

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**Thursday, September 11, 2014  
2:30 p.m. or immediately following  
previous meeting**

**Tod Hall  
Board Meeting Room**

**AGENDA**

- A. Disposition of Minutes for Meeting Held June 3, 2014**
- B. Old Business**
- C. Subcommittee Item**
  - 1. Athletics**
    - a. Discussion Items**
      - 1) Overview of Intercollegiate Athletics** **Tab 1**  
Ronald Stollo, Executive Director of Athletics, will report.
      - 2) Review of Mission and Vision Statements for Intercollegiate Athletics** **Tab 2**  
Ronald Stollo, Executive Director of Athletics, will report.
- D. New Business**
- E. Adjournment**

**AGENDA ITEM: C.1.a.1.**

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Overview of Intercollegiate Athletics

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Ron Stollo, Executive Director of Athletics

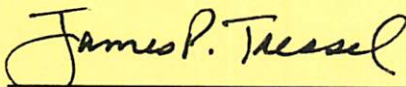
**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Trustees has requested an annual overview of the athletic organizations the institution is a member of, sponsored sports, a "snap shot" of the make-up of our student-athletes, finances, the department's organizational chart, and facilities.

**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:**

- The institution is a member of the NCAA competing at the Division I level in both the Horizon League and Missouri Valley Football Conference.
- We have 18 total sports programs (10 women and 8 men) with roughly 400 student-athletes.
- The graduation rate of our student-athletes is well above that of the student body and our student-athletes have a cumulative GPA above a 3.00.
- The department provides roughly 200 athletic based scholarships.
- The overall budget for the department is approximately 14 million with nearly 75% of the expenditures in the form of scholarships and personnel. The department generates roughly 25% of its expenditures from external sources.
- The athletic programs compete in various facilities on and off campus.

**RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

**REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**



James P. Tressel, President

Youngstown State University  
Intercollegiate Athletics  
Overview

I. Membership

- a. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) – Division I
  - i. Football – Football Championship Subdivision (FCS):
    - 1. Maximum of 63 scholarships over 85 student-athletes
    - 2. Formerly Division I-AA
  - ii. Certification Process:
    - 1. Every 10 years by NCAA and peer review team (process is currently under review)
    - 2. Fully certified in 2007
  
- b. Horizon League – Indianapolis
  - i. All sports except football
  - ii. Member since 2001-02 (Prior affiliation: Mid-Continent)
  - iii. Members:
    - 1. Youngstown State (OH)
    - 2. Cleveland State (OH)
    - 3. Wright State (OH)
    - 4. Valparaiso (IN) – Private
    - 5. Detroit (MI) – Private
    - 6. Oakland (MI)
    - 7. University of Illinois @ Chicago (IL)
    - 8. Green Bay (WI)
    - 9. Milwaukee (WI)
  
- c. Missouri Valley Football Conference – St. Louis
  - i. Football only
  - ii. Member since 1997 (Prior affiliation: Independent)
  - iii. Members:
    - 1. Youngstown State
    - 2. Indiana State
    - 3. Illinois State
    - 4. Southern Illinois
    - 5. Western Illinois
    - 6. Missouri State
    - 7. Northern Iowa
    - 8. South Dakota State (2008)
    - 9. North Dakota State (2008)
    - 10. South Dakota (2012)

## II. 18 Athletic Programs

- a. 10 Women's Teams:
  - i. Volleyball
  - ii. Soccer (added in 1996-97)
  - iii. Cross Country
  - iv. Swimming (added in 1996-97)
  - v. Indoor Track
  - vi. Basketball
  - vii. Softball
  - viii. Golf (added in 1996-97)
  - ix. Tennis
  - x. Outdoor Track
  
- b. 8 Men's Teams:
  - i. Cross Country
  - ii. Football
  - iii. Basketball
  - iv. Indoor Track
  - v. Baseball
  - vi. Golf
  - vii. Tennis
  - viii. Outdoor Track

## III. Student-Athletes

- a. Approximately 400 Student-Athletes:
  - i. 54% men, 46% women (general student body: 45% men, 55% women) (all-time highest % of women athletes)
  - ii. Approximately 225 in-state, 170 out-of-state or regional
  - iii. Nearly 200 live in on-campus housing (including Courtyard)
  - iv. 26% minority representation (all-time high)
  
- b. Academics:
  - i. 93% graduation rate for those exhausting eligibility
  - ii. 65% graduation rate for those receiving aid as freshmen (all-time high)
    - 1. 34% University graduation rate
  - iii. Cumulative GPA of all student-athletes is 3.17 (all-time high)
  - iv. 2 athletic academic advisors working with student-athletes (previously 4 advisors in FY11)
  - v. Note: Detailed report to be provided in December
  
- c. Scholarships:
  - i. Approximately 200 athletic scholarships
  - ii. Approximately 100 student-athletes receive full-scholarships
  - iii. Approximately 200 student-athletes receive partial-scholarships
  - iv. Approximately 100 student-athletes receive no scholarship support

