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1 (9:35 O'CLOCK, A. M.)

2 THE COURT: Good morning. Unless there's
3 anything to take up --

4 MS. GAMBARDELLA: There's an administrative
5 matter and a substantive matter.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. ORLEANS: Want to take those up first?

8 THE COURT: Sure.

9 MR. ORLEANS: By administrative matter, do you
10 mean the schedule?

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: The schedule.

12 MR. ORLEANS: Even before the scheduling, I have
13 one housekeeping. Now, Your Honor, we noticed yesterday
14 that Defendant's Exhibit 1 in the book appeared, it was
15 copied only on one side of the page. We only had the odd
16 number of pages because the original was double-sided. So
17 we have one Defendant's Exhibit --

18 THE COURT: Plaintiff's exhibit.

19 MR. ORLEANS: Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. I have
20 given a copy to counsel. Here's the substitute for the
21 book and here are two extras for the court's copies of the
22 exhibit.

23 The administrative matter that counsel referred
24 to, Your Honor, has to do with the schedule. I have a
25 proposal to make about scheduling, which is as follows.

1 This morning we've given defense counsel the
2 plaintiff's proposed designations from the deposition of
3 Dr. Lopiano. It's our anticipation that after the
4 conclusion of the testimony this morning, we'll confer
5 about that and try to work it out and try to get the
6 submissions to Your Honor before the end of the day. If
7 there's anything that needs to be argued, we'll let you
8 know about that.

9 We would also propose to get our trial briefs to
10 you by the end of the day, assuming that some lawyer on
11 each side has a little time after the testimony to go back
12 and polish them up.

13 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We'll get to it.

14 MR. ORLEANS: And then we would be available for
15 closing argument at the court's convenience, tomorrow or
16 Friday, if that works, or any other time that works for
17 the Court.

18 THE COURT: How about 1:30 tomorrow?

19 MS. GAMBARDELLA: That's fine, Judge.

20 MR. ORLEANS: Fine with me, Judge. Thank you.

21 And the other more substantive matter, I'll let
22 Ms. Gambardella and Mr. Hernandez --

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor may recall
24 yesterday some discussion about a witness that was added
25 late by the plaintiffs, Germaine Fairchild, and you'll

1 recall that Your Honor said you're just going to let
2 everybody's witnesses come in, and defendants took note of
3 that.

4 That having been said, there was some discussion
5 about my ability to depose the witness and you may also
6 recall that I waived my right to insist on a deposition or
7 have you rule on it and said I would just interview her,
8 and we scheduled that for 8:00 o'clock this morning.

9 It was a fiasco. She was evasive, she was
10 obstructive. It was clear she'd been instructed to make
11 me ask a specific question. I'll give you an example.

12 What conversations have you had with attorneys
13 for the plaintiffs about roster management?

14 What do you mean?

15 Have you spoken with attorneys for the other
16 side about roster management at Quinnipiac?

17 Well, you didn't ask me that.

18 I said, okay, I'm asking you that now.

19 Yes.

20 I said, what specifically did you tell
21 plaintiff's counsel or any of the plaintiffs, in
22 particular Coach Sparks, about roster management at
23 Quinnipiac?

24 You're going to have to ask me specific
25 questions.

1 I then proceeded for 20 minutes to administer
2 Novocaine and then pull teeth out of her head and I got
3 some information. After that, I then asked the witness
4 what is it that -- you've been disclosed for additional
5 purpose of revealing, quote unquote, recent developments
6 in the athletic department. What is it that you advised
7 the other side about this that would fall into that
8 category?

9 You're going to have to ask me specific
10 questions.

11 I said, look, forgive me, I can't be more
12 specific. You've been disclosed for this purpose.

13 Mr. Hernandez jumps in and says "We told you in
14 court." I said, look, Alex, you know, I have to tell you
15 I don't think it was much more specific than that. But
16 I'm trying to interview her. What are we going to do?

17 You're going to have to ask her specific
18 questions.

19 So I tried. I mean something as simple as what
20 are the seasons -- she's the woman's softball coach. What
21 are the seasons?

22 What do you mean season?

23 What seasons did you play?

24 Well, you're going to have be more specific.

25 I mean, Judge, that was 35 minutes this morning.

1 I finally gave up.

2 So, the reason I bring it up is, for the record,
3 it was not an interview, it was not a quality interview.
4 It was clearly obstructive and designed not to reveal
5 specific information to me.

6 So I'll be conducting part of my interview while
7 she's on the stand. That's the only reason I wanted to
8 explain it to you.

9 THE COURT: All right. We'll see how that
10 testimony goes.

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: And if we need to have a
13 postponement before --

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Yep.

15 THE COURT: -- before you take up your
16 witnesses. We'll take that issue up at the time.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just briefly, Your Honor, I
18 don't want my silence to in way be construed as an
19 agreement with Attorney Gambardella's representation of
20 what transpired. I am prepared to represent that there
21 was a meeting this morning and that's about as far as my
22 agreement with Attorney Gambardella goes.

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

24 MR. ORLEANS: Mr. McDonald isn't on the stand --

25 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We're ready.

1 THE COURT: Ready to go? All right, sir.

2 J O H N M c D O N A L D, called as a witness on
3 behalf of the Plaintiffs, having been previously duly
4 sworn by the Court, testified as follows:

5 THE COURT: Sir, you're still under oath. Thank
6 you.

7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. ORLEANS:

9 Q. Good morning, Mr. McDonald.

10 A. Good morning Jon.

11 Q. Mr. McDonald, yesterday when you testified you
12 mentioned you had the Maryland materials, is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Are you familiar with the materials that Quinnipiac
15 received from the University of Maryland about competitive
16 cheerleading?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And did those materials include any letter or ruling
19 of any kind from the OCR?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Endorsing competitive cheerleading as a varsity
22 sport?

23 A. Endorsement, guidelines, criteria. I don't have it
24 in front of me but there was some.

25 Q. And I'm talking about something issued by OCR as

1 opposed to a letter to OCR.

2 A. I --

3 Q. Let me ask you to look at Defendant's Exhibit G.

4 A. Got it.

5 Q. And if you would continue, Defendant's Exhibit H,
6 Defendant's Exhibit I, does that comprise the Maryland
7 materials?

8 A. Well, again, I don't have that packet with me but I
9 know there was a letter with OCR on the letterhead or --

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: It's F, Defendant's F.

11 THE COURT: F and G, I think.

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: And G.

13 MR. ORLEANS: F and G, okay.

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: H is the schedule.

15 MR. ORLEANS: Okay.

16 BY MR. ORLEANS:

17 Q. Take a look at Defendant's Exhibit F, Mr. McDonald.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Okay. This is a letter to the Department of
20 Education from Deborah Yow, the Director of Athletics at
21 OCR, correct?

22 A. Jon, I'm missing something here. I got one from
23 Minnesota.

24 Q. Defendant's F? Here, let's see. Maybe --

25 A. I see, okay, this one.

1 Q. This one, this is F?

2 A. All right, thanks. Sorry about that.

3 Q. Sure. F is a letter addressed to the Department of
4 Education from the University, from the University of
5 Maryland, from Deborah Yow of the University of Maryland,
6 correct?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. And G is a letter from David Haglund, the Associate
9 Athletic Director at Maryland to -- doesn't say who it's
10 from but, or who it's to but it's from Mr. Haglund at
11 Maryland and it encloses an article or website piece about
12 competitive cheerleading, correct?

13 A. Yes. This was, I think, a generic letter to schools
14 that expressed interest in cheerleading, competitive
15 cheer.

16 Q. Okay. Well, let me ask it this way. Isn't it
17 correct that in the Maryland materials that you referred
18 to -- well, withdrawn.

19 The letter that is Exhibit F from Mr. Reynolds -- or
20 from Ms. Yow to Mr. Reynolds, was included in the Maryland
21 materials, isn't that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And there wasn't anything that came back from
24 OCR to Maryland that said, yes, we approve, in words or
25 substance, was there?

1 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Sorry --

2 A. I thought there was.

3 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Foundation for this witness's
4 knowledge of whether or not OCR sent something back to
5 Maryland.

6 MR. ORLEANS: Well, the question is whether it
7 was included in the materials that he reviewed.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No, it's not included in the
9 materials.

10 THE COURT: With that clarification, you can
11 answer.

12 THE WITNESS: The question?

13 THE COURT: Did you receive as part of the
14 Maryland materials a response from Mr. Reynolds to
15 Ms. Yow?

16 THE WITNESS: I thought I did. There was a lot
17 there, but there certainly was a sense of comfort seeing
18 it.

19 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We'll stipulate, Your Honor,
20 that there's a reference in Exhibit F to a letter of 2003
21 from OCR to the University of Maryland. Defendants do not
22 have possession of that and did not include it in any
23 materials, if that helps.

24 MR. ORLEANS: I appreciate that.

25 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you.

1 BY MR. ORLEANS:

2 Q. Now, you testified yesterday, Mr. McDonald, to
3 requests to elevate cheer to a competitive sport, and I'm
4 sorry, I didn't quite get clear whether you received those
5 requests from the coach or from students or from both?

6 A. And as well as the institutions, gender plan, so
7 there was significant discussion on adding some woman's
8 programs.

9 Q. Were there any requests made in writing to elevate
10 competitive cheer specifically to the status of varsity
11 sport?

12 A. I don't think we put anything in writing to say we're
13 doing it but there's a lot of writing in our certification
14 study that says we're going to improve opportunities for
15 women.

16 Q. I understand that, but the question I'm asking is
17 whether you received written requests from students or the
18 cheer coach or anyone else to elevate competitive cheer?

19 A. No, never have in any other sport either.

20 Q. Are you familiar, Mr. McDonald, with the American
21 Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors?

22 A. Vaguely.

23 Q. Are you familiar with that organization's position on
24 the issue of cheerleading as a sport?

25 A. Outside of what was discussed yesterday, I didn't

1 know much about that.

2 Q. And are you familiar with the Women's Sports
3 Foundation?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And are you familiar with the Woman's Sports
6 Foundation's position on the issue of cheerleading as a
7 sport?

8 A. Yes, just basically through discussions here.

9 Q. And what's your understanding of the Women's Sports
10 Foundation's position?

11 A. And, again, I'm going only by what's been documented
12 here; that there are those that don't think competitive
13 cheer is a varsity sport.

14 Q. Okay. And you were asked some questions yesterday
15 about your response to opinions expressed by Dr. Lopiano.
16 You know that Dr. Lopiano is, was formerly the President
17 of the Women's Sports Foundation, did you not?

18 A. Yes, also an Athletic Director at the University of
19 Texas.

20 Q. And you've known of Dr. Lopiano for years, haven't
21 you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you recognize her as an authority figure in the
24 area of woman's athletics?

25 A. Very much, very much.

1 Q. You have a lot of respect for her?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. Not that you always agree with her?

4 A. That's also true.

5 Q. Fair enough. Did Quinnipiac consider adding a
6 gymnastics team?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Gymnastics is a recognized women's sport, isn't it?

9 A. I know I have at the University of Denver.

10 Q. Has any decision been made about how many
11 competitions the competitive cheer squad will engage in?

12 A. I think that's -- no, there has not. We've gone
13 from, I think now to the point of whatever is needed we
14 will do.

15 Q. Now, you testified yesterday about some of the
16 problems that you saw in using the T D Banknorth Center
17 for volleyball; do you recall that testimony?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You did tell us that the competitive cheer squad will
20 be able to use the Burt Kahn court for at least some
21 portion of the year, is that correct?

22 A. For competition.

23 Q. For competition?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. So, you do expect that space, that gym space in the

1 Burt Kahn court, that part of the rec building, to be
2 available for some part of the coming year?

3 A. We have not been told otherwise so far, yes.

4 Q. And in the T D Center, you talked about the fact that
5 there aren't locker rooms for volleyball, correct?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. And there's not a coach's office?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Correct? But just with respect to practicing and
10 playing on the floor, have you sought any bids or done any
11 research to determine what it would cost just to install
12 the necessary equipment to put up the nets, put lines
13 down, that sort of thing?

14 A. No, we investigated that when we built the building.
15 When the decision was made not to have volleyball there,
16 it hasn't been discussed since.

17 Q. Okay. Now, you testified yesterday about roster
18 management and I think you said you're very committed to
19 hitting the numbers, is that right?

20 A. Always been the case.

21 Q. Okay. And you said that you're happy that the people
22 in your department are trying to get to the numbers?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you said that coaches, I'm not sure that I got
25 this right, but my notes say that you said coaches will

1 find ways but as long as they hit the numbers, you're okay
2 with it?

3 A. I don't think that's implied.

4 Q. Could you explain that?

5 A. Well, let me give you a more generic picture of the
6 athletic department. It's my job, I guess, either as
7 parent or an athletic director, to make sure people stay
8 within the policies that have been set forth. Number of
9 scholarships, their budget numbers, the number of games.
10 This is not -- you know, people do have a tendency to
11 need a little bit of discipline, and I have always said no
12 one knows discipline and boundaries better than athletes.
13 So I think that in this case, in this particular case of
14 roster management, it's my job to be sure that they, as we
15 have used the term, hit the number.

