - Tom Cleaton
  - Markus Wilhelmen
- Five student-athletes earned the MVC Honor Roll
- Tom Cleaton (Men's Golf) was named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete team. Markus Wilhelmsen and Birgir Magnusson (Men's Golf) named All-American Scholars

## Swimming & Diving

- Thirteen women student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and thirty-five women student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll honors.
- Seven Men's Swimming & Diving student-athletes named to Academic All-Mid American Conference (MAC) team.
- Seven women student-athletes earned the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Abigail Desmet
  - Sierra Forbord
  - Eden Girloanta
  - Lucia Endolz Romero
  - Abigail Young
  - Justina Lanni
  - Deven Speed
- The team earned a spot on the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America (CSDSAA) All-American list for the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
- Seven Men's Swimming & Diving student-athletes earned Academic All-MAC honors:
  - Kyle Berquist
  - Adam Cernek
  - Sam Flessner
  - Drake Manuello
  - Michael Stern
  - Uriel Tejada
  - Zheng Yang Yeap

## Cross Country

- Five men's and women's cross country student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner's academic awards
- Two men cross country student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team:
  - Ethan Senti
  - Dawson Smith
- Two women cross country student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team:
  - Stephaniee Anthonies
  - Clair Ayers

## Women's Basketball

- Abby Brockmeyer earned President's Council Academic Excellence Award
- Six student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Awards and twelve student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll honors
- Three student-athletes earned the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Makenzie Silvey – First team
  - Abby Brockmeyer – Second Team
  - Payton McCallister

## Women's Golf

- Rose Bundy earned the MVC President's Council Academic Excellence award
- Six student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Awards and ten student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll honors:
- Two student-athletes earned Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar honors:
  - Erica Kerr
  - Emily McGiles
- Two student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Megan Breslin
  - Erica Kerr
- Emily McGiles earned the MVC Good Neighbor Award

## Women's Soccer

- Fourteen student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and twenty-two earned MVC Honor Roll honors.
- For the second year in a row the women's soccer team earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award.
- Kailyn Stone earned the MVC Good Neighbor Award

## Softball

- Saluki Softball were ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in team GPA.
- Two student-athletes earned the MVC President's Council Academic Excellence award:
  - Maris Boelens
  - Meredith Werning
- Twelve student-athletes earned the MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award and nineteen earned MVC Honor Roll honors
- Jenny Jansen earned Academic All-District honors.
- Four student-athletes earned the MVC Softball Scholar-Athlete First Team award:
  - Jenny Jansen
  - Maddy Vermejan
  - Sarah Harness
  - Katelyn Massa

## Track & Field

- Ten men's and women's track & field student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Awards and thirty-four cross country and track & field student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll honors
- Track & Field earned US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic honors. Saluki Women's Track & Field named the most student-athletes to the USTFCCCA All-Academic team in the MVC.
- Seven men's track and field student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Gray Glenewinkel
  - Travis Hart
  - Dawson Plan
  - Reid Parsons

- Cole Targgart
- Trevor Thompson
- Eleven women's track and field student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete Team award:
  - Josie Brown
  - Kayleigh Conlon
  - Trinity Daniels
  - Erin Diemer
  - Jhordin Galmore
  - Olivia Garner
  - Emily Kern
  - Elisa Lancaster
  - Savannah Long
  - Madison Meyer
  - Emma Sexton
- Twelve student-athletes earned US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) academic honors:
  - Kaitlyn Burson
  - Kayleigh Conlon
  - Erin Diemer
  - Emily Kern
  - Elisia Lancaster
  - Savannah Long
  - Madison Meyer
  - Bri'Yanna Robinson
  - Emma Sexton
  - Ricky Hurley
  - Dawson Plab
  - Omar Rodgers

## **Volleyball**

- Two student-athletes earned MVC President's Council Academic Excellence award:
  - Hannah Becker
  - Rachel Maguire
- Seven student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Awards and seventeen student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll honors.
- Emma Baalman (Volleyball) earned the MVC Post-graduate Scholarship.
- Saluki Volleyball earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award.
- Three student-athletes earned MVC Scholar-Athlete awards:
  - Emma Baalman – First Team
  - Rachel Maguire – First Team
  - Katy Kluge – Honorable Mention

