



Athletics Report Preliminary Report

February 13, 2026

Agenda Item #1: Department News

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Purpose:

To provide an update of conference players of the week and other notable award recipients since Nov 1, 2025.



Vanessa Swerdon, Senior

Toronto, ON, Canada

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

Swerdon led the Lakers in sets played and averaged 4.08 assists per set. The senior scored 18 service aces during the 2025 campaign, leading LSSU. She also averaged 1.76 digs per set. Swerdon excelled in distribution, passing efficiently for the Lakers all season, while playing smooth, dependable defense. She had the third most digs on the team.



Fedor Mironov, Sophomore

Moscow, RUS

GLIAC Swimmer of the Week (12/23/25)

At the Shark Invitational at Nova Southeastern, Fedor Mironov competed in one of the best fields in NCAA Division II. Mironov, racing against full internationals, won the 100 Yard Freestyle race by tying Nova Southeastern's Gavin Lindley. He beat Lynn University's Maurice Grabowski, who broke the NCAA Division II 100 Yard Individual Medley record during the weekend, surging past him with tremendous resolve in the back half of the race. The time won the race, stamped Mironov's personal best in the event and marked the second time this season that Mironov has hit the NCAA "B" qualification in the event. Mironov also finished third in the 50 Yard Freestyle, with a time of 20.13, rounding out his stellar weekend.



Omar Suleiman, Redshirt Sophomore
Canton, MI

GLIAC Men's Basketball Offensive Player of the Week (11/30/25)
Omar starred against #9 Gannon and Lawrence Tech. Against Gannon, he scored 19 points by attacking the rim and drawing 13 free throws. He converted a key play in the second half, drawing a foul on a three-pointer and hitting all three shots to put the Lakers in the lead. He also grabbed six rebounds, passed for three assists, blocked a shot and stole the ball twice. Against LTU, he scored 22 points and hit six three-pointers.



Grace Bradford, Senior
Maple City, MI

GLIAC Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Week (12/22/25)
Bradford played a massive role in three Laker wins that closed out 2025. Against Walsh, a 65-59 home win, she scored 16 points and snatched 22 rebounds – a new career high – with 14 defensive and eight offensive boards. In the process, she passed Chris Nance ('96) for second on the all-time Laker rebounding list. Then, against UIS, Bradford stuffed the stat sheet with 16 points and 13 rebounds. She grabbed 10 rebounds in the fourth quarter alone.

Then she hit the game winner with five seconds remaining against Upper Iowa, attacking the defense relentlessly down the stretch and posting a line of 15 points, 10 rebounds, a block and two steals.



Chloe Watson, Junior
Hemlock, MI
GLIAC Women's Basketball Offensive Player of the Week Honorable Mention (1/12/26)

Watson scored 14 points from the bench against Wisconsin Parkside, then led the Lakers with 17 points in a 57-52 win over Roosevelt. Head Coach Grace Howrigon called her "fearless" after the win, as she consistently attacked the defense with her effective shooting.



William Ahlrik, Sophomore
Tidaholm, SWE
CCHA Forward of the Week (11/3/25)
Ahlrik's had an incredible sophomore season for LSSU, and his weekend in upstate New York stamped his claim as one of the league's best young players. Against St. Lawrence on 10/31/25, he scored the tying goal at 19:26.2 of the third after assisting another at 18:18, erasing a 3-1 St. Lawrence lead and earning a tie for LSSU. The next night, he dominated Clarkson in a 6-2 win, scoring a goal and assisting two more. In the process, he went 12-7 in the faceoff circle against St. Lawrence and 13-5 against Clarkson.



Rorke Applebee, Sophomore

Chateauguay, QC, CAN

CCHA Goaltender of the Week (1/5/26)

Mike Richter Award Watch List (1/14/26)

Applebee has dazzled for Lake State this year, and he had another outstanding weekend in a rivalry series against Northern Michigan. He backstopped the Lakers with 29 saves and 43 saves in a pair of 2-1 wins, as the Lakers beat NMU twice. On January 14th, he was named to the Mike Richter Award Watch List – the award is given to the best goaltender in college hockey. His numbers

have only continued to improve. On January 17th, he shut out Bowling Green on the road, something that no team has done in well over a year. He's made 30 or more saves in 12 different games this season.



Louis Boudon, Class of 2023

Grenoble, FRA

2026 French Men's Ice Hockey Olympic Team

Louis Boudon, who captained LSSU from 2021 to 2023, was named to the French Men's Ice Hockey Olympic Team. One of the great leaders in Laker history, Boudon was a two-time captain who won the 2021 WCHA Tournament Championship with LSSU, guiding the team back to the NCAA Tournament. At the time of the announcement, Boudon was completing a permanent transfer from ECHL club Atlanta Gladiators to Finnish Liiga side Jukurit. He was fourth in the ECHL in scoring at the time, led all Gladiators forwards in points and led the league in game-winning goals with five.



