

## **FAQ: Intercollegiate Athletics**

- 1. Why these particular sports? How much money will this save the university since they seem to have a low impact to the budget?**

Every sport is important to our campuses and our community, but we are facing unprecedented funding challenges. We established criteria with priority given to those sports needed so that we could maintain our GNAC membership, that maintained the gender equity requirements of Title IX, and cost.

- 2. In the waiver application why was hockey named specifically as a sport to keep when it is the most expensive sport?**

In making these decision, cost was a driving factor, but it was not the only one. We applied a set of reasonable criteria that included keeping specific sports required by GNAC in order to keep our membership in that conference, making sure we are adhering to the gender equity requirements of Title IX, keeping the strong instate rivalry between UAA and UAF and cost.

- 3. If the waiver isn't approved, how will UAA and UAF meet the 20 percent budget reduction in athletics in FY18?**

If the waiver isn't granted, we will look at another configuration, which might be different at UAA than at UAF. At UAA we'd reduce to 10 sports and evaluate the one to add back in. At UAF there would be additional reductions across all sports with significant reductions to scholarships.

- 4. How do Title IX requirements impact the decisions about what sports to keep and what to cut?**

We strive for gender equity in our athletics programs so Title IX requirements weighed heavily in the decisions.

- 5. If the waiver is granted for a limited period of time, will the University end up having to add teams back to their programs after the waiver expires? Will this cost more money in the long run if we need to rebuild programs?**

One of the requirements of the waiver is to have a plan within a set period of time to bring back the program eliminated. We believe these programs in particular offer us the best chance for reclaiming them when we are able to do so.

- 6. What are the chances the NCAA will grant the waiver?**

The NCAA has indicated generally that it is open to this plan. We would not have filed it if we thought it had no chance of success.