## Academic Reports

### Grade Reports

Table of Teams, by Fall 2020 and by Spring 2021 :

Team	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	2020-2021	Cumulative
Baseball (BB)	3.51	3.652	3.577	3.58
Basketball, Men's (BB-M)	3.75	3.635	3.685	3.603
Basketball, Women's (BB-W)	3.701	3.733	3.715	3.744
Cross Country, Men's (XC-M)	3.689	3.205	3.486	3.526
Cross Country, Women's (XC-W)	3.683	3.806	3.737	3.702
Football (FB)	3.457	3.173	3.31	3.22
Golf, Men's (MGO)	3.187	3.312	3.441	3.49
Golf, Women's (WGO)	3.689	3.686	3.685	3.693
Soccer (WSO)	3.61	3.695	3.652	3.673
Softball (SB)	3.808	3.802	3.806	3.727
Swimming, Men's (MSW)	3.407	3.553	3.482	3.525
Swimming, Women's (WSW)	3.716	3.693	3.7	3.66
Track, Men's (MTR)	3.153	3.37	3.328	3.391
Track, Women's (WTR)	3.54	3.403	3.489	3.453
Volleyball (VB)	3.688	3.778	3.793	3.748
All Athletics Program	3.573	3.519	3.552	3.505
All SIU Students	3.27	3.34	NA	NA
Male Athletes (Total)	3.458	3.399	3.429	3.291
Female Athletes (Total)	3.676	3.678	3.677	3.598

- For Fall 2020, the men's basketball team had the highest men's team GPA (3.75), and the women's softball team earned the highest women's team GPA (3.808).
- For Spring 2020, the women's cross country team finished with the highest GPA (3.806) and the baseball team finished at 3.652.
- Eleven of 15 sports earned the highest fall team GPA on record.

## Academic Progress Rate

“The Academic Progress Rate (APR) is a term-by-term measure of eligibility and retention for Division I student-athletes that was developed as an early indicator of eventual graduation rates.” Quoted directly from the NCAA’s website:

A team’s APR is calculated each year for those student-athletes receiving athletic financial aid (walk-ons are not included). APR is a one-year snapshot of the team’s retention and eligibility. Each student-athlete in a cohort is eligible for two points each semester, so most students are eligible for four points each year. A student-athlete earns one point each semester if he/she is eligible to participate for the following semester and another point each semester if he/she returns to the team the following semester. (There are exceptions for student-athletes who turn pro in their sports, transfer to another school with a GPA of 2.60 or higher, etc.)

Because each team may have a different number of student-athletes on its roster, the denominator of the ratio (2 points x each student-athlete for each semester) is different across teams and potentially across semesters. Thus, the APR is the ratio of points earned divided by the total points possible. The NCAA expresses the ratio by essentially dropping the decimal point, so a perfect score is expressed as an APR of 1000.

The NCAA reports the current year (with a one-year lag) and a rolling average of the most recent four years. SIU’s APRs by team are reported in the table below.

### APR by team for the past four cycles

Team	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Multiyear
Baseball (MBA)	991	991	989	967	985
Basketball, Men’s (MBB)	981	961	1000	1000	984
Basketball, Women’s (WBB)	929	1000	1000	1000	982
Cross Country, Men’s (MXC)	1000	1000	1000	900	970
Cross Country, Women (WXC)	969	1000	1000	1000	1000
Football (FB)	947	977	961	962	961
Golf, Men’s (MGO)	871	1000	972	882	934
Golf, Women’s (WGO)	1000	971	1000	1000	993
Softball (SB)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Swimming, Men’s (MSW)	960	1000	1000	979	983
Swimming, Women’s (WSW)	1000	1000	973	1000	994
Track, Men’s (MTR)	979	961	964	919	954
Track, Women’s (WTR)	962	1000	1000	983	987
Volleyball (VB)	981	1000	979	1000	989
All Teams	966	987	982	972	981

*\*Multiyear average includes the following years: 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-2021*

The NCAA’s minimum APR for post-season participation increased to 930 beginning in 2013-14. The NCAA administers penalties for teams with low APRs and if an individual student athlete is neither eligible nor retained (an “0 for 2”). The individual penalty is usually the loss of an equivalent scholarship for the student who earned zero points in a given semester. All SIU teams exceeded the current minimum standard of 930.

