



FAR UPDATE

Faculty Senate

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FAR 2025-2026 Priorities

- ◆ Update Faculty Athletics Board policy document to align with current practice.
- ◆ Attend competitions for remaining sports not yet attended (women's golf, tennis and cross country and track & field). [Only T & F remains]
- ◆ Visit practice sessions for 50% of sports. [7 of 15 sports]
- ◆ Learn more about FAR role through attending Div. 1 FAR Institute. [Attended in Nov.]
- ◆ Develop and present material on creating a strong application for NCAA Post-graduate Scholarships and other conference and NCAA awards.
- ◆ Develop discussion topics for Faculty Athletics Board meetings.
- ◆ Establish once/semester meetings with WMU President, quarterly meetings with AD, and monthly meetings with Sr. Assoc. AD.

Overall Dept Average Fall 2025 GPA: 3.41
(Highest Fall GPA on record)

Men's Teams: 3.25
Women's Teams: 3.62

Men's Basketball: 3.59 (Highest on record)

57 SAs with 4.0 GPA

Number of SAs Achieving:
Above a 3.0 – 290
Above a 3.5 – 222

Kudos to WMU Athletics Academics
Advising Staff!

Fall 2025 GPA Performance

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WESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETICS FALL 2025

5 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES

4 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**WOMEN'S SOCCER MAC
REGULAR SEASON &
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**

NCAA 1ST ROUND



**MEN'S SOCCER MVC
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
4-STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES**

NCAA 2ND ROUND



**VOLLEYBALL - 3-STRAIGHT
APPEARANCES IN MAC
TOURNAMENT FINALS**



**FOOTBALL MAC CHAMPIONS &
MYRTLE BEACH BOWL CHAMPIONS**



**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS APPEARANCE**

**NCAA 15TH
NCAA REGIONAL**

Scholar Athletes Recognition

- ◆ MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week

- ◆ Based upon outstanding performance in competition and GPA/major. One male and one female student athlete each week.

- ◆ Fall 2025

- ◆ Broc Lowry, Football,

- ◆ Spring 2026

- ◆ Audrey Smitek, Women's Tennis, Accountancy

- ◆ Inaugural NCHC Academic All Conference Team

- ◆ Cole Crusberg-Roseen, Marketing, 3.88



Revising Faculty Athletics Board Manual

◆ **II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES (NEW):**

◆ The Faculty Athletics Board should:

- ◆ Uphold academic integrity and a commitment to the academic mission of the university.
- ◆ Support student athletes' pursuit and completion of their major of choice while also participating in intercollegiate athletics.
- ◆ Encourage academic programs and faculty, as well as athletics personnel, to offer reasonable accommodations as indicated for student athletes to fulfill both academic and athletic responsibilities.
- ◆ Engage in creative and collaborative problem-solving to resolve issues at the intersection of academics and athletics.
- ◆ Promote the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.
- ◆ Advocate for the well-being and holistic development of student athletes.



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