

## UMKC NCAA Certification Self-Study Process

In August 2007, UMKC began a year-and-a-half long, campus-wide study of its athletics program as part of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I certification process. Specific areas of study include academic integrity, governance and rules compliance, commitment to gender and minority equity, and student-athlete well-being. The purpose of the certification program is to ensure the integrity of UMKC's athletics operations, including assessing the program and making recommendations for improvement based on the NCAA's guiding principles.

Since 1997, the NCAA requires all Division I schools to complete a full certification process every 10 years. UMKC's self-study will be completed by May 2008 in preparation for team of reviewers to conduct a site visit in November. That team will report to the independent NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification, which subsequently will determine the institution's certification status and publicly announce the decision in February 2009.

UMKC's NCAA Certification Steering Committee is chaired by Mel Tyler, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The Steering Committee guides the self-study process, which is aimed at promoting campus awareness, affirmation of athletics operations, and opportunities for improvement. The self-study process also includes sub-committees dedicated to the specific areas of review:

1. Gender and Minority Equity Issues

The charge of the Gender and Minority Equity Sub-Committee is to demonstrate that UMKC implements NCAA's principles of gender equity and commitment to the fair and equitable treatment of all minority student-athletes and athletics department personnel. Jim Wanser, Associate Director for Testing of the UMKC Counseling, Health, Testing and Disability Services, chairs this sub-committee.

2. Academic Integrity

The charge of the Academic Integrity Sub-Committee is to demonstrate that UMKC implements NCAA's principles of academic standards and academic support of student-athletes. Judy McCormick, Associate Professor of the College of Arts and Sciences, chairs this sub-committee.

3. Student-Athlete Well-Being

The charge of the Student Athlete Well-Being Sub-Committee is to demonstrate that UMKC implements NCAA's principle of conducting the intercollegiate athletic program in a manner designed to protect and enhance the physical and educational well-being of our student athletes. Chris Brown, Associate Professor in the School of Education, chairs this important sub-committee.

4. Governance

The charge of the Governance Sub-Committee is to demonstrate that UMKC implements NCAA's principles of institutional control, presidential authority, shared responsibilities, and rules compliance. Dan Weddle, Professor of Law, chairs this sub-committee.

## UMKC Athletic Teams

Sport	Head Coach	W/L '06 -'07	Number of Players	Team Ave. GPA
<b>Men's Basketball</b>	Matt Brown	12/20	13	3.04*
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	Candace White-Whitaker	10/20	13	2.71
<b>Cross Country</b>	Shameika McField	N/A	14	Men's: 3.13 Women's: 3.26
<b>Men's Golf</b>	J.W. VanDenBorn	N/A	10	3.18
<b>Women's Golf</b>	Courtney Mahon	N/A	7	3.06
<b>Soccer</b>	Rick Benben	13/21	25	3.17*
<b>Softball</b>	Meredith Smith	4/51	17	3.09
<b>Men's Tennis</b>	Kendell Hale	6/13	10	3.03*
<b>Women's Tennis</b>	Kendell Hale	0/15	9	3.12
<b>Track and Field</b>	Shameika McField	N/A	46	Men's: 3.12 Women's: 3.08
<b>Volleyball</b>	Geno Frugoli	6/33	13	3.5*

**Total Student-Athlete Average GPA: 3.12\***

Men's: 3.15

Women's: 3.09

\*highest GPA of record

### The Summit League

Centenary College  
 Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW)  
 Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)  
 University Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC)  
 North Dakota State University (NDSU)

Oakland University (OU)  
 Oral Roberts University (ORU)  
 South Dakota State University (SDSU)  
 Southern Utah University (SUU)  
 Western Illinois (WIU)