Men’s Cross Country, Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Golf, Softball and Women’s Swimming & Diving received public recognition from the NCAA for multi-year APR scores in the top 10% of all Division I institutions in the 2018-19 academic



year. Data is not yet available, but minimally, SIU will have 7 teams receive NCAA public recognition (Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Golf, Softball, Women’s Swim & Dive, and Volleyball) for the 2020-21 academic year.

## Graduation Rates

Quoted directly from the NCAA’s website:

“Graduation rates are based on the IPEDS-GSR which is defined as a six-year proportion of those student-athletes who graduated versus those who entered an institution on institutional aid. In addition to the student-athlete data in the graduation rates data, the GSR accounts for student-athletes who transfer into an institution while discounting student-athletes who separate from the institution and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned. All member institutions are required to report graduation rates for their student body; those institutions offering athletics aid are required to report for their student-athletes Division I members, as well as those institutions having multi-divisional sports, must also provide their GSR.”

Similar to the APRs, the FGRs are also reported with a one-year lag. Each school submitted data by June 2020 that include the graduation rates for the freshman cohort class of 2012-2013. The most recent FGR allows those freshmen six years by which to graduate (through August 2018). Thus, the most recent FGR four-year rolling average includes the freshman classes of 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14. Like the APRs, FGRs include student-athletes who receive athletic financial aid (walk-ons are not included).

## Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) Comparisons and Demographics

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Four-Year Averages</b>					
Student-Athletes	66.20%	70.60%	69.00%	67.00%	NA
Student Body	43.60%	43.00%	46.00%	47.00%	NA
<b>Individual Years by Gender and Ethnicity</b>					
All Student-Athletes	66.20%	70.60%	68.90%	61.80%	68.00%
All Male Student-Athletes	65.00%	58.70%	67.40%	46.70%	63.60%
All Female Student-Athletes	67.70%	84.60%	72.20%	80.00%	74.20%
African-American SAs	56.30%	72.70%	50.00%	27.30%	68.40%
Other Ethnicity SAs	53.30%	56.30%	66.70%	72.70%	56.30%
White SAs	75.00%	74.50%	87.50%	69.70%	72.50%
All SIU Students	43.60%	42.90%	50.70%	47.70%	47.10%
All SIU Male Students	45.20%	37.70%	50.70%	44.00%	43.50%
All SIU Female Students	42.20%	49.50%	50.70%	51.50%	50.50%
All SIU African-American Students	29.90%	42.50%	28.30%	28.90%	27.30%
All SIU Other Ethnicity Students	35.90%	38.70%	28.30%	42.40%	39.00%
All SIU White Students	54.70%	44.00%	62.00%	60.00%	61.60%

*\*Data from NCAA Institutional Performance Program*

## Federal Graduation Rate Difference

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Southern Illinois University	22.60%	27.70%	18.20%	14.10%	20.90%
All Division I schools	3.00%	3.40%	2.50%	2.50%	1.80%
Football Champ Div. (FCS) schools	9.60%	6.40%	9.10%	5.80%	6.40%
Missouri Valley Conference schools	4.40%	4.90%	7.20%	4.60%	5.20%
Missouri Valley FB conference	19.20%	12.10%	13.70%	13.50%	NA

*\*Data from NCAA Institutional Performance Program*

This indicator displays the difference between the single-year federal graduation rates for student athletes and the student body. Positive numbers reflect a higher FGR for student-athletes, while negative numbers are to be interpreted as the student body having a higher FGR than student-athletes.

Overall, these data suggest that SIU student-athletes graduate at much higher rates than the SIU general student body (including when data are separated out by gender and ethnicity). Furthermore, the differences in graduation rates at SIU are higher than those seen at the Division level in general, in other FCS schools, and when compared to MVC and MVCF schools.