16 Then, as it was discovered, some of them were, some
17 of them were not. Again, whether it be in this particular
18 case of roster management or a case of yelling and
19 screaming at officials too much, it's my job to guide them
20 to be within all policies that are within the department.
21 So, to say -- so that's really what my job is. In this
22 role of roster management, that's exactly what we're
23 attempting to do.

24 Q. Okay. Did you use the phrase yesterday coaches will
25 find ways?

1 A. In all phases of things. You know, I just don't mean
2 if the other team is shooting a lot of three pointers,
3 they've got to find a way of stopping the three pointers.
4 If the other team has a great power play, you have to find
5 a way of stopping the power play. So, that term should
6 not be considered in just one phase of being a coach.

7 Q. Coaches are inventive and creative people?

8 A. That's why we like them for what they do.

9 Q. Now, with respect to the squad list and the drop/add
10 reports, coaches don't generally drop or add when a
11 student athlete has to miss just a couple games, correct?

12 A. I really don't know.

13 Q. You don't know, okay.

14 A. I mean there may be a worthy walk-on that might want
15 to get a chance to play on a weekend or a student athlete
16 might have a weekend seminar they need to go to with their
17 class so, coach, I can't go. So, but again, I can't get
18 into that. That's not my job, to worry about who's
19 starting and --

20 Q. All right, and there's no policy then in the Athletic
21 Department that says to a coach, if a student is going to
22 be out for more than X number of contests, you must submit
23 a drop/add?

24 A. That has not been the policy.

25 Q. There's been a fair amount of discussion about the

1 EADA reports. The EADA report for 2007, 2008, is actually
2 submitted to the Department of Education in around October
3 of 2008, is that correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. And the EADA report, when it is submitted, has a
6 section which is labeled Caveat. Are you familiar with
7 that?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. So, you're not aware of whether there is a
10 section of the EADA report in which an institution has an
11 opportunity to explain about its numbers?

12 A. That makes a little bit of sense, that there are --
13 I'm trying to think of some examples. About, well,
14 unfortunately in this case we will have to say that we
15 dropped sports, so that would be a caveat to one of our
16 future EADA reports.

17 Q. But when you file the EADA report in October of 2008,
18 for the 2007, 2008 year, you didn't feel that it was
19 necessary to put in any explanation about the, you know,
20 the drops and adds that had occurred on rosters that year?

21 A. They have drops and adding on in my lifetime as an
22 athletic director. And, to answer your question, no, we
23 didn't do it in 2007, 2008, because drops and adds are
24 always going to occur. Clearly we've discovered some
25 issues here. But, no, the answer to your question is no,

1 we didn't put it in, nor had we ever did before.

2 Q. Okay. Now, is Quinnipiac required to keep something
3 called, or maintain something called participation lists?

4 A. I don't know the answer to that. You may be able to
5 help me along but we have squad lists, academic
6 eligibility lists --

7 Q. I'm thinking of a document that shows for each, for
8 each team, for each competition, who played. Is that
9 information that's maintained?

10 A. I'm going to give you an I don't know on that one,
11 okay?

12 Q. That's something we should ask Ms. Flynn?

13 A. Yes. She'll have statistics for all the games,
14 but --

15 Q. There was some discussion about track, and you said
16 that the NCAA has three claims in track, one for cross
17 country, one for indoor and one for outdoor, correct?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. At Quinnipiac there's one coach over all three of
20 those?

21 A. There's a series of coaches but we have one director
22 of women's track and field which is very common
23 nationally.

24 Q. Didn't I hear you say that it's one sport for the
25 entire year with three different seasons? You look at it

1 that way as a track coach?

2 A. Certainly it's three different sports. No one knows
3 this more than me when I used to go to my athletic
4 director and say I'm coaching six sports, boss, so yeah,
5 it's referred to as track. I mean it's clearly, that's
6 the public reference but whether it be EADA report or NCAA
7 counting of sports, it's six sports.

8 Q. Well, when you coached, you coached cross country,
9 indoor and outdoor, correct?

10 A. For men and for women.

11 Q. For men and for women?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Mr. McDonald, could you look in the plaintiff's
14 exhibit book at Exhibit 39; it's in the front of the
15 second book. It's the seasons of competition news chart
16 in the front pocket.

17 A. We looked at this yesterday, didn't we?

18 Q. Yes, we did, and in the interests of keeping this
19 short, I'm going to try to do this in a quick way. Would
20 you look, find the list of athletes who used the season of
21 competition in men's cross country. It's on the second
22 page.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. Could you keep a finger there?

25 A. Yep.

1 Q. And then thumb through until you get to, it's bates
2 numbered D0047 and it has the list of athletes who used
3 the season of competition in men's indoor track it starts?

4 A. See it.

5 Q. You see that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And then if you continue over to the next page, the
8 third part that I want you to look at is the list of
9 athletes for men's outdoor track?

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. Okay? And take your time in looking at this. All I
12 want to ask you is, would you agree with me that there is
13 significant overlap among those three lists?

14 A. In both for the men and the women, yes.

15 Q. That was the next question. There's also significant
16 overlap for women, correct?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And would you then agree with me, Mr. McDonald, that
19 -- well, withdraw it.

20 In the past, including this year, Quinnipiac had
21 men's cross country and women's cross, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And it had men's indoor track and women's indoor
24 track?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And had men's outdoor track and women's outdoor
2 track, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. So that if you counted those as three sports, as you
5 did, and reported each participant in each sport --

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. -- there were a number of men who were counted three
8 times?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. And there a number of women who were counted three
11 times, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. But in 2009, 2010, when you will not have a men's
14 outdoor track squad --

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. -- there will be a number of men who will be counted
17 twice while there will be a number of female track
18 athletes who will be counted three times, is that correct?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. When you were coaching six sports, did your salary
21 reflect that you were coaching six sports?

22 A. That was my point to my boss all the time, as is my
23 track coach to me.

24 Q. But the track coach at Quinnipiac is not paid
25 significantly more than other full-time coaches, is he?

1 A. He's paid a little bit more.

2 Q. Little bit more?

3 A. Because of the nature of the six sports and he
4 happens to have a boss who understands what it's like.

5 Q. Now, you testified yesterday that you had never
6 before sought advance review by OCR when you added women's
7 sports, correct?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Had you ever in the past added a women's sport that
10 was not recognized by the NCAA?

11 A. When we added woman's ice hockey, it was recognized
12 by the NCAA as a multi-classified division. There was no
13 Division I, II, III at the time so it was a
14 multi-classified division. But to answer your question,
15 no.

16 MR. ORLEANS: Moment, Your Honor?

17 (Pause)

18 MR. ORLEANS: Nothing further at this time.

19 Thank you very much, Mr. McDonald.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Ms. Gambardella, let me jump in with
22 some questions because you may want to follow up after.

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Of course, of course.

24 THE COURT: Okay? Mr. McDonald, you mentioned a
25 number of Athletic Department policies regarding, for

1 example, number of games, scholarships, et cetera. How
2 were those policies communicated to the coaches?

3 THE WITNESS: Two ways. One is the NCAA manual.
4 Some, most of them, number of games, number of
5 scholarships, travel parties, a lot of that's in the NCAA
6 manual. It's a 500 page document that's pretty big.

7 Also some of the things that made -- like, for
8 example, the one we've been discussing, roster management,
9 is published in a staff handbook that I distribute to the
10 staff and every staff, it's the Tuesday after Labor Day we
11 have our annual meeting, I publish this document. You
12 have seen many pieces of it throughout the last few days
13 here.

14 So, between the two, and then there's
15 institutionallal policies as an employee, there's all
16 sorts of -- but I would say most of what we talked about
17 here is has been the NCAA manual and the Athletic
18 Department policies. You know, the league has policies,
19 and the institution, but predominantly what we've seen in
20 the last two days has been from those two books.

21 THE COURT: Okay. And you I think may have
22 touched upon this just now, but how was the policy
23 regarding roster management communicated to coaches?

24 THE WITNESS: That has been, again, since
25 certification and the discovery of we need to fix our

1 numbers, roster management has -- well, that was May of
2 2006 so the Fall of 2006, seven, eight and -- and eight,
3 it's been in the staff handbook and discussed by me to the
4 entire staff.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Do we have copy of that as an
6 exhibit?

7 MS. GAMBARDELLA: There may be excerpts.

8 MR. ORLEANS: My understanding is there are a
9 number of documents that may have come out of it but I
10 don't think that a complete copy was produced to us.

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Well, you asked us for that
12 and I'm sure we produced it.

13 THE WITNESS: I have one in my bag. It's my own
14 personal copy but I think I have one with me, the whole
15 document.

16 THE COURT: I think it might be helpful to see
17 how that was communicated.

18 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I have no issue with that.

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: In fact, one of the coach
21 witnesses who I interviewed this morning had the excerpts
22 from it in her hand. So --

23 MR. ORLEANS: We certainly have no objection if
24 the defendant wants to produce and submit a copy of that
25 staff handbook and mark it as an additional exhibit.

1 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We did produce a handbook,
2 excerpts of handbooks and so on and so forth.

3 THE COURT: I don't know if I need the whole
4 handbook but I'm just looking for if there's a section on
5 roster management.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, it's the grid that -- it's,
7 again, we talk about, excuse me, but the coaches in terms
8 of some policy, how many on the bench, how many can get on
9 the bus, all sorts of things. It's my role to try to
10 preserve money and equity and all sorts of things. So
11 it's there and they always cringe, things like how many
12 can go back to preseason in volleyball? Is it 15, is it
13 20?

14 THE COURT: Okay. I think it would be useful to
15 see that.

16 MR. ORLEANS: Your Honor, respectfully, I
17 haven't seen the whole thing so I don't know everything
18 that's in it. I'm sure the court can disregard what's not
19 useful to the court but we'd request that the whole thing
20 go in. There might or might not be a section on
21 compliance with Title IX in a nondiscrimination policy and
22 so forth and the presence or absence of those things in
23 the book might be of significance. I'd like to see the
24 court get the entire book.

25 THE COURT: Why don't we do this. Why don't the

1 two of you look it and see if there's any problems. And
2 we can certainly shoot some copies here but --

3 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Show us where you're talking.

4 THE WITNESS: There's a famous page, I should
5 know the number by heart, but here it is.

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We have these pages.

7 THE WITNESS: That's my pen scratch here but
8 it's things like the number of games in scrimmages, the
9 number of nonofficial dates, you see the number of NCAA
10 players on the bench, travel party if they make the
11 championship, number to buy if you're buying tee-shirts
12 for the team, and then the roster management.

13 MR. ORLEANS: I think that page has been marked
14 as an exhibit.

15 THE WITNESS: Correct. Now, whether I make
16 mention of roster management as a policy, it's probably
17 here but -- so most everything is in here.

18 THE COURT: Why don't you leave that with your
19 lawyer and then, again, take a look at it. I think
20 whatever was communicated to coaches regarding roster
21 management would be helpful for me to see.

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We'll find it.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. ORLEANS: Your Honor, the page that
25 Mr. McDonald was just referring to that includes the

1 roster management targets for 2008, 2009 is in evidence as
2 Defendant's Exhibit 23.

3 MR. BARDAVID: Plaintiff's.

4 MR. ORLEANS: I'm sorry, I keep saying
5 defendants because I'm used to doing defense work.
6 Plaintiff's Exhibit 23.

7 THE COURT: That's the roster sizes? The box at
8 the bottom?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes. And it is says roster
10 management proposal for 2008, 2009 in the next line.

11 THE COURT: All right. And what does that word
12 "proposed" mean? Is that your proposal to the coaches,
13 their proposal to you? Someone else's proposal?

14 THE WITNESS: I think you can see a bunch of
15 sports that says 25 or equal size for men or women. You
16 know, the two soccer coaches in this case, yeah, they
17 might come back and say we think we can work with 27 or we
18 think we can work with 20, so those sports can adjust
19 because they're equal men and women and they're equal
20 sports in terms of how the game is played so that's sort
21 of what "proposed" means.

22 THE COURT: And are these numbers targets, are
23 they caps? How would you describe them?

24 THE WITNESS: The best way to probably describe
25 it, Your Honor, is no one's getting a bonus if they hit

1 the number and no one is losing their job if they don't.
2 It's really -- you can only get to where you want to go as
3 a team, to work together, and you can only get to where
4 you want to go as an athletic department if you work
5 together.

6 For us, having clearly the commitment to get the
7 number, if every sport contributed one opportunity, that's
8 a team. So that's sort of where we initially started and,
9 again, I think you've heard throughout this is that we
10 don't want to drop any sports. And what's been apparent
11 the last few months is I'm not sure we can add a whole
12 bunch of sports either, so that's really where the
13 discovery came and the certification process, and this is,
14 I'm going call it an attempted solution. And we have
15 improved. We've gone from 50 to 51 percent opportunities
16 for women to 55 percent. I know there's some criticism of
17 those numbers but it was a good attempt and it's going to
18 continue.

19 THE COURT: All right. And how were these
20 numbers tracked? Who, if anyone, looks to see whether,
21 you know, lacrosse men are at 40 and women are at 30?