Lukas Kaelble, Class of 2021

Mannheim, GER

2026 German Men's Ice Hockey Olympic Team

Lukas Kaelble captained the Lakers during the 2020/21 season that saw the Lakers win the WCHA Tournament Championship and qualify for the NCAA Tournament. Since then, Kaelble won the ECHL's Kelly Cup twice before moving back to Germany to continue his pro hockey career. After a season with DEL side Fischtown Pinguins, he signed for his hometown club Adler Mannheim, where he continues to excel. Kaelble played for Germany at U16, U17, U18, U19, and U20 levels and now competes for the senior level Olympic team.

Nine ACHA Division I Women's Hockey players were named Academic All-Americans in mid-January:



Lindsey Tonello, Senior, Nursing

Cadillac, MI

ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Asia Kachuk, Senior, Environmental Science
Sherwood Park, ALTA, CAN
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Linnea Preugaschas, First Year, Environmental Science
Buffalo, MN
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Kennedi Johnson, Senior, Business
Meeteetsi, WY
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Sophie Gibbs, Senior, Kinesiology
Okotoks, ALTA, CAN
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Tessa Deal, Senior, Kinesiology
West Salem, WI
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Sarah Lamb, Senior, Kinesiology
St. Ignace, MI
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Tirzah Carradice, First Year, Kinesiology
Rainy River, ON, CAN
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American



Audrey Pearson, Senior, Criminal Justice
Kalamazoo, MI
ACHA Women's Hockey Academic All-American

Suggested Action/Motion:
N/A

President's Recommendation:
N/A



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Agenda Item #2: Social Media Impressions for Laker Athletics

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Purpose:

To review current social media impressions data from November 7, 2025 to January 16, 2026 with comparison to last year in a similar time period.

Social Media Accounts	Facebook	X	Instagram	Tik-Tok	Total	% Increase From 8/1-11/1/24
Men's Ice Hockey	909.3 K	82,829	1.8 M	1,121	2,793,250	138.8%
GLIAC Team Accounts	248,700	24,290	663,400	N/A	936,390	-18.3%
Main Athletics Accounts	118,300	1,300	132,800	N/A	252,400	71.2%
Combined All Accounts	1,276,300	108,419	2,596,200	1,121	3,982,040	61.7%

We observed leaps in out-of-season interaction over the past few months and continue to see large surges for in-season content. Instagram continues to perform extremely well, outpacing prior growth rates. X lags behind Instagram and Facebook for LSSU interactions, but that reflects a general trend. Facebook and Instagram are two of the most-used platforms in the world, while X has seen decline in its user base in recent years. It's also not as image-friendly, an area that's driven a significant amount of our growth. The rate of increase in areas like Content Interactions, Follows, Reach and Visits on our Meta platforms continues to vastly outpace previous rates. Events like the Kwik Trip Holiday Faceoff, the announcements of two alumni players to their respective nation's Olympic teams, and the upcoming Superior Ice Showdown have drawn large responses from the audience, particularly for Laker Hockey.

Suggested Action/Motion:

N/A

President's Recommendation:

N/A



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Agenda Item #3: Academic Success Rate (ASR) Report NCAA Division II

Information

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Discussion

Purpose:

To provide a brief overview of the Academic Success Rate (ASR) Report that includes data from the 2024-25 academic year, compared to the previous four years.

Background:

1. The Academic Success Rate (ASR) is a graduating metric that was developed by NCAA presidents and chancellors. It includes transfers into the school, midyear enrollees, and non-scholarship student-athletes. Graduation must occur within six years of initial college entry. The 2023-24 ASR information for LSSU was submitted on December 8. The LSSU ASR was 88 while the overall NCAA DII ASR was 77 for all sports, and 83 for the sports that LSSU competes in.
2. Tables below:

Rate Calculations	
Federal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First-time fall freshmen on athletics aid.	$\frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^*}$
ASR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First-time fall freshmen on athletics aid.• Transfers.• Midyear enrollees.• Nonscholarship student-athletes.	$\frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^* - \text{Left Eligible}}$

* Exclusions include death, permanent disability, church mission, and military or foreign service.
Note: Both rates use a six-year window from initial collegiate enrollment.

ASR (Academic Success Rate 2015-2018 Cohort): The percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years of enrolling in college.