## Single Year Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Southern Illinois University	66.2%	70.6%	68.9%	61.8%	68.0%
All Division I schools	67.0%	66.9%	66.9%	68.1%	68.0%
Football Champ Div. (FCS) schools	66.0%	65.2%	67.6%	67.1%	67.2%
Missouri Valley Conference schools	67.5%	71.3%	71.1%	74.1%	67.8%
Missouri Valley FB conference	86.7%	82.6%	87.5%	88.0%	NA

*\*Data from NCAA Institutional Performance Program*

## Single Year Graduation Success Rate (GSR) by Sport

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Baseball	100%	100%	100%	67%	85.70%
Men's Basketball	100%	100%	80%	100%	100%
Women's Basketball	100%	100%	100%	75%	100%
Football	76.5%	81.8%	64.7%	83.3%	82.4%
Men's Golf	100%	100%	100%	100%	NA
Women's Golf	100%	NA	100%	100%	100%
Women's Soccer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Softball	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Men's Swimming & Diving	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Women's Swimming & Diving	72.7%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Men's Track & Field	75%	100%	100%	66.7%	88.90%
Women's Track & Field	100%	100%	75%	83.3%	100%
Volleyball	100%	80%	100%	100%	100%

*\*Data from NCAA Institutional Performance Program*

## Demographic Characteristics of Student-Athletes

### Gender Composition

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Male Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes	57.7%	59.7%	57.8%	56.4%	55.8%	53.2%
Female Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes	42.2%	40.2%	42.1%	43.5%	44.1%	46.7%
Males as a Percentage of All UG Students	53.9%	53.8%	53.7%	52.8%	53.3%	NA
Females as a Percentage of All UG Students	46.0%	46.1%	46.2%	47.1%	46.6%	NA

### Racial/Ethnic Composition

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Minority Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes*	44.0%	41.3%	36.5%	33.6%	29.5%	37.7%
All Minority Students as a Percentage of All Students	38.7%	37.7%	36.1%	35.7%	34.9%	NA

*\*Includes all student-athletes*



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# 2020-2021

## Student-Athlete Academic Report



## SIUE Athletics Academic Points of Pride 2020-2021

1. Spring 2021 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive semester (15 years) that SIUE student-athletes have achieved a cumulative semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The departmental grade point average was 3.425 for fall 2020 and 3.402 for spring 2021.
2. During fall 20 and spring 21, an average of 54.4% of our student-athletes were on the Dean's List and 75.32% of our student-athletes had a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. In 2020-2021, SIUE's Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 93% was #14 in all Division I public institutions and #2 in Division I public institutions in the state of Illinois. Since 2014 (SIUE's first year eligible for GSR), SIUE's GSR has been in the top 35 of all Division I public universities and #1 or #2 in Illinois public universities.
4. For the 2020-2021 academic year, six SIUE teams earned a perfect score of 100 percent on the GSR report (Women's Basketball, Men's Golf, Women's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Men's Track and Field/Cross Country and Volleyball).
5. In the latest NCAA Public Recognition announcement, seven SIUE teams received top 10% recognition for their multi-year Academic Progress Rate (Men's Golf, Men's Track and Field, Softball, Women's Track and Field, Women's Cross Country, Women's Volleyball, and Women's Tennis). This is the most earned by any university in the Ohio Valley Conference.

### 2020-2021 Individual Sport Academic Accolades:

Baseball	Fifteen baseball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Men's Basketball	Six men's basketball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Jackson Best and Elochukwu Eze earned the OVC Medal of Honor. The OVC Medal of Honor is awarded annually to student-athletes who obtain the highest grade point average in a conference-sponsored sport.
Women's Basketball	Zaria Whitlock and Allie Troeckler received the OVC Medal of Honor. Six women's basketball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Men's CC/Track	In Spring 2021, the Men's Track and Field team was honored as an U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-American team. Eleven men's cross country/track student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Brandon Bretz and Zach Walters earned the OVC Medal of Honor award.