22 THE WITNESS: Well, going back to this, the
23 discussions here, the first day of competition is a NCAA
24 squad list. And you may have seen some of these squad
25 lists where you see little numbers circled in handwriting

1 in the lower right hand corner? Some of that was the hit
2 number, and it's our cue. I'm not sure they are all
3 exactly the same. But before I sign that form,
4 particularly this past year, we sort of started in '06-'07
5 and we said, okay, let's try '07-'08, we got a little more
6 teeth into it because that was, they had a full year, and
7 now '08-'09 based on the discoveries of what we've
8 discussed here, it will be even more difficult.

9 But ultimately on the first day of competition,
10 and I even did that this year, the bus is in the parking
11 lot and the coach comes up and says I need you to sign my
12 squad list, and I say, well, you've got too many here or
13 you got too few here. So it's ultimately, the final
14 signature is mine. The coach signs, the compliance
15 officer signs and then I sign.

16 THE COURT: On that EADA form?

17 THE WITNESS: On the NCAA squad list, first day
18 of competition, where that number goes to the EADA form,
19 that's the number we use per direction and instruction.

20 THE COURT: And after that first day the form is
21 completed, is there any concern about keeping the number
22 at the right number thereafter? In other words, let's say
23 there -- was, it was certified that men's lacrosse was in
24 fact at 40.

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, we sign the form it's 40.

1 THE COURT: You sign the form.

2 THE WITNESS: Right.

3 THE COURT: You send the form in, and then at
4 some point after that you have your season?

5 THE WITNESS: Correct.

6 THE COURT: Is anybody counting heads or
7 worrying about who's really out there ready to play?

8 THE WITNESS: And I think that's a point well
9 taken. Particularly in a sport that plays in -- the
10 Spring sports that play in the Fall, softball, baseball,
11 lacrosse, they play it in the fall season, it's beautiful
12 in New England, probably better than it is in the Spring.
13 They'll play whatever we allow them to play. Three of
14 those nontraditional game dates is in the back here. But
15 from the September lacrosse game to the March lacrosse
16 game, those rosters change.

17 THE COURT: Right.

18 THE WITNESS: So, do we resign the squad list
19 form? No, we don't. Because we're until the required to.
20 It's not like we're not doing it because we're --

21 THE COURT: No, I understand. I'm just trying
22 to figure out whether these numbers are monitored in the
23 same way that you would be monitoring, for example,
24 numbers of games played. Let's assume for a minute, I
25 assume that there are these numbers limits, the NCAA says

1 you can't play more than 27 lacrosse games in a season, I
2 assume there's some limit.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 THE COURT: And it turns out the lacrosse coach
5 decides to schedule 30 games. Now, that comes to your
6 attention, I assume you'll do something about that and
7 you'll say, hey, drop three games.

8 THE WITNESS: Well, we'll have a report that
9 indicates that we made a violation if we played all three.

10 THE COURT: But let's assume you figure it out
11 before.

12 THE WITNESS: Right.

13 THE COURT: You're going to tell the coach drop
14 three games or we're going to be in violation.

15 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

16 THE COURT: But I haven't heard yet that the
17 same type of follow-up is being applied to the roster.

18 THE WITNESS: And that's a very fair question.
19 There is no rule in the NCAA rule book about rosters as
20 there is about scholarships or schedules.

21 THE COURT: Right.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay? Now, we're clearly
23 discovering and committed to it, and so in being
24 publicized about it so clearly, but there's no rule in the
25 NCAA rule book which says you must have 48 in men's

1 lacrosse.

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Jack, he wants to know
3 mechanisms in place to make sure that the coaches are
4 going to keep to these numbers as a fair assessment of
5 participation opportunities. Is that fair, Judge? You
6 want to know --

7 THE COURT: Sure.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: -- how you make sure you keep
9 to it.

10 THE WITNESS: That's very fair, and we have
11 discovered these past few days, clearly it might be
12 something mentioned in the staff handbook, so I think we
13 ever been watching it. It's very clear we've been
14 watching it. It's very clear maybe some have taken
15 advantage of it, but it is what it is. No one's broken a
16 law.

17 THE COURT: Fair enough. I'm not suggesting
18 that that's the case. I'm just trying to understand, you
19 know, as Ms. Gambardella said, kind of what, what's the
20 process? You have a policy, and kind of what happens --

21 THE WITNESS: I think as I sit here, and sort of
22 you see some of the weaknesses, clearly the add/delete
23 sheet is now something that, you know, we're going to be
24 involved with or I will be involved with because of what
25 we've just been through. So have we done that? No. You

1 know, we just haven't because we never had before up until
2 this case. So I think that I can see, as I sit here
3 seeing this, clearly the add/delete sheet was something
4 going on on a normal day to day business kind of thing.
5 So that's sort of -- my solution, if you're asking me were
6 we watching it in '07-'08 like we watched the beginning,
7 the first day? The answer is no.

8 RECROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

10 Q. And so -- I'm sorry, Judge.

11 THE COURT: Go ahead.

12 Q. The question is, you weren't relying on
13 proportionality in the first year you introduced roster
14 management, correct? You weren't trying -- you weren't
15 relying on prong one in '07-'08?

16 A. We never relied on prong one.

17 Q. Right. And so, and that was the year where roster
18 management was, we've all heard the testimony about the
19 growing pains and the stubbornness of the coaches, as you
20 put it, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. In '08-'09 you weren't relying on prong one?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And the evolution, roster management was introduced
25 for this evolution toward increasing women's athletic

1 opportunities?

2 A. From the NEC certification self study, correct.

3 Q. Correct. And roster management was part of that?

4 A. It was our solution to that discovery.

5 Q. Right. Now, what I think the court is trying to
6 ascertain is you've already told him the add/delete list,
7 I'm going to be a bigger part of that, monitoring that?

8 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

9 Q. What other administrative mechanisms -- let me ask
10 you this. Have you had staff meetings with coaches about
11 next year's roster? I know they don't have the final
12 numbers yet but have you had the meetings with them about
13 the importance of roster management for next year?

14 A. It has been on the staff meeting agenda. We meet
15 every Wednesday at ten, probably since December.

16 Q. And what have you told the coaches about increasing
17 significance, as it's been evolving, about roster
18 management?

19 A. I don't think I need to tell them anything after the
20 last couple of days, but clearly once this case is over
21 and once we know what we're doing and not doing, that we
22 will have new numbers.

23 Q. No, I understand that. But did you have a recent
24 staff meeting where you discussed the roster numbers are
25 coming and these are the numbers you've got to deal with?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When did you have that staff meeting?

3 A. Mary, I'd probably say every week. I mean the
4 last -- we were supposed to have one today. I had
5 something else to do at ten o'clock today -- but last
6 Wednesday.

7 Q. And have you been discussing with them this, you
8 know, the importance of roster management for next year?

9 A. Yes, but not to the detail of where we're going.

10 Q. Of the numbers?

11 A. Because clearly, because we're clearly going to prong
12 one, okay?

13 Q. Right.

14 A. We clearly haven't been using prong one.

15 Q. Got it.

16 A. Nor did we have to. But as we now go to prong one,
17 it's going to be going from a suggestion to a --

18 Q. Do or die?

19 A. -- pretty much.

20 Q. Do or die. And other than add/delete sheet, and
21 you're going to monitor those add/delete sheets
22 personally?

23 A. Tracey, myself, compliance, I mean we all will --
24 yes.

25 Q. Are you aware whether or not Tracey had conversations

1 with coaches in '07 about those two coaches who we saw on
2 the add/delete list?

3 A. You'd have to ask Tracey that question, yes.

4 Q. And what about instruction to coaches possibly by
5 outside consultants about prong one and roster management?

6 A. We're all for that. We haven't really thought about
7 that, but I don't think there's an athletic department
8 that is invested in this as mine is. We meet more often
9 than other staffs. We're invested in this, so -- but, you
10 know, we're going to hammer it home.

11 I think one thing about athletic departments is they
12 have a lot more guideline policies that other departments
13 on campus don't have. I mean it's pretty significant.
14 And so my staff is really good about it. They are not
15 perfect but they are committed to it.

16 Q. What is your plan of attack if the one or two coaches
17 that we saw in 2007 -- you remember all of that, it's been
18 well discussed -- what is your proposal if that were to
19 happen this coming year, how would you deal with it as the
20 athletic director, knowing the commitment to prong one?

21 A. Well, we have a staff evaluation that clearly lists
22 adherence to university policy, adherence to athletic
23 department policy and adherence to NCAA policy. You know,
24 good, bad, indifferent, whatever is checkmarked, and then
25 you discuss it with them.

1 Now, if it were to continue, if the staff would be
2 egregious enough to liberally break any of those policies,
3 they would lose their job.

4 Q. How would you deal with the fact of a coach dropping
5 somebody before a first day of competition and then
6 readding them after -- or withdraw that.

7 How would you deal with a coach who's not, who's not
8 committing -- at least throughout the season, I understand
9 there would be variations for injuries and one-up one-down
10 kind of thing. How are you going make sure the coaches,
11 how are you going to assure this court that those coaches
12 next year that you committed to prong one are going to
13 keep those numbers?

14 A. Well, I'm going to insure it. It's just that I can't
15 say that enough, after what we've discovered here, there's
16 no question, I'd be a fool not to. You know, however,
17 there's still going to be add/deletes, so at what point
18 do -- you know, if coach says he's hit his number, 40, and
19 using men's lacrosse, we've talked about it, I've hit my
20 number, I want to take a guy off or add a guy on, it
21 should be simple. Take another one off. So to stay at 40
22 at all times would be my --

23 Q. No, I understand, I'm not talking about add/deletes
24 for legitimate reasons, one-up one-down, throughout the
25 season. I'm talking about coaches who --

1 A. I'd like to think that's not going to happen again.

2 Q. I know you'd like --

3 A. No, because the, the structure would be in place so
4 that when they do want to add that student athlete --

5 Q. You're going to be looking at it?

6 A. -- a flag's going to go up, to Tracey, the assistant
7 compliance. You know, they want to spend money and it's
8 not in the budget, you know, alarms go off. You want to
9 schedule an extra game that's not allowed, alarms are
10 going to go off.

11 So -- I'm not sure I'm answering your question but --
12 clearly, the discovery of the last few weeks has been
13 important to our department and I'll have a new vested
14 interest in my staff policy manual because of what's
15 happened here.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Okay, Judge?

17 THE WITNESS: Did you have another question?

18 THE COURT: No, I'm all set.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay.

20 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

21 Q. Has Janet Judge been asked to come in and potentially
22 consult and talk to coaches and so forth?

23 A. To this date, no.

24 Q. Is that part of your plan?

25 A. Oh sure.

1 Q. Okay. All right. You were asked the question about
2 the Women's Sport Foundation; is that a governing body?

3 A. No.

4 Q. What do you know about Donna Lopiano?

5 A. I won't say a lot. I don't know her personally. I
6 may have mentioned here before that in 1992, '93 when I
7 was out at the University of Denver there was a call for a
8 National Gender Equity Task Force. And Donna was on it,
9 my Senior Administrator in Denver was on it, Diane Went,
10 along with other key commissioners and really what I would
11 consider high ranking NCAA people who I respect in the
12 business, and they all clearly had differences of
13 opinions.

14 And so I know Donna from that. She's made some, I
15 think, some excellent quotes in terms of the gender equity
16 movement over the last 30 years. So I have great respect
17 for what she has done. And she has been on the -- I don't
18 want to say a radical side but she has really been an
19 activist for women's athletics, and she should be.

20 Q. Her opinion on competitive cheer counting as a sport
21 for Title IX compliance, that's no mystery, it's fairly
22 well publicized?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Do you agree with it?

25 A. Absolutely not. I was extremely disappointed when I

1 first heard that.

2 Q. Why?

3 A. Donna has been involved in emerging sports for women
4 for the 30 years, synchronized swimming and water polo and
5 equestrian and it just seemed like -- and gender equity,
6 and here we are today, it's clearly a law. You must abide
7 by it or, if you don't -- and excuse my French, but the
8 fact that it seems like, okay, gender equity is a good
9 thing, it's working, it's bringing the numbers that
10 everybody wants, and it seems like she's locked the door
11 behind her and said no more sports. And I just find that
12 that's not what the theme and attitude was in the
13 seventies. And --

14 Q. You mentioned equestrian; that's horseback riding,
15 right?

16 A. I think.

17 Q. Okay. That she's been a proponent of equestrian --

18 A. I'm just throwing sports out there, so please, I'm
19 not going to say what I said is exact.

20 Q. That's okay. Is equestrian an NCAA sponsored sport?

21 A. I think an emerging sport for women.

22 Q. Not NCAA sponsored at this point?

23 A. It's NCAA sponsored, and usually what that means is,
24 an emerging sport for women means that you can now
25 officially count, and that's the issues we're having here

1 with cheerleading. And I'm not going to, again, be an
2 expert on that, but --

3 Q. Right.

4 A. -- the fact, but -- that's what it is.

5 Q. Got it. There are sports offered at some local
6 universities that aren't NCAA sponsored, correct?

7 A. Yeah. Squash, men's rowing. Again, I don't know
8 this as well but there are many and there are sports that
9 we now have in our institutions who grew as non-NCAA
10 sports.

