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Office of the President  
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

## ATHLETICS SELF-STUDY REPORT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve for submission to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) the attached 2003-2004 Athletics Self-Study for NCAA Division I Certification.

Background: In 1993, the NCAA voted to approve periodic evaluation of its Division I athletics programs to ensure that they meet minimum specified standards of operation (Operating Principles). By setting standards and opening the affairs of athletics to the university community and the public, athletics certification is meant to ensure the NCAA's fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Division I institutions complete initial evaluation of their athletics programs by conducting an institutional self-study. Following completion and submission of the self-study report, the institution is visited by a peer review team whose charge is to verify the report's findings, completeness, and the opportunity provided for broad-based input into the study. Institutions found to be in substantial compliance with the Operating Principles receive NCAA certification. The University of Kentucky completed first-cycle certification review during the 1995-96 academic year. Second-cycle review began for all Division I institutions during 1999. The NCAA has subsequently announced that certification review will take place every ten years. UK's second-cycle self-study review officially began in December 2003. Following data gathering, the final draft report was completed in November, 2004.

(Go to [www.uky.edu/Home/NCAA](http://www.uky.edu/Home/NCAA) to review the Athletics Self-Study Report)

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Action taken:  Approved  Disapproved  Other \_\_\_\_\_