

- 270 Current Student-Athletes in the Compliance Software (12-Withdraws from UMC since 8-1-05, 8 - Did not enroll reason unknown)
- 253 Active current Squad List Participants
- 18 Dual Sport Athletes - they would appear on more than one squad list
- 45 Students enrolled at UMC for fall 2005 not currently participating (Reasons; Exhausted Eligibility, Red-Shirts, Not currently participating, Not currently Eligible)
- 280 Total Current Student-Athletes Tracked at UMC (Total Active Squad List members plus Students Enrolled at UMC who were recruited and/or have participated in athletics at one time or will participate when and if they get eligible minus dual sport athletes counted twice on squad lists)

These numbers will change very little at this point until semester break (05-06) when some student-athletes will graduate or make other changes (*to view UMC athletic records and participation breakdown, see Exhibit G*).

E. FISCAL AND PERSONNEL

Attached as a part of this report are the following documents:

1. Athletic Task Force FY 05 Data (*obtained from EADA Report, see Exhibit I – I, I – II, I - III*)
2. NSIC Scholarship Report for Academic Year 2005/06 (*to view the NSIC scholarship chart, see Exhibits H*).

After reviewing the information available from the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) it was apparent that financial reporting is inconsistent between conferences and within a conference. For example the data is not submitted by the same office by each institution; consequently some recruiting expenses might be charged to admission and some coaches' salaries might be charged to the physical education department. The subcommittee attempted to supplement the information with a questionnaire; however, institutions did not supply complete information.

The most accurate is the NSIC Conference Scholarship Report because of reporting requirements.

Key Issues

Scholarship Dollars

The UMC Athletic Department was allocated \$245,000 in athletic scholarships for fiscal year 2003-2004; the dollar amount spent \$242,000.

The 2004-2005 proposed scholarship allotment was \$184,000. With a change in administration the 2005-06 scholarship allocation was increased to \$312,000 and the 2006-07 scholarship allocation was approved at \$366,000. As the University of Minnesota, Crookston has only been a four-year institution for the past 13 years, our alumni base is limited and the resources for contributions to scholarships are minimal (*to view the NSIC scholarship chart, see Exhibits H*).

Even with the inconsistent information available the following are the subcommittee findings:

TOTAL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

- NSIC conference mean approximately \$2.6 million
- UMAC mean is \$0.7 million
- DAC mean is \$1 million
- UMC athletic budget \$1.7 million (last in NSIC)
- UMC's current expenses include hockey and equestrian; two sports not sponsored by most other institutions (estimated total for both - \$170,000).

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- NSIC Conference approximate means
 - Men 24
 - Women 18
- UMC Scholarships
 - Men 17.5
 - Women 11.3

NAIA/DAC scholarships information may be understated because many athletes receive academic aid which is not allocated to the athletic department.

PERSONNEL

Differences in personnel (number of coaches and salaries) are very similar to the differences in total athletic department expenses (see Athletic Task Force FY 05 Data)

COMPETITIVE POSITION

For UMC to be competitive in the North Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC), funding levels would need to be increased to bring us closer to the average. As a result, private fundraising efforts would also need to be improved.

FUNDING ATHLETICS

- Room and board waivers (which are used by some institutions) help the athletic department but create a corresponding deficit in another department and ultimately require additional university funding or redistribution funds.
- Private funding (Teambackers) currently provides support for athletics. If private support increased to \$200,000/\$250,000 all additional funds could be used for program activities.