11 Q. Men's crew, which might be equivalent to rowing,
12 that's not recognized in the NCAA -- that's not NCAA
13 sponsored --

14 A. No.

15 Q. -- correct?

16 A. Men's rugby is the perfect example. It's not varsity
17 but pretty much every school in the country has it.

18 Q. But men's rugby is not currently an NCAA regulated or
19 sponsored sport, correct?

20 A. Nor is it varsity --

21 Q. Got it.

22 A. -- but it's very very popular.

23 Q. Right, and squash, you mentioned, which is offered at
24 Yale and Brown, for example?

25 A. Trinity just won the national championships.

1 Q. Okay. All right. Now, Jack, can you go to
2 Defendant's Exhibit C?

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. U. S. Department of Education. This is sort of a new
5 thing. It says here after the A B C, multi-sport
6 participants are to be included in each sport. Student
7 athletes who participate in cross country and track should
8 be counted in each of those sports. Do you see that?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. And what is your understanding of that?

11 A. Just as it says.

12 Q. That they can be counted -- if they participate in
13 more than one sport, they can be counted once for each
14 sport?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. Okay. Now, let's just briefly revisit competitive
17 cheer. Now we've already had Mary Ann testify so I'm just
18 going to try to run through this.

19 Competitive cheer will have a full-time coach; that's
20 Mary Ann Powers, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. There will be a part time coach separate and apart
23 totally for sideline cheering, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. There will be monetary resources devoted to keeping

1 those two coaches and those two ventures, for lack of a
2 better word, separate, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. There will be a budget for competitive cheer,
5 correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And we've seen that. It will include allowance for
8 travel, lodging and items similar to the other sports
9 programs, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. All right. There will be try-outs, correct?

12 A. There has been, yes.

13 Q. And eligibility requirements have already been
14 established and will continue to apply, correct?

15 A. Yes, they will just do the same thing they do for the
16 other varsity sports.

17 Q. There will be practice sessions required, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And they will be similar in number to what other
20 athletic programs provide, obviously tailored for the
21 particular sport?

22 A. Probably try to do the NCAA 20 hour rule, like we do
23 for others.

24 Q. They will be competitive?

25 MR. ORLEANS: Excuse me, I'm sorry to interrupt.

1 I hesitate to intrude but I have two objections to this
2 line of question. First of all, it's extremely leading.
3 And, secondly, it's way beyond the scope of my cross
4 examination of Mr. McDonald.

5 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I think he --

6 MR. ORLEANS: We're just --

7 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I think you crossed --

8 MR. ORLEANS: We're just repeating what Ms.
9 Powers --

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Well, I think you crossed him
11 on competitive cheer. I'm pretty sure you did.

12 MR. ORLEANS: You think I crossed him on
13 competitive cheer?

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I think you did.

15 MR. ORLEANS: I don't think so.

16 THE COURT: It is very leading. I'll allow the
17 scope but the questions have been quite leading.

18 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

19 Q. Will there be competitive opportunities?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Will the primary purpose of competitive cheer be
22 athletic competition and not the support of other athletic
23 teams?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You've been asked about NCAA support or sponsorship

1 of competitive cheer. Has the -- do you have any
2 knowledge of whether or not the NCAA more recently has
3 done anything which could be interpreted as some support
4 for competitive cheer?

5 A. I know that the -- as far as the athletic training
6 and the sport prevention of injuries, the NCAA and the
7 athletic trainers have sort of prioritized cheerleading
8 because it has a very high risk for injuries in terms of
9 its coverage, so we're now going to ask that cheerleading
10 meet some of what they refer to as the NATA standards, and
11 that's the National Association of Athletic Trainers, so
12 they have worked on the injury part of this.

13 There is also -- total hearsay, but clearly it's
14 starting to become discussion as an emerging sport. But
15 in terms of --

16 MR. ORLEANS: I'll object in terms of --

17 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We won't claim that. We won't
18 claim it.

19 THE WITNESS: Fine.

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: It's hearsay. The witness --

21 BY THE WITNESS:

22 A. But, anyway, the injury thing has clearly been
23 documented.

24 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Okay. May I have a moment,
25 Your Honor?

1 THE COURT: Sure.

2 (Pause)

3 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Nothing further.

4 MR. ORLEANS: Your Honor, just a couple on
5 recross?

6 THE COURT: Sure.

7 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. ORLEANS:

9 Q. Mr. McDonald, you said you were a little disappointed
10 in Dr. Lopiano's opinions because she supported NCAA
11 emerging sports for women in the past?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Nobody has petitioned to make cheer an
14 emerging sport for women under the NCAA process, correct?

15 A. I don't know the answer to that.

16 Q. You don't know. Okay. It's not currently on the
17 NCAA emerging sport list, is it?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. And you talked about men's rugby as a
20 example of a non-NCAA sport that's played at a lot of
21 schools?

22 A. One of them.

23 Q. It's a club sport, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And Title IX distinguishes between various sports and

1 club sports, doesn't it?

2 A. Yes, but we refer to rugby in the loops of other
3 sports, varsity sports; squash, rowing, so on.

4 Q. And the Judge asked you some questions about the
5 efforts that you make to monitor and keep track of what
6 happens to roster sizes after the first day of
7 competition; do you recall that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And essentially what I think I heard you say was
10 you're going to try to do better next year, right?

11 A. I think I said we will do better.

12 Q. Okay. You already are required to carefully monitor
13 who actually plays in games, are you not?

14 A. Do the squad list, yes.

15 Q. Because that affects each athlete's eligibility?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. Whether or not they can play?

18 A. And the scholarship that goes with it, yes.

19 MR. ORLEANS: Nothing further.

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Just one.

21 FURTHER RECROSS EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

23 Q. So, in addition to the add/delete form that you now
24 say are tools for this ongoing monitoring, are squad lists
25 now, even after the first date of competition, another

1 tool?

2 A. Yes, they will be.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: All right. Sir, you're excused.

7 Thank you.

8 THE WITNESS: All right, thanks.

9 (Witness excused.)

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Your Honor, the plaintiff calls
11 Coach Germaine Fairchild.

12 (Pause)

13 THE COURT: That's fine, thank you. Good
14 morning. Please remain standing and raise your right
15 hand.

16 G E R M A I N E F A I R C H I L D, called as
17 a witness on behalf of the Plaintiffs, having been duly
18 sworn by the Court, testified as follows:

19 THE COURT: Please be seated.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

23 Q. Could you please state your first and last name and
24 spell your last name for the record?

25 A. Germaine Fairchild. Last name is F-A-I-R-C-H-I-L-D.

1 Q. And where do you live, Ms. Fairchild?

2 A. I live in Naugatuck, Connecticut.

3 Q. How long have you lived in Connecticut?

4 A. I have lived in Connecticut since 2000, the year
5 2000.

6 Q. And where are you from?

7 A. I'm from Bolder, Colorado.

8 Q. Is that where you were raised?

9 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

10 Q. And could you tell the court about your educational
11 background?

12 A. I began my college education at Oregon State
13 University in 1991. After my freshman year I transferred
14 to the University of Tulsa where I completed my
15 undergraduate degree. I have a bachelor of science in
16 environmental policy. And I began work on my masters in
17 business administration at the University of Tulsa.
18 Actually continued that at Quinnipiac. I took one class
19 at Quinnipiac and I've not finished that.

20 Q. And did you compete in any sports in college?

21 A. I did. I competed in softball at Oregon State and at
22 the University of Tulsa.

23 Q. And what's your present employment?

24 A. I'm currently the head softball coach at Quinnipiac
25 University.

1 Q. And softball is a woman's sport at Quinnipiac, is
2 that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And are you a part-time or full-time coach?

5 A. I'm a full-time coach.

6 Q. How long have you been a coach at Quinnipiac?

7 A. I began as the assistant, one of the assistant
8 coaches at Quinnipiac in -- I started in the Fall of 2000,
9 I believe. I spent one year as assistant and then took --
10 was hired in November of the following year as the head
11 coach.

12 Q. And when you began working at Quinnipiac, did the
13 University have a roster management program?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did there come a time when Quinnipiac instituted a
16 roster management program?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And do you recall when that was?

19 A. '06-'07 was the first year that roster management
20 numbers appeared in our athletic department policy manual.

21 Q. And when you received that manual, did you receive
22 any instruction from anyone in the athletic department on
23 how to implement the roster management program?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you have any questions about the roster

1 management program at that time?

2 A. Yes. I would say in the first year, fewer questions
3 because our number that we were supposed to meet was 20,
4 which was more doable. It's probably two to three people
5 higher than would be ideal for a single full-time coach to
6 provide a legitimate Division I experience for, but fewer
7 questions there because I felt 20 was doable, if you will.

8 Q. Okay. Let's break that down. How many women had
9 been on the softball team in the years leading up to
10 '06-'07, approximately?

11 A. I would say approximately, if I had to pick an
12 average, we'd probably averaged around 18, but there were
13 also years where we only had 16, 17, so we fluctuated. It
14 really depends on personnel. You know, do you have two or
15 three pitchers who only pitch and don't do anything else
16 or do you have two or three pitchers that play other
17 positions and hit? Then that, you know, then that takes
18 your necessary number down or up.

19 Q. And in connection with the '06-'07 roster management
20 program, did anyone consult with you about fixing the
21 target number of 20 before they told you that was your
22 target number?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. And what was your reaction when you learned
25 that you had a target of 20 players for the '06-'07

1 season?

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, are we talking
3 '06-'07?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, because it informs her
5 reaction to the '07-'08 number, Your Honor.

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'm going to object to the
7 relevance of this witness's reaction.

8 THE COURT: Well, rephrase the question.

9 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

10 Q. Your '06-'07 number you mentioned was 20, is that
11 correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. All right. And I believe earlier you said that you
14 believed 20 was a little bit on the outside, I believe as
15 you put it, number to provide a legitimate Division I
16 experience. Could you explain to the court what you mean
17 by that?

18 A. Well, you're the only full-time coach for the
19 program, and the assistant coaches are very part-time,
20 meaning they are paid very little. So you, as the only
21 coach who's really there day in and day out, since your
22 assistants are there sporadically, some days yes, some
23 days no, some games yes, some games no. So you're the
24 only person there day in, day out, to coach hitting, to
25 coach catching, to coach pitching, to coach infield

1 defense, to coach outfield defense. When you really break
2 it down and look at softball, baseball, you know, there
3 are a lot of areas of the game that needs attention. And
4 it's, you've got -- with one full-time head coach, you get
5 much past 18 players and it's -- you cannot provide a
6 legitimate Division I experience.

7 The players come in having been recruited to play
8 Division I softball and that means being able to compete
9 against other programs that do have the resources to coach
10 each phase of the game and have more than one coach to do
11 it. So it just is not reasonable to think that one
12 full-time coach is going to be able to provide a
13 legitimate experience.

14 But also understand that a lack of budget dollars can
15 affect the number of student athletes on a team. If a
16 coach with a given budget cannot extend equipment,
17 uniforms, and travel to the number, the excessive number
18 of players on a team, then those players aren't going to
19 want to stay. So, you know, and you're asking some of
20 your players to not get the benefits of being a Division I
21 athlete once you move past a certain number. So --

22 Q. Did you have a budget in '06-'07 to support a 20
23 member woman's softball team?

24 A. We made it work.

25 Q. And how many players do you recall having at the

1 first scheduled competition for '06-'07?

2 A. First scheduled competition '06-'07 -- 19. In the
3 first scheduled competition in the Fall or in the Spring?

4 Q. Okay, that's a good question. How is the women's
5 softball season divided up?

6 A. You have 132 days allowed you by NCAA rules to
7 compete in, excuse me, in full team mode. During those
8 132 days, you can practice up to 20 hours a week and you
9 can compete against outside competition. As a coach you
10 can divide that 132 days into two segments at your own
11 discretion. Obviously you have to save the lion share of
12 it for the Spring season, your championship season. So we
13 take, in softball, approximately 30 to 35 of those days
14 and use them for a short Fall season. So the difference
15 between the Fall season and the Spring season is important
16 because the EADA numbers that are generated are generated
17 based on your roster size as of your first date of
18 competition for softball of your nonchampionship season.

19 Q. Would that be in the Fall?

20 A. That would be in the Fall. So by the time you start
21 your championship season in the Spring, those numbers that
22 were reported to the EADA are potentially, and in our case
23 are, very different.

24 Q. Let's talk about the Spring '07 season; how many
25 players did you field?

1 A. In the Spring of '07, we fielded -- I have that
2 written down here -- 19, Spring '07.

3 Q. All right. And drawing your attention to '07-'08 --
4 are you refreshing your recollection with something?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Could you just explain for the record what it is that
7 you're refreshing your recollection?

8 A. These are just copies of the athletic department
9 policy manual page that outlines roster management. And
10 so I just put my own notes at the bottom saying what my
11 actual number was for the Spring.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I'm just going to ask you to
13 put that away. If you need to refer to it, just say I
14 don't recall and then counsel will allow you to look at
15 it.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay.

17 THE COURT: That way the record is clear whether
18 your own memory -- you're testifying from your own memory
19 or from the document.

20 THE WITNESS: Okay.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

23 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

24 Q. Did you receive a roster management target number for
25 the '07-'08 softball season?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When did you receive that target number?

