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**SUBJECT:    INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC POLICY**

Intercollegiate Athletics at Central Michigan University is an integral part of the institution's educational mission. In this regard, the Board of Trustees is committed to offering a broad-based athletic program. The management and operation of the athletic program is viewed as a responsibility of University administration. Certain factors, however, are deemed to be of sufficient importance in providing a framework for the athletic program and are identified below.

1. Central Michigan University is committed to maintaining Division IA status with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Towards this end, the institution will abide by all provisions of the NCAA Constitution.
2. Central Michigan University maintains membership in the Mid-American Athletic conference(MAC) and abides by all conference Bylaws. The Conference is principally governed by the Council of Presidents, and supported by a Faculty Board and the Athletic Directors Association. Powers and responsibilities of these bodies are outlined in the Conference Bylaws.
3. Central Michigan University will maintain a balanced program of intercollegiate athletics. On such occasions where there is a planned addition or deletion of sports from the program, a comprehensive position paper will be prepared for approval by the appropriate Vice President and the President.
4. Central Michigan University maintains an Athletic Committee which is a standing committee off the Academic Senate. This committee is charged with:
  - (a)Representing the concerns of the student athlete (both academic and athletic in nature) to the Academic Senate and the University community (e.g., athletic department, academic departments, University administration, etc.);
  - (b)Serving as a buffer or liaison group to monitor both the athletic and academic goals of the University and provide for a balance which is acceptable to the University as a whole;
  - (c)Working to maintain the proper perspective of athletic competition within the university life of the student athlete.
5. Central Michigan University recognizes the importance of providing equal opportunities for intercollegiate competition for men and women. The institution is committed to maintaining a level of support which insures the continued balance of intercollegiate sports offerings to both men and women.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and accepts the recommendations of the Gender Equity Committee and authorizes the president to take appropriate action to ensure the university's ongoing compliance with

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Title IX, starting with the addition of a women's golf program no later than 2014-2015 and women's lacrosse no later than 2015-2016. Also, CMU will achieve substantial proportionality with the ratio of male/female sport participation to male/female undergraduate enrollment no later than 2018-2019. The implementation of these actions shall be contingent upon the acceptance by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights of CMU's plans for achieving substantial proportionality as set forth in the Gender Equity Plan.