	LSSU	Student Athletes		Federal Rate
		ASR		
DII Overall	90%	76%		54%
DII Men	91%	69%		48%
DII Women	89%	88%		57%

	LSSU ASR '25	LSSU ASR '24	LSSU ASR '23	LSSU ASR '22	LSSU ASR '21
Volleyball	92	92	75	74	71
Women's Basketball	89	87	90	87	100
Men's Basketball	82	74	70	65	65
Women's Track/XC	88	88	84	79	77
Men's Track/XC	92	87	88	87	77
Women's Swimming	Future				
Men's Swimming	Future				
OVERALL	90	88	84	82	81

	LSSU ASR '25	DII
Volleyball	92	69
Women's Basketball	89	60
Men's Basketball	82	77
Women's Track/XC	88	88
Men's Track/XC	92	81
Women's Swimming	Future	
Men's Swimming	Future	
OVERALL	90	76

Suggested Action/Motion:

N/A

President's Recommendation:

N/A



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Agenda Item #4: NCAA Student-athlete Academic Achievement for Fall Semester 2025

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

To provide an overview of student-athlete academic performance for Fall Semester 2025 as well as compare their performance to the previous two years.

Background:

This chart compares the LSSU Fall 2025, and Cumulative Team GPAs with the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as well as all Division II 2025 Cumulative Team GPAs. Highlighted boxes indicate where LSSU GPAs exceeded that of the GLIAC.

	LSSU Fall '23 Semester	LSSU Fall '24 Semester	LSSU Fall '25 Semester	LSSU Cumulative	GLIAC 2024 Cumulative	DII 2024 Cumulative
Women's XC	3.45	3.41	3.71	3.69	3.62	3.46
Men's XC	3.34	3.42	3.16	3.23	3.47	3.25
Men's Track	3.14	3.30	3.11	3.22	3.17	3.07
Women's Track	3.47	3.37	3.63	3.60	3.49	3.35
Women's BB	3.41	3.18	3.56	3.52	3.49	3.39
Men's BB	3.06	3.17	3.21	3.05	3.07	3.01
Men's Swimming	N/A	3.41	3.02	3.63	3.26	3.28
Women's Swimming	N/A	3.00	3.48	3.29	3.53	3.46
Volleyball	3.45	3.27	3.31	3.37	3.54	3.48
Hockey	3.26	3.45	3.52	3.47	3.38	3.43
TOTAL ALL	3.32	3.30	3.40	3.41	3.42	3.32

Highlighted in green indicates LSSU team exceeding the GLIAC cumulative.

Suggested Action/Motion:

N/A

President's Recommendation:

N/A



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Agenda Item #5: Corporate Sponsorship

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Purpose:

To provide an annual overview of the corporate partnerships between local partners and the athletics department for 2025-26, highlighting new partnership in the first 3-months of working with Taymar Sales U.

Background:

1. Current Corporate Partners

- 4Front Credit Union
- Albert Heat & Cooling
- Bridge FM TSE Broadcasting LLC (New)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (New)
- Central Saving Bank
- Chippewa County Health Department (New)
- Cloverland Electric Cooperative
- Dominos Pizza
- Edward Jones – Josh Macdonald
- Famous Soo Locks Boat Cruises (New)
- Fudge Du Locke/Zak & Mac's
- GFL Environmental
- Ginop Sales
- Guido's Premium Pizza (New)
- Hampton Inn
- H&R Block
- Heritage Signs and Graphics (New)
- Kewadin Casino and Hotel
- Meijer
- Moloney's Alley
- MyMichigan Health
- Nicolet Bank
- Rodenroth Motors

- Soo Builders (New)
- SCCU Insurance Agency
- Soo Co-Op Credit Union
- Soo Motors
- Sovereign Communications
- Team Rubinstein / 5 Water Realty
- Wendy's
- Wicked Sister
- Yooper Pasty

Suggested Action/Motion:

N/A

President's Recommendation:

N/A



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Agenda Item #6: Norris Center Use

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Purpose:

To provide an overview of the usage rates of the Norris Center, including the Arbuckle Student Activities Center and Aquatics Center.

Weekly Average Arbuckle Check-ins from November 1st to January 1st, 2026

- Students: 385
- General Members: 315
- Tribal Members: 133
- Coast Guard Member: 112
- Day Passes: 42
- Total Weekly Average: 987

Arbuckle Group Users

- Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts
- Pickford/Cedarville Basketball
- Soo Soccer Association
- Special Olympics
- Sault Competitive Aquatics Team
- EUP Community Pickleball
- Sault Storm Volleyball
- National Guard
- Drivers-Ed courses
- LSSU Track & Field Practice
- LSSU Drop-in Soccer Club
- LSSU Volleyball Club

Events hosted in the Arbuckle Student Activity Center

- Athletic Department Saturday Tailgates
- Northern Lights Basketball Tournament
- LSSU Nursing Department Health Fair

- Chippewa County Association's Gun Show
- Sault Area School's Basketball Tournament
- 14 Birthday Parties

Arbuckle Revenue for November 1st, 2025 to January 1st, 2026:

- Memberships: \$5,026
- Product: \$483
- Guest Passes: \$1,480
- Facility Rentals: \$8,444
- Total: \$15,433

Suggested Action/Motion:

N/A

President's Recommendation:

N/A