3 A. When we have our annual staff meeting in the, I
4 believe it's usually the first Tuesday after Labor Day
5 every year, we have that, and that is published in the
6 athletic department policy manual which is distributed at
7 that meeting.

8 Q. Okay. And what was your target roster management
9 number for the '07-'08 softball season?

10 A. Twenty-five.

11 Q. Did anyone consult with you about that number before
12 you learned that your '07-'08 target roster number was
13 going to be 25?

14 A. No.

15 Q. I think you mentioned that 20 was sort of on the edge
16 of the number that you could coach and provide an, I
17 believe as you put it, a legitimate Division I experience,
18 is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Could you explain to the court whether 25 is a
21 reasonable number?

22 A. It absolutely is not.

23 Q. Could you explain to the court why not?

24 A. Well, as I've stated before, you have one full-time
25 head coach trying to get the proper number of reps for

1 each player in each area of the game, as well as get them,
2 not just the reps but also the coaching time.

3 And so, for instance, when we break down into our
4 eight hour a week segment, now you're faced with
5 scheduling individual workouts, which there are two hours
6 a week for each player during the eight hour mode. Only
7 two of those eight hours may be skill-related. The other
8 six are strength and conditioning. So you have per week
9 25 players who are going to come to the coaching staff
10 twice a week for an hour at a time. You can actually
11 divide it up into less than hour slots but that's not
12 possible with, with only one coach.

13 So one hour apiece. So you're looking at 50 hours a
14 week of individual time with your student athletes and
15 that's just individual workout time with them. That
16 doesn't include your office work, the other things you
17 need to do to run a program. So, now you would be faced
18 with telling I would say at least half of them, I'm sorry,
19 I don't have time to work with you.

20 Q. Did you take any steps to make your 25 target number?

21 A. Yes. We hold an open tryout every Fall, as we're
22 required to do. And knowing that our number is 25, we
23 knew we wouldn't be cutting anyone, at least not, not
24 until our first date of competition because we needed them
25 all to count.

1 Q. Now, when you say you needed them to count, what do
2 you mean by that?

3 A. Well, in order to make your roster number, it was
4 left -- the coaches were more or less left to their own
5 intelligence to figure out that, you know, you have to
6 have 25 as of a certain date. That information was never
7 volunteered. It was just here's your number, put 25
8 people on your team and that's it.

9 Q. Did this new target number of 25, were you allotted
10 any additional part-time coaches?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Was your pay increased?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Were you provided any additional equipment?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did your budget change?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did you have any concerns about this 25 target
19 number?

20 A. Me personally, huge concerns, because I am a champion
21 of my sport -- and I'm actually using a Jack McDonald
22 quote there. I require excellence in everything that I do
23 related to softball. I played it professionally, I have
24 coached it professionally, and it is my passion. And so,
25 looking at the prospect of providing an excellent

1 experience for 25 people, by myself essentially, is
2 extremely, extremely frustrating because -- nothing's
3 impossible but it's very difficult, put it that way.

4 Q. Did you bring your concerns about your new 25 target
5 number to the attention of anyone in the athletic
6 department?

7 A. Yep.

8 Q. Who did you express your concerns to in the
9 Quinnipiac University Athletic Department?

10 A. I have brought it up with Jack McDonald and I have
11 brought it up with Tracey Flynn, mainly.

12 Q. All right. When did you first register your concerns
13 with Jack McDonald?

14 A. In my performance reviews, which those happen
15 annually during the month of June, usually late May to
16 June.

17 Q. And did he provide you with any guidance on your new
18 target number of 25?

19 A. No.

20 Q. What complaints did you register with Mr. McDonald at
21 that time?

22 A. Simple question; are you going to increase our
23 budget?

24 Q. And what did he say?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Did you ask him for any guidance on how to manage
2 this new target number of 25?

3 A. To be honest with you, at that point in time I didn't
4 really know the right questions to ask. Now I do, but at
5 that time my response was frustration. Just sort of throw
6 my hands up and go, not sure how I'm going to get this
7 done.

8 And I think there's a difference in perspective. I
9 mean from my perspective, I wasn't sure how I was going to
10 get it done because I only know one way in my sport and
11 that is the way of excellence. But from their
12 perspective, I know the general attitude and I believe the
13 statement that was made is the kids will adjust.

14 Q. Who said the kids will adjust?

15 A. Jack.

16 Q. And this is after you expressed your concern about
17 providing legitimate Division I experience?

18 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

19 Q. You have to answer yes.

20 A. Oh, yes. Sorry.

21 Q. So, let's cut to the first day of competition in '07.
22 How many student athletes did you have on that date in
23 '07?

24 A. First date of Fall '07?

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. So the '07-'08 year?

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. The first date of competition, Fall of '07, we
4 carried 26 players.

5 Q. So you made your number?

6 A. We made our number, plus one.

7 Q. And just so we're clear, when we're talking about
8 numbers, we're talking about students?

9 A. Yes, the student athletes.

10 Q. Living, breathing people?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. They aren't just numbers; they are people?

13 A. At that point in time they were people.

14 Q. Now, how many -- did there come a time when you lost
15 players in the Fall of '07?

16 A. Yes. After having carried them, I carried all of our
17 walk-on candidates for approximately two weeks from the
18 date of our tryout up until our first date of competition.
19 So for two weeks, the softball practice was full of 26
20 people.

21 Upon our first date of competition, which was, I
22 believe it was Saturday or Sunday -- Mondays are off dates
23 so Tuesday, I began to notify the student athletes who I
24 feel were not going to make our team that I would offer
25 them a practice squad spot. What I told them is that I

1 don't -- I cannot provide them with equipment, I can't
2 provide them with travel and I cannot provide them with
3 uniform. But if they would like to remain in contact with
4 our coaching and have access to our coaching, I would be
5 happy to extend them that practice squad opportunity.

6 Q. And when you told these players that you were not
7 going to be able to offer them travel, did you have money
8 budgeted for their travel?

9 A. No.

10 Q. When you told them that you weren't going to be able
11 to provide them with equipment, was there money budgeted
12 for equipment for those players?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you register your concerns about this 25 person
15 target number with Tracey Flynn?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And when did you first register your concerns with
18 her?

19 A. Sometime between the annual staff meeting and our
20 tryout, because that's the period of time in which I was
21 trying to figure out how we're going to handle it.

22 Q. So are we talking about the Summer of '07?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. What did you say to Ms. Flynn?

25 A. Basically just asked how, how -- asking for her

1 suggestions, if you will, how to do this, how to get it
2 done. How to -- I don't know how to get it done.

3 Q. And what did Ms. Flynn say?

4 A. Well, I think upon -- and she's our direct sport
5 supervisor for softball, so any concerns that I would have
6 obviously would go to her first as our direct sport
7 supervisor. She simply shared with me some facts about
8 how the system operates to help educate me better about
9 how it works.

10 Q. And what facts did Tracey Flynn share with you at
11 that time?

12 A. That the EADA report is the reason why we are
13 engaging in these roster management practices, is why we
14 all need to make our number, and that report is generated
15 as of your first date of competition against outside
16 competition in the Fall.

17 Q. And did she provide any guidance as far as the
18 add/cut list?

19 A. At that point in time, no. She simply gave me a fact
20 about how things were done.

21 Q. Okay. Did there come a time when she discussed the
22 add/drop list with you?

23 A. Upon figuring out now using my own -- putting pieces
24 together, just, I remember being asked by her to just keep
25 your roster change forms up-to-date.

1 Q. Okay. And when did she direct you to keep your
2 roster change forms up-to-date?

3 A. As we began to turn them in, because obviously the
4 Tuesday after the tryouts, there's a bunch of add forms
5 that go in electronically, and then as those student
6 athletes begin to make the decision or those possible
7 student athletes begin to make decisions to not, no longer
8 participate, now you're sending the same form in but they
9 are now delete or drop forms or delete forms. So it's the
10 same form, it's just a different box that you check, and
11 she just asked that you keep those up-to-date so that she
12 could attempt to keep her paperwork straight, which I'm
13 sure is difficult.

14 Q. Okay. And do you know what your -- what was your
15 target number for '08-'09?

16 A. Twenty-five.

17 Q. And did that present the same problems?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you renew your concerns with Jack McDonald?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Why not.

22 A. Because nothing changed. There was, there was no --
23 nothing had changed so I assumed that what I had heard in
24 the past with regard to my concern was the same.

25 Q. So --

1 A. Basically going forward, okay, '06-'07, okay, 20, on
2 the outskirts but doable. 25, how I do handle this?
3 Figure it out. That's going to be the status quo here.
4 That's what we're going to do.

5 Q. Okay. And did you express any concerns about the
6 '08-'09 number with Tracey Flynn before the beginning of
7 the '08 competitive season?

8 A. I would say, if at all, it was just probably a
9 reiteration of the same, like -- 25 again. Keeping up
10 with those roster change forms.

11 Q. And what was Tracey Flynn's reaction?

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Reaction to what?

13 Q. To your statement?

14 A. Just probably an affirmative nod and, yep, that's the
15 way we do it. I'm not saying she said that, I'm saying
16 that's probably what her affirmative nod meant.

17 Q. So she nodded her head and that's what you understood
18 her to mean by that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Status quo?

21 A. Status quo.

22 Q. Did you meet your target roster management number in
23 the beginning of the '08 Fall season?

24 A. No.

25 Q. How many students did you have at tryouts?

1 A. At tryouts we had ten, I believe. Now, that would
2 include some recruited and/or invited walk-ons, so not
3 including the returners, the veteran players.

4 Q. How many veterans did you have?

5 A. Thirteen.

6 Q. So, you had the 13 veterans and ten for tryouts on
7 top --

8 A. Ten new players.

9 Q. All right. And how many players did you have in the
10 Fall of '08 on the first date of competition?

11 A. First date of competition, 23.

12 Q. All right. And is that the number that you reported
13 to the university?

14 A. Yes. Actually when I go through and work it out, I
15 actually have 24, but I'm not sure how a certain student
16 athlete was handled because of a recurring injury. I'm
17 not sure how compliance handled her, if they handled her
18 as an undergraduate coach or what. But my number in '08,
19 as I calculated it, is 24 but I believe the documentation
20 says 23.

21 Q. Okay. And did you have to drop any students after
22 the first date of competition?

23 A. I did not. I have not cut a player. I have always
24 offered them an opportunity to remain in touch with
25 coaching if they wanted to try to improve their skills and

1 tryout for our team again.

2 Q. And how many softball players did you have beginning
3 the championship season in Spring of '09?

4 A. Nineteen.

5 Q. And what happened to those other players?

6 A. They quit.

7 Q. And were you able to provide them with -- well, what
8 did you say to those players, the ones who ended up
9 quitting?

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: What is the relevance of what
11 she said to the players who quit, Judge, in the Spring?

12 THE COURT: Yes, sustained.

13 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Okay.

14 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

15 Q. Were you able to offer the players who you didn't
16 think were going to make the team, were you able to offer
17 them travel with the team?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you have money budgeted for travel for those
20 players?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Were you able to offer those players who eventually
23 quit, uniforms?

24 A. No.

25 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Players who quit, uniforms?

1 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

2 Q. Were you able to offer the players who eventually
3 quit, equipment?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you have money budgeted for equipment?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And have you had any conversations with Ms. Flynn
8 since this lawsuit was brought?

9 A. I have.

10 Q. All right. And drawing your attention to late last
11 year, Fall of last year, did you and Ms. Flynn have an
12 opportunity to talk about how to make changes at
13 Quinnipiac University with respect --

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection. This is very
15 leading.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: I have to frame the situation,
17 Your Honor. I have to draw her attention to a
18 conversation. That's the only way I can do it.

19 THE COURT: Ask the question and see if there's
20 an objection.

21 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

22 Q. Before March of '09, did you and Ms. Flynn have any
23 conversations about lawsuits?

24 A. I would say that the conversation did not begin
25 because we were talking about lawsuits. I would say that

1 in the course of expressing frustration, which I will say
2 that I do a lot and I lean on Tracey a lot as our sport
3 supervisor to ask for her wisdom in dealing with the way
4 that things are done -- and everybody has their different
5 bones to pick, I understand that. But in relying on her
6 to help me quell some of this frustration, I think I made
7 some really good points in conversations with her that
8 honestly let her with no other response other than, the
9 only way anything's going to change around here is if
10 someone is willing to sue.

11 Q. Who said the only way anything is going to change
12 around here is if someone is willing to sue?

13 A. Well, it probably could have gone a couple different
14 ways but I can recall in one of the conversations saying
15 that myself and having her agree with me, and I can recall
16 probably another conversations where she said, you're
17 right, the only way anything's going to change is if
18 someone sues.

19 Q. And when she mentioned, or when you were talking
20 about a lawsuit, had you also been discussing the roster
21 management program at Quinnipiac University?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, Mr. Hernandez just
24 testified.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: I believe the question and

1 answer stands on its own, Your Honor, and the objection
2 has to be timely. It's on the record.

3 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to strike the answer
4 and ask you to ask it again.

5 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

6 Q. What other subjects did you discuss with Ms. Flynn in
7 this conversation where you and she agreed that the only
8 way anything was going to change at Quinnipiac University
9 was if somebody brought a lawsuit?

