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Policy on Academic-Eligibility-Progress Towards Degree Status

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Related Policies:

Additional References:

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain institutional control and academic integrity during the semester review of continuing student-athletes in order to evaluate appropriate progress towards degree.

B. Scope:

This policy applies to all continuing student athletes on a semester-to-semester basis. (This policy excludes Winterim.)

C. Key Word(s) & Phrases:

NCAA Bylaw 14.01.2.1: Good Academic Standing; To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member.

NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3 as per NCAA guidelines manual (paper copy pages 82-87, PDF pages 116-121)

D. Policy & Procedures:

Certification of continuing student-athletes will be completed by the office of compliance and will be certified by the Registrar or the Registrar’s designee, with spot checks completed by the FAR, and acknowledgment by the Athletic Director.

To be eligible to represent Cheyney University of PA in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as determined by the regulations of Cheyney University of PA.
During the first 2 years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits accepted toward ANY degree program at the University to certify eligibility. Starting with the fifth (5th) semester (3rd year of full-time status), all credits used to maintain eligibility standards MUST count towards the student-athlete’s specific degree. Student-athletes at Cheyney University must pass 9 credits per full-time semester that are degree worthy to maintain eligibility from semester to semester.

1. The Assistant Registrar and the Compliance Team checks the hours earned, the grade point average, and designation of major for all student-athletes at the end of each term. The compliance team will enter the information in CAI. Information will then be double-checked at the beginning of the term to ensure correct reporting.

2. As a preventative measure, a list of student-athletes who receive mid-term academic warnings will be provided by the Academic Cohort Coordinator to the FAR, the Compliance team, the Director of Athletics and the respective coach(es) to allow time to find appropriate advising and academic support.

3. The Compliance Team is responsible for notifying the FAR, Head Coach and the Director of Athletics (or designee) of each student-athlete’s eligibility status via a spreadsheet sent by email.

4. The FAR and Director of Athletics re-evaluate all student-athletes’ status to ensure that the results are accurate.

5. The Compliance Team notifies the Head Coach of the athletes not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics for the upcoming semester.

6. It is the Head Coach’s responsibility to make certain that the student-athlete does not practice or compete if the standard has not been met.