Women CC/Track	In Spring 2021, the Women's Track and Field Team was named an USTFCCCA All-American Team. Keri Burmester, Kassidy Dexheimer, and Caroline Gwaltney were honored with the OVC Medal of Honor. Fifteen women's cross country/track student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Men's Golf	In 2021, the team received the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Outstanding All-Academic Team Award for the 11 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Nine men's golf student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll, and Anthony Ruthey, Parker McEachern and Zak Butt were named GCAA All-American Scholars. Luke Ludwig and Zak Butt were honored with the OVC Medal of Honor.
Men's Soccer	In 2021, the men's soccer team was honored with the United Soccer Coaches (USC) Team Academic Award. 2021 marked the 9 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year the team has received this award. Ten men's soccer student-athletes were named to the Mid-American Conference (MAC) All-Academic team.
Women's Soccer	In 2021, the team received the USC Team Academic Award. This was the 13 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year the SIUE Women's Soccer team has been honored with this award. Emma Dutko, Matea Diekema, Myah Diekema, Kayla Klipsch, Andrea Frerker, Sarah Hibbeler, and Courtney Vollmer received the OVC Medal of Honor, and eighteen women's soccer student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Softball	Ava Bieneman, Zoe Schafer, Amber Storer, and Bianca Vozenilek received the OVC Medal of Honor, and sixteen softball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Women's Tennis	Five women's tennis student-athletes were named ITA Scholar-Athletes, and the team was honored as an ITA All-American Team. Vanessa Reinicke, Jordan Schifano, Melissa Vizcardo and Jill Lambrechts received the OVC Medal of Honor, and a total of eight women's tennis student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Volleyball	The SIUE volleyball team was awarded the U.S. Marine Corps/AVCA Team Academic Award by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Annie Ellis, Grace Hurst, Jordyn Klein, Rachel McDonald, Jessica Vineyard, and Gabby Wimes received the OVC Medal of Honor. Thirteen volleyball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Wrestling	Austin Andres, Chase Diehl, Austin Macias, and Ryan Yarnell were named to the 2021 Academic All-MAC team. Saul Ervin received the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division I Scholar All-American Award.

**Table 1 – Term GPA by Gender (Institutional and Athletic)**

Compares the term GPA of the general student body to the term GPA of the student-athlete population for the past two years.

<b>SIUE</b>		<b>2019-2020</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>General Student Body</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Male		2.82	2.96	2.94	2.98
Female		3.09	3.20	3.20	3.22
Total		2.97	3.09	3.08	3.11
<b>Student-Athletes</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Male		3.23	3.29	3.36	3.30
Female		3.43	3.70	3.48	3.45
Total		3.33	3.49	3.42	3.38

**Table 2 – Term GPA by Ethnicity (Institutional and Athletic)**

Compares the term GPA by ethnicity (and international status) for the student-athlete population with the general student body for the past two years.

		<b>2019-2020</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>SIUE General Student Body</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Asian		3.07	3.19	3.19	3.25
Black/African American		2.57	2.73	2.74	2.72
Hispanic/Latino		2.92	3.01	3.02	3.04
White		3.04	3.16	3.15	3.19
International		3.23	3.31	3.26	3.21
<b>SIUE Student-Athletes</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Asian		2.98	3.24	3.54	3.38
Black/African American		3.18	3.27	3.18	3.04
Hispanic/Latino		3.28	3.81	3.35	3.41
White		3.35	3.48	3.36	3.31
International		3.45	3.54	3.68	3.78

**Table 3 – SIUE term GPA by sport**

Term specific team grade point averages by sport for the last two years (includes scholarship and non-scholarship student-athletes).