10 A. Well, roster management. And, you know, I know
11 perhaps outside of the athletic department it seems like
12 such a small thing perhaps to an outside view, but I have
13 never asked for my salary to be increased. I've never
14 even -- I haven't even asked for my assistant coach's
15 salary to be increased. I've never even asked for a full
16 time assistant in response to being asked to provide a
17 legitimate Division I experience for 25 people. The only
18 thing I ever asked is that we be given a budget that
19 supports that number of people. So the only, the only --
20 the main source of my frustration as a coach has been
21 roster management, being asked to carry 25 people without
22 the resources to do so. So, in that conversation, in most
23 conversations, that's the source of the frustration.

24 Q. All right. And I'm going to draw your attention
25 to -- well, withdrawn.

1 Does the Athletic Department have regular staff
2 meetings?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And how often are those staff meetings?

5 A. Once a week.

6 Q. When during the week?

7 A. Wednesdays at ten a. m., usually ten a. m.

8 Q. And who attends the weekly Wednesday staff meetings?

9 A. As many coaches as are available. Some coaches are
10 at practice, some of us who teach in the physical
11 education department are teaching class at that time, as
12 was my case. Administrators usually are in attendance
13 unless they, again, have another duty. But I would say
14 typically most of the coaches attend regularly, not all
15 coaches. And Jack McDonald, Tracey Flynn, Lyneene
16 Richardon, Andy Castagnola, Billy Mecca, from an
17 administrator, they usually are in attendance.

18 Q. Okay. And did there come a time when you learned
19 that the women's volleyball program was being eliminated
20 at Quinnipiac?

21 A. I think I heard about it when everybody else heard
22 about it, when it was announced in, obviously -- well, it
23 was sort of announced on website. It was actually kind of
24 hard to find, it was a little bit buried on the website.
25 I believe it was even password protected, but obviously

1 the media got a hold of it too.

2 Q. And have there been weekly staff meetings since this
3 lawsuit was brought?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Drawing your attention to last week, did you attend
6 last Wednesday's athletic staff meeting?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. Okay. And who led that meeting?

9 A. Jack.

10 Q. And was Tracey Flynn present at that time?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was there any discussion about the roster management
13 program at Quinnipiac University at that meeting?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who talked about the roster management program at
16 that meeting?

17 A. Jack.

18 Q. What did Jack McDonald say about Quinnipiac
19 University's roster management program at last week's
20 meeting?

21 A. He said he felt that for the most part our coaches
22 had done it correctly and that we were not in violation of
23 any rule or law, and that he thought we would come through
24 this.

25 Q. And was there any discussion at that meeting about

1 the competitive cheer program?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what was said about the competitive cheer
4 program?

5 A. I believe it was anyone who thinks that competitive
6 cheer -- or I believe he did not refer to it as
7 competitive cheer, he referred to it as cheerleading --
8 and anyone who believed that cheerleading does not belong
9 at the varsity athletic level should not be in NCAA
10 sports.

11 Q. And the Jack that you're referring to, was that Jack
12 McDonald?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And was Tracey Flynn present at that meeting?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Since this lawsuit was instituted, have you received
17 any guidance on the future use of the roster management
18 program at Quinnipiac University?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Have you received any memoranda, sort of for lack of
21 a better word, disowning the past use of roster
22 management?

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll withdraw the question.

25 It's not a good question.

1 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

2 Q. Were any instructions on roster management provided
3 at last week's meeting?

4 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Asked and answered.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a different question.

6 A. No.

7 THE COURT: I'll allow it.

8 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

9 Q. I'm sorry, could you --

10 A. The question was were any further instructions
11 provided regarding roster management?

12 Q. Correct.

13 A. No.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: If I could just have a moment,
15 Your Honor?

16 (Pause)

17 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

18 Q. The Fall add-ons, that is the walk-ons as opposed to
19 the recruited softball players, in your opinion did they
20 have Division I level skills?

21 A. No. Well, some of them didn't, some of them did not.
22 We did keep a couple of them.

23 Q. All right. Did the presence of those players who did
24 not have Division I skills have any impact on the rest of
25 the team?

1 A. Yes. Not this past season but in the Fall of '07,
2 beginning the '07-'08 year, I had more than one meeting
3 with my captains that they requested with me to ask me why
4 we were keeping this many people. And, mind you, I ended
5 up with 26 counting, which means I had 26 people at
6 practice for two weeks. Now, this is -- they are senior
7 here and they are ready to go, they want to really figure
8 out who's going to fit in where and get this thing ironed
9 out. So they're, they requested meetings with me to ask
10 why are we keeping all these people for two weeks of our
11 Fall season? Our Fall season is only going to last five
12 weeks, why are we doing this? And I didn't feel
13 comfortable telling them exactly what my plan was so I
14 just said, look, this is what we have to do and you just
15 need to support the coaches on this.

16 Q. Did that have any impact on the morale of the team?

17 A. Yes.

18 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor --

19 A. I think that's why they were in my office asking me
20 about it, is because they, it was affecting their --

21 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I object.

22 THE COURT: Just a moment. When she objects,
23 you need to stop.

24 MS. GAMBARDELLA: This is totally irrelevant.
25 Team morale and how -- I mean players have different skill

1 sets. Are we going do have a little trial about how every
2 other team in Quinnipiac where some players are better
3 than others, the team doesn't like it? This is way beyond
4 the issues and participation opportunities.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll move on, Your Honor. I
6 believe the question and answer stand for themselves.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No, we want the answer
9 stricken.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: I heard the objection --

11 THE COURT: I'll deny the motion to strike.

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you.

13 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

14 Q. As a Division I coach, are you expected to try to
15 recruit players for your team?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And do you recruit players for the Quinnipiac
18 softball team?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And after you were given these new target management
21 numbers, did you receive any additional funds to help you
22 recruit more Division I quality athletes to fill up your
23 target number?

24 A. No.

25 Q. How many softball athletes actually competed during

1 the Spring 2009 season?

2 A. Seventeen.

3 Q. Seventeen. And, again, for the EADA reports you
4 reported 26, is that correct?

5 A. No, 23.

6 Q. Twenty-three? All right.

7 A. Twenty-six was the year before.

8 Q. Twenty-three, okay. So a difference of five, is that
9 fair say to say?

10 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

11 THE COURT: Six.

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Six.

13 THE WITNESS: Six.

14 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

15 Q. How many softball athletes actually competed during
16 the Spring 2008 season?

17 A. Spring 2008 was 17 as well.

18 Q. All right. And, again, how many were reported for
19 EADA purposes in the --

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection.

21 A. Twenty-six.

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Spring? I'm not sure Spring
23 competition is reported to EADA.

24 THE COURT: No, no.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: I don't think she understood my

1 question.

2 THE COURT: The question was "How many
3 participants in the Spring and the follow up was how many
4 were reported, paren, in the Fall, close paren, on the
5 EADA report. He was asking how many were on the report.
6 The report is put in in the Fall. He's contrasted the
7 Fall number and the Spring number.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Right, but you don't report
9 two numbers to the EADA.

10 THE COURT: No, correct. He's only asked about
11 what number was reported.

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Got it.

13 THE COURT: You can answer.

14 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

15 Q. Did you understand my question, Ms. Fairchild?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. Thank you. How many were reported in the EADA
18 reports for the 2007, 2008 season?

19 A. Twenty-six in '07-'08.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Twenty-three in '08-'09.

22 Q. Okay. And this time I've got the number right, a
23 difference of nine, is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I have no other questions, Your
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Cross?

4 (Pause)

5 THE COURT: Why don't we do this. Why don't we
6 take a ten minute break, all right? And we'll come back
7 at 11:30. Stand in recess until then. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 11:20

9 o'clock, a. m. to 11:30 o'clock a. m.)

10 CROSS EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

12 Q. Good morning, Ms. Fairchild.

13 A. Good morning.

14 Q. This morning one of the questions I asked you in our
15 meeting was your understanding of the purpose for the
16 introduction of roster management at the university and
17 your answer to me was to achieve proportionality, do you
18 remember that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Is that, in fact, your understanding of why it
21 was introduced, to achieve proportionality?

22 A. That is what I understand it to be now --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- through my own research.

25 Q. Through your own research?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Now, you indicated that you met and maintained
3 for the most part a number of 23 participants last year,
4 correct?

5 A. Twenty-three in '08-'09.

6 Q. Yes, the year we just finished?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And in '07-'08?

9 A. '07-'08, the number reported to the EADA?

10 Q. No.

11 A. That the number we're talking about?

12 Q. No, we're talking about the number over the course of
13 the season on average of participants that you maintained
14 in the academic year we just finished, let's retreat back
15 there.

16 A. I can't tell you. I don't know what you mean by the
17 number on average. That doesn't make any sense.

18 Q. The first day of competition for '08-'09 was 23, is
19 that correct, or was it 26?

20 A. In '07-'08?

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Okay?

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. Upon the first date of competition in the Fall, 26.

25 Q. Okay. And through that Fall season, how many players

1 did you maintain?

2 A. Until they started quitting, I maintained all of them
3 but they began to quit.

4 Q. The three or four quit?

5 A. The nine, we had nine quit.

6 Q. Nine quit. Okay. Do --

7 A. And not all at the same time.

8 Q. Got it.

9 A. That's why I can't answer, I can't say on -- at
10 different times they decided they wanted to quit.

11 Q. Understood, understood. Students quit other teams
12 after the season starts, wouldn't you agree with that?

13 A. I would.

14 Q. For a variety of reasons, would you agree with that?

15 A. I would.

16 Q. Now, you said that no one gave you -- well, I think
17 the question was did anybody give you guidance and the
18 answer was no, with respect to how to achieve the numbers.
19 Do you remember that question and that answer?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. You are the coach of the women's softball team,
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Isn't it a fact that what the athletic department
25 told you was they'd give you discretion and judgment in

1 determining how to get to those numbers?

2 A. That was never stated to me.

3 Q. Well, what was your understanding of why it was being
4 left up to you?

5 A. I didn't have an understanding. That's why I went to
6 Tracey Flynn, and actually Jack McDonald first in my
7 performance evaluation thing. I don't know how to meet
8 this number.

9 Q. And did you testify on direct that Tracey Flynn had
10 given you, she had discussed some ideas and direction in
11 that regard?

12 A. I think what I said earlier was that she provided me
13 with one basic fact.

14 Q. It had to get done.

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Do you remember what the fact was?

18 Q. No, but here's how it works. I get to ask you, okay?

19 A. Well, I said it earlier.

20 Q. I heard what you said.

21 A. Would you like me to restate it?

22 Q. No. Now, does every athletic program at Quinnipiac
23 have assistant coaches in addition to full-time coach?

24 A. I assume so. I'm not, you know --

25 Q. But you don't know?

1 A. I see assistant coaches around and I know who they
2 work for. I mean can I talk about every program?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. I can't. I'm the softball coach. I can't speak for
5 other programs.

6 Q. That's a way of telling me you don't know the answer
7 to that question.

8 A. Not in fact, no, I don't.

9 Q. Okay. And, indeed, in terms of the budget
10 constraints which you had articulated concerns about
11 throughout the past couple of years and for next year, do
12 you remember that testimony?

13 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

14 Q. Is it not the case that every athletic program at
15 Quinnipiac has budget constraints?

16 A. Absolutely true.

17 Q. And every coach is going to have to figure out how to
18 budget enough to make it work for the number of
19 participants allotted to those particular teams; would
20 that be true?

21 A. The number of participants allotted --

22 Q. Team members. Let's stick with team members. Every
23 coach is going to have to figure out how to spread the
24 money around for the team, correct?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And are you aware that there are cuts that are going
2 to be implemented across the board in every athletic
3 program for next year?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So everybody's going to have the same problem,
6 wouldn't you agree with me? Men's coaches and women's
7 coaches?

8 A. No, I would not agree with you.

9 Q. They are not all going to have the same problem
10 trying to make, to figure out how to make it work with
11 less money?

12 A. You're saying all --

13 Q. All the coaches?

14 A. -- of all the sports teams at Quinnipiac?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. Again, I'm not an expert but basically you're asking
17 me my opinion. I'm not an expert.

18 Q. No, I'm not --

19 A. I don't know, I mean I don't know.

20 Q. If you don't know, that's a perfectly acceptable
21 answer.

22 A. Well, I will not agree to the statement that all
23 teams will endure the same budget cuts.

24 Q. How do you know?

25 A. Well, if certain actions that have been taken in the

1 last two weeks are any indication, all indications are
2 that there are four programs at the university that are
3 not enduring much in the way of budget cuts.

4 Q. Okay. Well, do you agree with me that athletic
5 programs at Quinnipiac, in addition to women's softball,
6 are going to have to deal with budget cuts?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That would include men's programs also, correct?

9 A. Some, yes.

10 Q. Now, your concerns were about excellence in Division
11 I experience, that your budget was tight to support the
12 number of players you were expected to support. Those
13 were the concerns that you had articulated to Jack and
14 Tracey throughout the past couple of years, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. Let me just see -- now, would you agree with
17 me that if there are different skill levels on any team at
18 Quinnipiac, that could in a sense in some way affect the
19 other players, correct?

20 A. (Pause)

21 Q. That's true for any team, isn't it, Ms. Fairchild?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection, Your Honor. It's
23 obvious the witness is thinking about what her answer's
24 going to be.

