

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**  
**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Gary R. Heminger, chair  
Michael F. Kiggin, vice chair  
Alan A. Stockmeister  
Elizabeth P. Kessler  
Jeff M.S. Kaplan  
Pierre Bigby  
Bradley R. Kastan  
George A. Skestos  
Kendall C. Buchan  
John W. Zeiger (*ex officio*)

Location: Mount Leadership Room, Longaberger Alumni House  
2200 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43210

Time: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

**Public Session**

**8:00-8:10 a.m.**

*ITEM FOR DISCUSSION*

1. *Athletics Director's Report – Mr. Ross Bjork*

8:00-8:05 a.m.

*ITEM FOR ACTION*

2. Approval of February 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gary Heminger

8:05-8:10 a.m.

**Executive Session**

**8:10-11:00 a.m.**

# End of Term Student-Athlete Grade Report

Category	Statistic
Teams Above a 3.0 CUM	All 36
Teams Above a 3.0 Term	35 out of 36*
Overall CUM GPA	3.399 (still waiting on 110 credits – could go above 3.4)
Overall Term GPA	3.38
Perfect 4.0 GPA	139 (14%)
Above 3.0 Term GPA	667 (65%)
Above 3.0 Cum GPA	804 (79%)
Number of Students	1022
Academic All Big Ten (Fall & Winter Sports)	250
Spring Graduates	212 (4 Degree Completion)
Teams above 3.5 GPA (term)	15

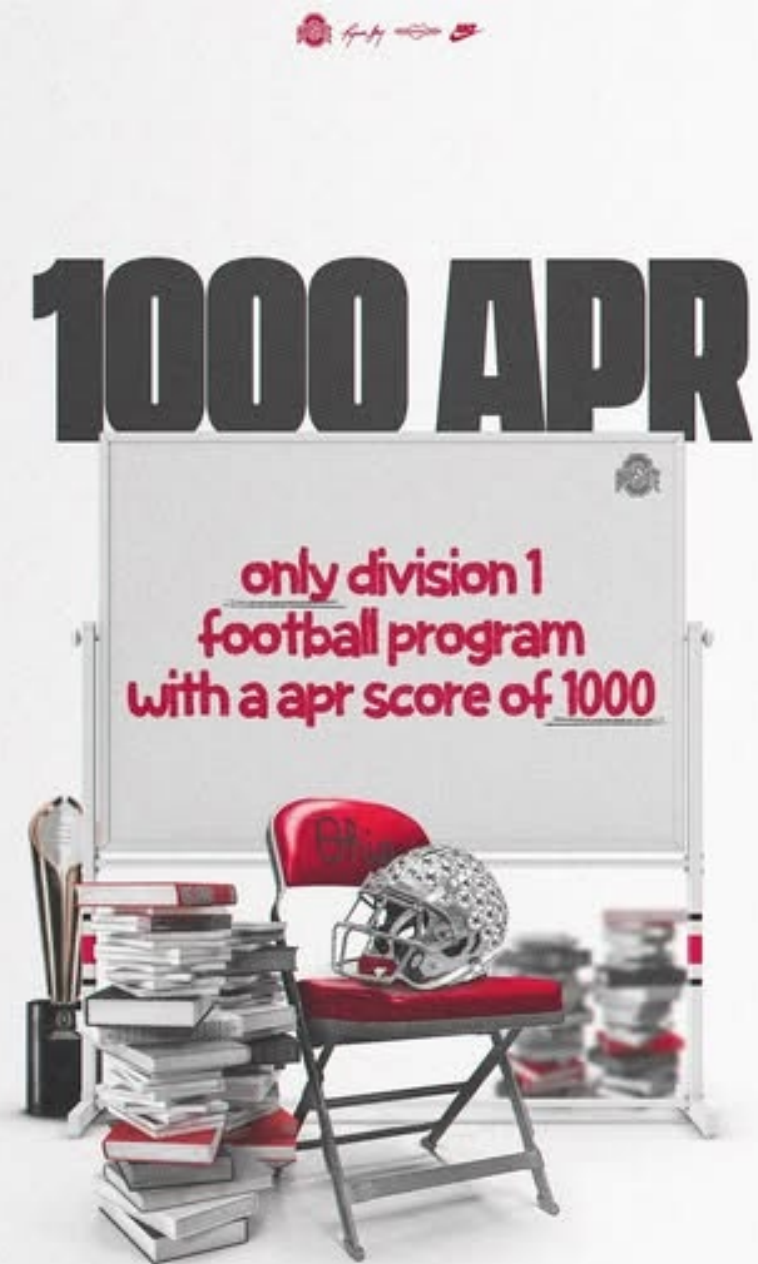
\*One team not above 3.0 has a 2.91



## Academic Progress Rate (APR)\* Success

- Perfect multi-year scores - men's and women's cross country, men's fencing, men's football, men's golf, women's soccer and women's volleyball
- Single-year results for 2023-24, 18 programs had perfect single year scores – 7 teams above plus men's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's fencing, men's golf, men's and women's gymnastics, men's hockey, men's lacrosse, softball, women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's track and field, men's and women's volleyball and wrestling.

\*APR tracks the academic performance of student-athletes per semester, giving credit to the institution for each student-athlete for eligibility and retention





## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

*February 17, 2025 – Athletics Committee Meeting*

### **Members Present:**

Gary R. Heminger  
Michael F. Kiggin  
Alan A. Stockmeister  
Elizabeth P. Kessler

Jeff M.S. Kaplan  
Pierre Bigby  
Bradley R. Kastan

George R. Skestos  
Kendall C. Buchan  
John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

**Members Present via Zoom:** N/A

**Members Absent:** N/A

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Athletics Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Monday, February 17, 2025, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

Mr. Heminger started the meeting by congratulating Mr. Ross Bjork, Mr. Ryan Day and the Ohio State football team on its recent national championship victory. Mr. Bjork and Mr. Day thanked the Board for its support over the past season and particularly during this period of massive change in college football. Mr. Day also noted the team's significant academic success, including a perfect Academic Progress Rate score, which is tied for best in the country.

### **Item for Discussion:**

1. Athletics Director's Report: Mr. Bjork noted that the Ohio State Department of Athletics currently has 24 sports in season. He also detailed preparations in Ohio Stadium for the upcoming National Hockey League "Stadium Series" game on March 1 between the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Detroit Red Wings.

Mr. Bjork reinforced Mr. Day's comments on academic success, noting that the cumulative and collective grade-point average of Ohio State student-athletes is 3.368, one of the highest on record. He then outlined areas of focus for the department, including implementation of the *House* settlement, governance work across the NCAA and the need for federal legislation to create uniform rules nationwide. He closed his report by noting the value of the Buckeyes' College Football Playoff appearances. The department estimates that the playoff generated approximately \$17 million in media exposure, social media engagement and brand awareness.

### **Item for Action:**

2. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the November 18, 2024, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.



## EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Heminger and seconded by Mr. Kaplan that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets required to be kept confidential by federal and state statutes and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public officials, which are required to be kept confidential under Ohio law.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Heminger, Mr. Kiggin, Mr. Stockmeister, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Dr. Buchan and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 2:54 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.