#### IV. Finances

- a. \$14,000,00 Total Budget:
  - i. 32% Scholarships
  - ii. 41% Personnel
  - iii. 27% Operating
- b. Revenue Sources:
  - i. Approx. 25% Generated by Athletic Department
  - ii. Approx. 75% University support
- c. Penguin Club Events (booster group) - Generates over \$500,000 in revenue:
  - i. Jamboree – Fall
  - ii. Scholarship / Ring Banquet – Winter
  - iii. Golf – Summer
- d. Endowments:
  - i. Nearly \$7,250,000 in endowments housed at YSUF and YSU
  - ii. Generating nearly \$250,000 in revenue
- e. Gender Equity Plan (2011-2015)
- f. Note: Detailed report to be provided in June

#### V. Other

- a. Mission and Vision Statements (attached under Tab 2)
- b. Facilities:
  - i. Stambaugh Stadium (football)
  - ii. Beeghly Center (basketball, volleyball, and swimming)
  - iii. YSU Tennis Courts
  - iv. Indoor Practice Facility (WATTS)
  - v. Eastwood Field and Cene Park (baseball)
  - vi. West of Fifth Avenue (softball, track, and soccer)
- c. Community Outreach:
  - i. Nearly 2,500 area youth participate in our summer camps
  - ii. Student-athletes and coaches participated in over 150 events touching over 20,000 members of the community
- d. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (IAC)
- e. NCAA Rules Compliance:
  - i. Compliance audit completed every four years by the Horizon League – Last one completed in 2010
  - ii. In 2012 utilized an outside agency (Ice Miller LLP) to provide a review focusing solely on NCAA compliance issues
  - iii. Note: Detailed report to be provided in March

**AGENDA ITEM: C.1.a.2.**

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Review of Mission and Vision Statements for Intercollegiate Athletics

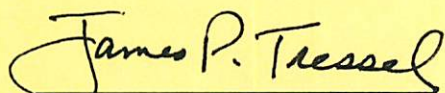
**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Ron Strollo, Executive Director of Athletics

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Trustees has requested an annual overview of the Intercollegiate Athletics Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:** The mission of Intercollegiate Athletics at YSU is to support the University's mission in nurturing educational and personal success of student-athletes through competitive athletic opportunities in a climate of mutual respect, integrity, and personal accountability. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to fielding competitive teams while supporting our student-athletes educational aspirations.

**RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

**REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

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James P. Tressel, President



### MISSION STATEMENT (OUR PURPOSE)

**The mission of Intercollegiate Athletics at YSU is to support the University's mission in nurturing educational and personal success of student-athletes through competitive athletic opportunities in a climate of mutual respect, integrity, and personal accountability.**

***The Intercollegiate Athletics Department is committed to:***

1. Welfare of Student-Athletes
2. Academic Integrity
3. Gender Equity
4. Diversity of Student-Athletes and Staff
5. Sportsmanship and Ethical Integrity by Student-Athletes, Staff, and Boosters
6. Fiscal Integrity
7. Community Outreach

### VISION STATEMENT (OUR DESTINATION)

Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to fielding competitive teams in the Horizon League while achieving national excellence in the Missouri Valley Football Conference as well as the Football Championship Subdivision that manifest the University's ethical, academic and civic values. In concert with the pursuit of athletic excellence, athletics will provide exceptional value and benefit to its student-athlete population through excellent academic support and guidance in order to obtain respectable graduation rates and scholastic honors. The athletic and academic goals will be achieved through fiscal responsibility and the utmost integrity, while demonstrating unrivaled pride and fostering relationships with the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys.





## Critical Issues

- A. Enrollment/Retention** • Intercollegiate Athletics will assist the University in academic attainment, enrollment initiatives, on-campus housing population, and achievement of appropriate graduation rate standards.
- B. Programs/Teaching, Learning & Research** • Intercollegiate Athletics will assist in preparing student-athletes for economic productivity and to undertake civic and leadership responsibilities.
- C. Financial Resources** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to the strategic and efficient use of resources, to creating additional resources to fund athletic scholarships, and to responsible stewardship.
- D. Image/Market** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to communicating a positive image of our student-athletes, coaches, department, and University through publications, radio, television, and the athletic website.
- E. Student Services (Student-Athlete Welfare)** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to defining and communicating student-athlete expectations. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to advance, both on and off the field, the safety and well being of each student-athlete.
- F. Diversity (& Gender Equity)** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to providing equal access, participation, and support for men and women student-athletes. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to nurturing an environment that values all individuals and groups, and that is free of discrimination.
- G. Technology** • Intercollegiate Athletics will utilize technology to meet academic, athletic, and communications goals.
- H. Community Engagement (Outreach)** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to supporting community outreach initiatives and to enhancing the positive image of the University.
- I. Human Resources Development** • Intercollegiate Athletics will participate in University initiatives to develop a competent, motivated, diverse, and competitively paid workforce. Athletic staff will further develop their professional competencies to educate student-athletes and to fostering an environment conducive for a rewarding experience at YSU.
- J. Facilities** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to providing competitive facilities to recruit and retain quality student-athletes, enhance the fan experience, and attract Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) events.
- K. Ethical Integrity** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to the highest ethical standards and will always conduct activities in compliance with the rules and regulations of the University, member conferences, and the NCAA.
- L. Competitiveness** • Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to fielding competitive teams in the Horizon League that manifest the University's ethical, academic, and civic values. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to achieving national excellence in Football Championship Subdivision.