25 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I withdraw it.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I object to Ms. Gambardella
2 interrupting the witness while she's trying to form her
3 answer.

4 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'm just trying to make the
5 question more direct and easier, Judge. I'll withdraw the
6 last two questions, okay?

7 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

8 Q. Differing skill levels of team players could affect
9 every team, correct?

10 A. If they were asked to entertain players who don't
11 have the skill level, but not every team is asked to do
12 that.

13 Q. Ms. Fairchild, do you believe that on the athletic
14 programs at Quinnipiac, everybody on the team has the same
15 skill level?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Okay. If some players play better than others, does
18 that potentially affect the team?

19 A. It's not about -- I don't think the question is about
20 people playing better than others. There's a difference
21 between playing better than others and skill level.

22 Q. Okay, let's choose your phrase.

23 A. Mantle and Maris, you know, even the greatest hitter
24 supposedly in baseball is still going to go 0 for five
25 some days, so --

1 Q. Every team will have different skill levels on the
2 team, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And you already testified at some point, and I don't
5 remember if it was last year or the year before, there was
6 a team member -- and if I'm wrong, correct me -- who said
7 why do we have so many people practicing? Was that a team
8 member that said that to you?

9 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.) I'm sorry, yes.

10 Q. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you.

11 A. Well, I have a habit of saying uh huh and I have to
12 say yes.

13 Q. That's okay. Yes, and your answer was because this
14 is what has to be done?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Right?

17 MS. GAMBARDELLA: One moment.

18 (Pause)

19 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

20 Q. Some of the other men's programs have more
21 participants, more roster -- let me withdraw it.

22 They have more team members than you have, correct?

23 A. Which sports?

24 Q. Any of them?

25 A. The relevance of my answer depends on which sport

1 you're talking about.

2 Q. Do any men's teams have more participants than the
3 participants on the women's softball team?

4 A. Sure, yes.

5 Q. And they are going to be expected to fill those
6 numbers as well, correct?

7 A. Well, they are actually wishing they could fill those
8 numbers.

9 Q. Are they going to be expected, like you were
10 expected, to fill those roster targets? Yes or no.

11 A. They are going to be expected to hold their rosters
12 to that number.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No further questions.

15 THE COURT: All right. Redirect?

16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

18 Q. Ms. Fairchild, do you feel that you are expected to
19 hold your rosters to the target management number?

20 A. Yes. I feel we are, I feel I, as a sports coach of a
21 women's sport that is not a head count sport, am expected
22 to meet a high number. It is my opinion and, again, only
23 my opinion, that men's teams are expected to hold down
24 their roster number.

25 Q. Okay. And what do you base that on?

1 A. The athletic departmental policy manual sheets. It's
2 right there in front of you.

3 Q. Okay. And, again, you've been at Quinnipiac since
4 2000?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. All right. Almost a decade now?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Time flies.

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q. You know what you're talking about.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I believe you were asked about roster management as a
13 tool, and I believe Ms. Gambardella asked you it was your
14 understanding that roster management is a tool to achieve
15 proportionality. Do you recall her asking you about that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. And when you refer to proportionality, are we
18 referring to gender equity; that is, male/female
19 participation?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right. And when you refer to roster management
22 as a tool to achieve proportionality, when you were
23 talking about that, is that your understanding of what the
24 tool is supposed to be used for?

25 A. My understanding and what is written in the OCR

1 guidelines, is that roster management is the practice of
2 limiting the number of male student athletes who can walk
3 onto a team. Now, if you extrapolate that rationally --

4 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, she is not an
5 expert on OCR guidelines. So her --

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: There was no objection to the
7 question, Your Honor. She should be allowed to answer.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Okay.

9 THE COURT: Well, okay, she's objecting now.

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I object.

11 THE COURT: Let's just -- let's ask the question
12 again.

13 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

14 Q. Could I have the question read back, please?

15 THE COURT: "When you refer to roster management
16 as a tool to achieve proportionality, when you are talking
17 about that, is that your understanding of what the tool is
18 supposed to be used for?"

19 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

20 Q. You can answer.

21 A. In our --

22 THE COURT: Just a moment. All right, just a
23 moment. Is there an objection?

24 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Yes, the objection is the --
25 she's starting to answer about OCR guidelines and the

1 meaning and the implication and the application, so if
2 he's asking her her understanding at Quinnipiac, I have an
3 issue with that.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: That's a different question and
5 that's coming up next.

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Please don't interrupt me,
7 counsel.

8 THE COURT: All right, one at time.

9 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: What's the objection?

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: The objection to the question
12 is, A, goes beyond the direct; B, goes beyond the cross.
13 He's already asked her -- and the only question I asked
14 her was, I asked her this morning her understanding at
15 Quinnipiac, whether was it was a tool with which she
16 achieved proportionality.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: She didn't say Quinnipiac.

18 THE COURT: All right. One at time. Let's get
19 the objection. You can respond. Anything further on the
20 objection?

21 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No.

22 THE COURT: What's the response?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: I believe counsel opened the
24 door to this area. She asked the witness about what
25 roster management is for and what the purpose of it is and

1 I believe I have a right to explore that with this witness
2 because I believe that there's some subtleties between the
3 answers as given and how roster management is actually
4 implemented at Quinnipiac and I would like to explore
5 that.

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We can look it up on the
7 record but my exact question was this morning during our
8 interview, did I ask you and did you tell me you
9 understood the goal of roster management at Quinnipiac
10 University was to achieve proportionality. That was the
11 question I asked.

12 THE COURT: Let's just be clear. There's no, I
13 don't understand there be an interest in examining roster
14 management beyond Quinnipiac. Am I correct or incorrect
15 about that?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Well, I think it's relevant,
17 Your Honor, because to the extent that Quinnipiac is
18 holding roster management out as a neutral device to
19 achieve gender equity but if in fact it is being
20 implemented in a nonneutral way, I think we have to make a
21 distinction between the tool as it is intended to be used
22 and how it's actually being implemented at Quinnipiac.

23 THE COURT: But there's no, there's nothing in
24 the record anywhere that roster management is a tool
25 that's used anywhere other than Quinnipiac, so let's just

1 focus in on Quinnipiac, and the difference can be the
2 theory of roster management and the practice of roster
3 management.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Fair enough, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: But let's just focus in on
6 Quinnipiac.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Fair enough, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

9 Q. Ms. Fairchild, based on your now ten years'
10 experience at Quinnipiac and your recent experience from
11 '07 to the present with roster management at Quinnipiac,
12 is roster management, as it's implemented at Quinnipiac,
13 do you believe it's being used to achieve gender equity
14 proportionality?

15 A. No.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor -- Your Honor, I
17 didn't ask her her belief. I said her understanding from
18 Quinnipiac. This witness's beliefs are not relevant
19 unless we lay a foundation. And I didn't ask her for her
20 opinion and I didn't ask her any questions other than
21 what's been articulated to her.

22 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to sustain the
23 objection. I don't even understand what you're asking.
24 The question is ambiguous. So just, let's rephrase it and
25 try again. In other words, is this -- is the question

1 whether she believes gender equity is actually being
2 achieved or whether she believes that's the purpose of the
3 question -- or of the practice.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: I understand, Your Honor, and
5 for the record, the witness was in the midst of answering
6 my question when Attorney Gambardella interrupted her. I
7 believe she was preparing to explain that.

8 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

9 Q. Ms. Fairchild, is roster management, as it has been
10 explained to you, as you have been not instructed on how
11 to implement it, is it being implemented at Quinnipiac in
12 a manner to achieve gender equity proportionality?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Could you --

15 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection, foundation.

16 THE COURT: Well, I'll allow it.

17 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

18 Q. Your answer was no; could you explain to the court
19 why you believe that roster management, to the extent that
20 it has been a direction to the coaches, is not being used
21 in a manner to achieve gender equity at Quinnipiac?

22 A. Roster management is, is I think a tool that is put
23 in place to limit male walk-ons, to help athletic
24 departments reach proportionality and take into
25 consideration budgetary constraints, among other things.

1 What happens at Quinnipiac, however, is we basically
2 end up counting unused roster spots. Twenty-six, the
3 number in '07-'08 was 26. I didn't feel -- I didn't have
4 26 players on my team, I did not have 26 players who
5 received actual benefits, actual people. It is supposed
6 to be -- an opportunity to participate is defined as the
7 following. Real people receiving real opportunities,
8 receiving real benefits. Travel, uniforms, equipment,
9 among other things.

10 The fact of the matter is that with many of the
11 women's programs at Quinnipiac, there's a number that's
12 being reported to the EADA that says this number of female
13 student athletes are receiving actual benefits. That's
14 not accurate. The number of -- for softball, the number
15 of female student athletes receiving actual benefits --
16 these are people now we're talking about, not numbers --
17 was 17, not 26.

18 Q. Okay. I believe counsel asked you about the cuts as
19 far as financing for women's sports and men's sports, do
20 you recall that --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- series of questions? Now, have the cuts that have
23 been implemented at Quinnipiac been discussed at these
24 weekly staff meetings?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who's getting what and who's losing what? Has that
2 been discussed?

3 A. Not specifically. We've simply been told that there
4 will be ten percent across the board, but we as coaches
5 are not in control of how that ten percent is cut from
6 each budget. Ten percent will be cut and we're told what
7 we can and cannot do. So I actually renege -- there have
8 been some specifics on how the budget cuts will be
9 implemented, yes. Fall sports, Spring sports, how it will
10 affect early arrival on campus to prepare for your season
11 prior to the start of the semester. How it will affect
12 the first date that you're allowed to compete, the first
13 date you're allowed to practice, those types of things.

14 Q. And are those cuts to sports, are they having similar
15 impact on the men's teams as well as the women's teams?

16 A. Actually when you break it down, there are some
17 pretty clearcut differences in how those cuts affect
18 women's sports and how they affect men's sports.

19 Q. So, there is a disparity in how the men's and women's
20 teams are being treated; is that fair to say?

21 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection, Your Honor. Your
22 Honor, you know, there's no foundation laid when I asked
23 her the same question she said I can't speak to other
24 teams about whether or not they are feeling an effect
25 across the board. Now we're really getting into the

1 budget cuts, accommodations, which are in the part of this
2 hearing.

3 THE COURT: All right. Sustained.

4 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

5 Q. Ms. Fairchild, I may have forgotten to ask you
6 earlier, but could you explain to the court why it is you
7 agreed to testify in this lawsuit?

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I didn't ask the witness that.
9 Beyond the scope of the cross.

10 THE COURT: I don't think it matters.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you. Anything further?

13 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

14 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

15 Q. Your understanding of roster management is that it's
16 to limit male walk-ons to help reach proportionality
17 within budget constraints; did I hear that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That's your understanding of roster management
20 according to OCR documents?

21 A. No, my understanding is actually much broader than
22 that, but --

23 Q. That's part of your understanding?

24 A. It's part of my understanding.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Your Honor --

1 Q. To limit male walk-ons to help reach proportionality?

2 A. It's part of my understanding, yes.

3 Q. Okay. Your roster spots, your targeted roster spots
4 for '08-'09 were how many?

5 A. What do you mean by targeted?

6 Q. What was the roster number given you for last year?

7 A. The number to meet?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. For '08-'09?

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. Twenty-five.

12 Q. Was it 23?

13 A. That's the number I --

14 Q. I'm sorry, it was 25 and you achieved 23?

15 A. I only achieved 23, correct.

16 Q. Okay. And the crux of your complaints concern the
17 quality of experience for your players given budget
18 constraints and the number of participants; do I have that
19 summarized correctly?

20 A. I would also add availability of coaches.

21 Q. Got you. The quality of the experience.

22 A. Uh huh. (Affirmative.)

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And do you have any special training in EADA

1 reporting?

2 A. No, I don't.

3 Q. In fact, isn't the number that goes on the EADA
4 report the number of participants on the first day of
5 competition?

6 A. By definition I believe that is correct.

7 Q. Right. And when you were asked for the number of the
8 first day of competition, did you lie and give a false
9 number ever?

10 A. No.

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No further questions.

12 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

14 Q. Based on your experience with roster management, is
15 the number you report for EADA purposes on the first date
16 of competition, while accurate, nevertheless misleading?

17 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor --

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. GAMBARDELLA: -- I didn't even go there.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: That was her own questioning.

21 MS. GAMBARDELLA: She's not an EADA expert.

22 THE COURT: I'm going to allow it. I think it's
23 within the scope of what was just asked. She answered it.

24 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

25 Q. The number is misleading, is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. No other questions,
3 Your Honor.

4 FURTHER RECROSS EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

6 Q. Ms. Fairchild, have you ever been responsible for
7 EADA reporting?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Have you ever filled out a form for Quinnipiac?

10 A. Fill out what form?

11 Q. EADA report form for Quinnipiac?

12 A. I have filled out official documentation from our
13 compliance office.

14 Q. Yes. Have you filled out an EADA report?

15 A. That is used by compliance.

16 Q. Have you filled out an -- I'm sorry.

17 A. And sent to the EADA. No, that is not in my job
18 description.

19 Q. Right. And the different categories on the EADA
20 report itself, are you responsible for filling any of that
21 out?