Sport	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Baseball	3.094	3.212	3.246	3.152
Basket-M	3.207	3.051	3.351	3.203
Basket-W	3.364	3.684	3.254	3.158
Soccer-M	3.550	3.666	3.607	3.651
Soccer-W	3.580	3.577	3.585	3.282
Golf-M	3.295	3.580	3.513	3.538
Softball	3.578	3.686	3.585	3.282
Cross-M	3.360	2.895	3.426	3.105
Cross-W	3.320	3.782	3.331	3.481
Tennis-W	3.440	3.689	3.567	3.640
Track-M	3.144	3.273	3.397	3.292
Track-W	3.270	3.578	3.442	3.369
Volleyball	3.465	3.533	3.566	3.577
Wrestling	2.927	2.983	2.961	3.174

**Table 4 – Percentage of athletes with a term GPA of 3.0 or higher**

Term specific account of the percentage of student-athletes who earned a GPA of 3.0 or above. On average over the last two years, 74.87% of our student-athletes have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

SIUE Student-Athletes	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Male	56.75	63.69	64.90	64.09
Female	87.27	94.44	87.80	85.25
Total	70.97	77.88	76.17	74.46

**Table 5 – Number of athletes on academic probation**

Term specific account of the number of student-athletes on academic probation. During both years, SIUE Athletics did not have any student-athletes on academic suspension.

SIUE Student-Athletes	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Male	2	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	1
Total	2	0	0	0



**Table 6 – Federal Graduation Rate (FGR)**

Compares the Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) of SIUE student-athletes vs. Division I Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) peers. The FGR is the percentage of first-time, full-time freshman who graduate within six years.

<b>SIUE</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Student-Athletes	67%	64%	77%
General Student Body	48%	48%	52%
<b>Division I OVC Universities (student-athletes)</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Austin Peay	59%	60%	58%
Belmont	80%	82%	81%
Eastern Illinois	70%	68%	60%
Eastern Kentucky	65%	66%	66%
Jacksonville State	61%	62%	66%
Morehead State	63%	60%	70%
Murray State	62%	62%	52%
Southeast Missouri State	68%	68%	51%
Tennessee State	49%	46%	51%
Tennessee Tech	70%	65%	63%
University of Tennessee - Martin	53%	53%	49%

**Table 7 – Academic Progress Rate (APR)**

The Academic Progress Rate is an NCAA-created rate that holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each scholarship student-athlete for each academic term.

<b>Team</b>	<b>2017- 2018</b>	<b>2018- 2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Current multi-year rate</b>
Baseball	1000	962	980	982	981
Basket-M	979	941	980	1000	975
Basket-W	1000	968	1000	1000	991
Soccer-M	967	981	990	989	982
Soccer-W	973	1000	1000	991	991
Golf-M	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Softball	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Cross-M	967	1000	1000	964	983
Cross-W	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Tennis-W	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Track-M	989	1000	1000	985	993
Track-W	1000	1000	986	1000	997
Volleyball	978	1000	1000	1000	1000
Wrestling	972	965	986	965	972

**Table 8 – Graduation Success Rate (GSR)**

Compares Graduation Success Rate of SIUE student-athletes, OVC universities and state of Illinois public universities. The GSR is like the FGR, but excludes those athletes who leave the institution in good academic standing and includes those who transfer into the institution and graduate. Since 2014, SIUE’s GSR has been in the Top 35 of Division I public universities and either #1 or #2 in the state of Illinois public universities. SIUE’s current 2020-2021 GSR is #14 in Division I public universities and #2 in Division I State of Illinois public universities.

<b>SIUE</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Student-Athletes	92%	91%	93%
<b>Division I OVC Universities</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Austin Peay	81%	81%	81%
Belmont	98%	98%	98%
Eastern Illinois	84%	83%	82%
Eastern Kentucky	88%	87%	88%
Jacksonville State	80%	80%	82%
Morehead State	78%	79%	81%
Murray State	89%	86%	89%
Southeast Missouri State	81%	84%	84%
Tennessee State	69%	72%	76%
Tennessee Tech	87%	84%	85%
University of Tennessee - Martin	81%	82%	81%
<b>Division I Illinois Public Universities</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Chicago State	80%	80%	78%
Eastern Illinois	84%	83%	82%
Illinois State	90%	91%	90%
Northern Illinois	88%	87%	88%
Southern Illinois Carbondale	90%	89%	90%
University of Illinois – Chicago	88%	89%	91%
University of Illinois – Champaign	92%	94%	95%
Western Illinois	86%	86%	85%