

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2002

TO: Marilee Bresciani, Director of Assessment

FROM: Philip Moses, Director, Academic Support Program for Student Athletes

RE: Application of NSSE to ASPSA

The National Student Survey on Engagement seeks the student's experience with respect to established "benchmarks of effective educational practices" (NSSE, 2002). Because the data does not break out data relative to the responses of student athletes, it is difficult to determine how the students we serve might have answered the questions. Their experience is so unique that we cannot assume they would fall into a 95% confidence interval for the data provided.

ASPSA conducts one survey among all classes of student-athletes, the ASPSA Evaluation Survey. There are several questions on this survey that relate to subject areas covered by the NSSE; these provide valuable feedback on functional areas within ASPSA. The SACQ, NACADA, and LASSI are conducted with freshmen student-athletes and give us specific information on our first-year students with respect to such diverse subjects as social adjustment to college, test preparation and quality of advising. Because of the nature of our population, this data is much more useful to us.