

Athletic Director's Report



2025-2026 SASSO Report

Category	Statistic
Teams Above a 3.0 CUM	36 out of 36
Teams Above a 3.0 for 2025-2026	36 out of 36
Overall CUM GPA (SP26)	3.41*
Overall Term GPA (SP26)	3.38
Perfect 4.0 GPA	119 (12%)
Above 3.0 Term GPA	662 (69%)
Above 3.0 Cum GPA	793 (82%)
Number of Students	966
2025-2026 Graduates	213 (5 Degree Completion)
Ohio State Scholar Athletes	79%

*93 credits ungraded/GPA can only increase



APR Highlights 2024-2025 (Released May 2026)

- Third-consecutive multiyear perfect score for football; The Ohio State University and the University of Alabama are the only football programs (from both FBS and FCS) that currently have perfect (1000) multi-year APRs.
- Ohio State single-year APR score of 995 is the highest single-year APR score since also achieving a 995 during the 2019-20 academic year.
- The overall Ohio State multi-year APR increased to 991 (from 990) for the 2024-25 academic year.
- **20 programs with a perfect (1000) single-year APR:** Men's Basketball; Men's Cross Country; Football; Men's Golf; Men's Gymnastics; Men's Ice Hockey; Men's Swimming; Men's Tennis; Men's Volleyball; Men's Wrestling; Women's Basketball; Women's Cross Country; Women's Fencing; Field Hockey; Women's Golf; Women's Gymnastics; Women's Ice Hockey; Women's Lacrosse; Women's Tennis; Women's Volleyball
- **10 programs earned multi-year APRs in the top 10% of all squads in their respective sport:** Field Hockey; Football; Men's Cross Country; Men's Golf; Men's Volleyball; Women's Cross Country; Women's Gymnastics; Women's Soccer; Women's Tennis; Women's Volleyball



2025-2026 Points of Pride

- **4** National Championships
 - Pistol, Dance, Spirit, Brutus!
- **10** Buckeye teams finished in top 8 Nationally: Currently **4th** in Director's Cup standings
- **5** Conference Championships
 - Men's Fencing, Women's Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's Lacrosse
- **6** Individual National Champions
- **14** Individual Conference Champions
- **20** Player/Athlete of the Year
- **6** Coaches of the Year
- **63** All Americans
- **804** Scholar Athletes



2025-2026 Points of Pride

- **All-time high football ticket revenue** fueled all-time overall ticket revenue for all sports
- **Second best** fund-raising year (\$85M) on record (2024-25 was previous record year)
- **Record year** for licensing & trademark revenue (\$25M)
- **Host four** major concerts in Ohio Stadium (*21 Pilots in October 2026 as well*)
- **Record year for sponsorship** & multi-media sales
- **Increased revenue by 62%** in only the second year of operating Mershon Auditorium
- **Major modernization projects** for Ohio Stadium - the largest scale since the 2001 renovation
- **Launched Ohio State Events** to focus on national and regional events bringing their business to campus.
- **Consolidating all sources of data** which will yield up to 5 million unique customer profiles





SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

March 5, 2026 – Athletics Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Gary R. Heminger
Elizabeth P. Kessler
Jeff M.S. Kaplan

Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan
George R. Skestos

Patrick C. Arp
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 Thursday, March 5, 2026, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Item for Discussion:

1. Athletics Director's Report: Mr. Ross Bjork, Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Athletics Director, reviewed several recent and ongoing developments across the Department of Athletics. Buckeye student-athletes continue to excel in their sports. The recently completed Winter Olympics featured 12 current or former Ohio State women's hockey players, who were members of each of the three national teams that medaled. He also noted that senior guard Bruce Thornton is 12 points away from breaking Buckeye basketball's all-time scoring record of 2,096 points. Mr. Bjork then discussed several ongoing or pending facility upgrades as well as updates to the continually evolving collegiate athletics landscape.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

Item for Action:

2. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the December 4, 2025, 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 Ms. Kessler that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets and personnel matters related to the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

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

The committee entered into executive session at 10:38 a.m., and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.