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Good morning Alicia,

Please forward to Curt Apsey, Christina Van Tol, Matt Brewer, and Jenny Bellomy on **Monday, June 10**.

IAAC faculty conducted student-athlete exit interviews on Thursday, May 2. Several IAAC faculty were also available for interviews outside the scheduled time for three student-athletes unable to participate at the scheduled time.

We interviewed 20 student athlete, representing women's cross country & track, women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, men's tennis, women's golf, gymnastics, and swimming & diving. That's a good participation rate.

I've attached a file with the interview write-ups, without student-athlete names.

Of note, student-athletes mentioned the following concerns:

- Anxiety over the new transfer rules and portal. Student-athletes felt that once their coach learned of their desire to transfer, they were quickly dropped from the team, cut off, and ignored by the coach. This created stress for the student-athletes. However, I do understand the other perspective: once a student-athlete indicates her or his desire to transfer, the coach then focuses resources/time on the student athlete who are staying/remaining on team. Although there has been considerable education on this topic given to student-athletes, on-going education is likely important.
- Comments by student-athletes focused on their current coach needing to improve her/his communication practices and including all players.

- Several student-athletes said coaches need to get to know their athletes outside sports.
- How coaches respond to mental health issues, as a team and one-on-one, and the resources available to student-athletes remain an area for improvement, including the perception of what information is shared and with whom
- A lack of representation of female role models, coaches, staff, and resources was mentioned.

I also want to draw your attention to comments made by one IAAC faculty member in regards to the culture in athletics. See bottom of **WTR5**.

Overall, one common theme I've heard/read during the e e it interview over the past couple of years is that most student athletes feel genuinely supported and cared about by athletic administration.

If you have questions, please let me know.

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