22 A. No, I'm not.

23 Q. Is it part of your job description to understand what
24 numbers go where and what information goes where?

25 A. Apparently it is incumbent upon us to understand it.

1 Q. Is it part of your job responsibility at Quinnipiac,
2 Ms. Fairchild, to understand that?

3 A. I would say that it should be. I mean --

4 Q. I didn't ask --

5 A. Well, okay, but -- you asked me this but I've never
6 actually been given a job description on paper like these,
7 you know, bullet point, these are in your job description.
8 I think as a NCAA coach, you're responsible for knowing as
9 much as you possibly can about why things work the way
10 they do, how they work, so that you can make informed
11 decisions about how to run your program.

12 Q. You fill out Quinnipiac generated forms that ask you
13 questions and you fill in answers, correct?

14 A. Submit them to compliance, yes.

15 Q. That's not at Quinnipiac? That's Quinnipiac,
16 correct? Quinnipiac University's department?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Thank you.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what they do to interpret what goes where on the
21 EADA report, you do not participate in that, do you?

22 A. No, I do not.

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: No other questions, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Thank you, you're excused.

1 (Witness excused.)

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, I have two other
3 coaches outside. But -- I'm sorry.

4 MR. ORLEANS: Your Honor, the plaintiffs rest.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: For the record, and for the
7 record I believe we can move on. I think since the
8 plaintiffs have rested it would be appropriate to deny the
9 request for injunction. The plaintiffs have failed to
10 sustain any burden of proof in this case which includes
11 the first one which is the irreparable harm to be remedied
12 by the injunction. But we can move on. I just want to
13 state that for the record.

14 THE COURT: You've preserved it. I will deny
15 that motion.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Okay. I was going to call --
17 I'm going call the coaches because one of them has a
18 commitment and they should be relatively quick so we can
19 get through them pretty quickly.

20 MR. ORLEANS: What's Your Honor's schedule.

21 THE COURT: Yes. I was going to break at 12:30.
22 I don't know if we can get them accomplished by then.

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We might.

24 THE COURT: We ought to try. If we can't, then
25 we'll see where we are at 12:30.

1 MS. GAMBARDELLA: College try.

2 THE COURT: Please remain standing and raise
3 your right hand.

4 B E C C A M A Y K O H L I, called as a
5 witness on behalf of the Defendant, having been duly sworn
6 by the Clerk, testified as follows:.

7 THE COURT: Please be seated and state your name
8 for the record?

9 THE WITNESS: My name is Becca May coally.

10 THE COURT: Last name is spelled --

11 THE WITNESS: K-O-H-L-I.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

15 Q. Good morning, Ms. Kohli.

16 A. Good morning.

17 Q. Thank you for coming. You're employed with
18 Quinnipiac University, correct?

19 A. I am.

20 Q. In what capacity?

21 A. I'm head field hockey coach.

22 Q. For women's?

23 A. Women's field hockey, yes.

24 Q. Thank you. And how long have you been at Quinnipiac?

25 A. Finishing my 14th year.

1 Q. So the start year -- I'm terrible at math.

2 A. 1995.

3 Q. All right. Are you familiar with the introduction of
4 roster management at Quinnipiac University?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. Can you pinpoint for us what year, if you can,
7 roster management was introduced at Quinnipiac University?

8 A. About four years ago.

9 Q. Okay. And can you give us your understanding from
10 what you read at Quinnipiac in manuals or what was told to
11 you by anybody in the Athletics Department of the purpose
12 of the introduction of roster management?

13 A. Main purpose was for us to up our women's teams, in
14 order to keep support of the men's teams, and also to
15 match the University's men's to women's ratio.

16 Q. What was the general atmosphere among the coaches in
17 terms of embracing this concept the first year it was
18 introduced?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection, Your Honor. General
20 atmosphere? She can testify about what her reaction was
21 but I don't know what the general atmosphere means.

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'll withdraw the question and
23 rephrase it.

24 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

25 Q. Did the coaches have -- did you have conversations

1 with coaches -- and this is just a yes or no for now,
2 don't tell me what they said -- the first year of roster
3 management introduction about the fact that this was being
4 introduced?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. All right. And how many coaches would you say you
7 had conversations with? Just give us a general feeling.

8 A. Two, three?

9 Q. Okay. And amongst the two or three and including who
10 you spoke with, what was your sense of the willingness to
11 embrace this concept, at least -- just keep to the first
12 year it was introduced.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection, hearsay.

14 THE COURT: I'll allow it.

15 BY THE WITNESS:

16 A. I would say I felt it was probably warranted and I
17 was fine with it getting on board. It wasn't going to be
18 a huge issue. I actually had asked for more on my roster
19 for a few years, so personally it was something I was just
20 expected to do, was asked to do so I would do.

21 Q. Were you given any instructions, specific
22 instructions as to how to achieve the roster number or the
23 target that you were given?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Were you expected to be given specific instructions?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. Tell me why not.

3 A. I think I kind of at that point assumed I needed to
4 either increase my recruiting or take a better look at the
5 walk-ons that come to our program, so I just on my own
6 made that decision.

7 Q. Was it particularly offensive to you that it was left
8 to your judgment as to how to fill those spots?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay. Why wasn't it offensive to you?

11 A. I think I committed to many of the things that I was
12 asked to do as a coach in terms of what you're doing with
13 your team and what you're not doing with your team, so I
14 just put it on with the rest of the things I do with my
15 team. So I listen to the administration, I do what's
16 asked and I did that. I guess, I'm guess I'm kind of that
17 type.

18 Q. What is your understanding from what you either read
19 in terms of documents through the athletics department or
20 what's been told to you as to the importance of those
21 roster numbers?

22 A. I mean we have our staff handbook. I totally
23 understand in that, in the staff handbook, in many
24 situations we go back to and refer to it for many things,
25 many numbers. But it was just something I was expected to

1 do and I did. I mean I can't imagine -- I don't think the
2 question, as a department, that we sit around and have a
3 lot of conversations about it. It's just -- it's in the
4 handbook.

5 Q. Are you aware of, are there budget constraints that
6 apply to your particular athletic program?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And are you aware of budget reductions that are going
9 to be implemented going forward?

10 A. I have, yes. With the economy, we've heard of things
11 that are going to change. We don't know our budgets for
12 next year but I do know that's coming.

13 Q. And how many roster spots were you asked to fill for
14 '08-'09?

15 A. Twenty-five.

16 Q. And did you fill them?

17 A. I filled 24.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MS. GAMBARDELLA: One moment, Your Honor.

20 (Pause)

21 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

22 Q. Can you tell me your overall experience at Quinnipiac
23 as a women's athletic coach?

24 A. As a coach? It's a wonderful atmosphere for me.
25 I've had opportunity to go to places. I've been here

1 obviously a very long time. I believe in Quinnipiac and
2 what it's done over the past 14 years so I'm very happy
3 there. I'm very happy as a coach for the atmosphere in
4 terms of feeling good everyday coming to work. So I'm
5 very happy as a coach, very happy.

6 Q. If you had any concerns or -- concerns about your
7 team and your budget or anything else concerning your
8 team, who would you feel free to go to and discuss that
9 with?

10 A. I would go to any three of the AD's. I would go with
11 Tracey Flynn or Bill Mecca or Jack McDonald.

12 Q. Have you ever felt deprived of any resource in that
13 regard in terms of information and being able to air your
14 concerns?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Were you at a meeting recently, I think it was last
17 Wednesday, a staff meeting?

18 A. Yes, I'm at every Wednesday staff meeting.

19 Q. You're at every Wednesday staff meeting. And
20 Mr. McDonald spoke at that meeting?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And did he speak about roster management going
23 forward?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what, to the best of your recollection and in as

1 much detail as you can recall, did he say at that meeting?

2 A. We are going to have our roster numbers just like
3 every year we have our roster numbers and we're going to
4 need to get those numbers. I had a private conversation
5 asking Jack what my number would be and he said we would
6 he would get to that point in the very near future and
7 that we would need to be held to those, like a normal
8 year.

9 Q. Did he say anything about competitive cheer?

10 A. He said that it's looking like cheerleading might
11 become a varsity sport, yes.

12 Q. Anything else about cheer?

13 Let me ask you this. Did he say anything like if you
14 don't believe competitive cheer can be varsity, you don't
15 belong here?

16 A. No.

17 MS. GAMBARDELLA: One moment, Your Honor.

18 (Pause)

19 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No further questions at this
20 time. Hold on, you're not done.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm not going anywhere, just
22 relaxing.

23 THE COURT: Cross?
24
25

1 CROSS EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

3 Q. Ms. Kohli, thank you for coming down. You were
4 waiting in the hallway before you came to testify, is that
5 correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And was there a break a little while ago when
8 Ms. Gambardella went out and spoke to you in the hallway?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you know what this case is about, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The women's volleyball team has brought a Title IX
13 lawsuit, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. All right. And when Ms. Gambardella came out and
16 spoke to you, did she explain to you what was going on in
17 the courtroom?

18 A. She said we would be coming in to talk about roster
19 management.

20 Q. Okay. And did she discuss the testimony of any of
21 the witnesses with you?

22 A. No, just that G was still testifying.

23 Q. Okay. You are the head of the field -- you're the
24 coach of the field hockey team, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you've been there for 14 years?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And did there come a time when you learned that
4 Quinnipiac was cutting back on its athletic budget?

5 A. My athletic budget?

6 Q. No, on Quinnipiac's athletic budget?

7 A. This year, you mean?

8 Q. Correct.

9 A. I know we're going to have cuts for next year.
10 That's what I know.

11 Q. When did you learn about impending cuts?

12 A. I think the first indication of that came in January,
13 and then pretty steadily over all our staff meetings in
14 the Spring.

15 Q. Okay. And did there come a time when you learned
16 that your job was secure?

17 MS. GAMBARDELLA: What was the --

18 A. Was I told was my job secure?

19 Q. Uh huh.

20 A. I don't know if -- I didn't have that conversation
21 with anyone.

22 Q. Okay. Are you on a year to year contract with the
23 University?

24 A. Yes, renewed yearly.

25 Q. Okay. But you are aware that there are some

1 budgetary concerns at the University generally?

2 A. Campus-wide, yes.

3 Q. And programs are getting cut?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. As a matter of fact, an entire women's sport has been
6 cut?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All right. Did you receive additional funding for
9 recruiting, in order to recruit more players for your
10 team?

11 A. For 2009 coming or this season?

12 Q. Both actually.

13 A. I don't know next year's budgets but I have never had
14 inadequacies in any recruiting budgets, so no, I haven't
15 received any extra monies but I don't have inadequacies.

16 Q. Okay. Did the target management numbers for your
17 team, were you consulted on fixing that number?

18 A. I'm not -- I'm not sure what you're asking in terms
19 of budget.

20 Q. Did anybody in the athletic department speak to you
21 about what a realistic target management number would be
22 for field hockey?

23 THE COURT: Roster management.

24 Q. Roster management, I'm sorry.

25 A. I'm sorry. Did somebody tell me what they want my

1 roster number to be at? Is that what you're asking?

2 Q. Did anyone ask you what a realistic number would be?

3 A. My opinion, I don't think so. I think I had lobbied
4 for more. I wanted to have a few more on my team in terms
5 of the NCAA numbers versus Quinnipiac's numbers. But, no,
6 for next year I have not put in for what I need for a
7 roster.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: If I could just have a moment,
9 Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 (Pause)

12 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

13 Q. Drawing your attention to that ring binder in front
14 of you?

15 THE COURT: Excuse me, counsel someone may be
16 making a delivery?

17 MR. ORLEANS: I know what that is. Thank you.

18 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

19 Q. Drawing your attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, it's
20 in one of those binders there in front of you.

21 A. A or --

22 THE COURT: Eight.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Looks like those are the defense
24 exhibits.

25 (Hands witness.)

1 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

2 Q. Drawing your attention to 8 at the bottom, does it
3 say women's teams?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you see where it says field hockey?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right. And is -- would you agree that Quinnipiac
8 University's current -- both their current and proposed
9 number of players for field hockey is higher than the NEC
10 average and the NCAA conference average?

11 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, I did not ask this
12 witness anything about NCAA averages or NEC averages.

13 THE COURT: She made an answer that she wanted
14 more players to become closer to the NCAA average so I'm
15 going allow the question.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I missed it. My fault.

17 BY THE WITNESS:

18 A. Yes, I see that, yes.

19 Q. So Quinnipiac field hockey numbers are actually
20 higher --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- than the NCAA average number squad size and the
23 NEC average squad size, squad number?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right, I have no further

1 questions, Your Honor.

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I have nothing further.

3 THE COURT: You're excused. Thank you.

4 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Leave that?

5 (Witness excused.)

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We're going to call Danielle
7 Caro.

8 THE COURT: Please remain standing and raise
9 your right hand.

10 D A N I E L L E C A R O, called as a witness on
11 behalf of the Defendant, having been duly sworn by the
12 Court, testified as follows:

13 THE COURT: Please be seated. Thank you.

14 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Your Honor, before I walk off
15 with this, this says this is my original. I don't know
16 how it got here.

17 THE COURT: It should be with the clerk.

18 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'm going to give it back.

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

21 Q. Good morning, Ms. Caro, how are you?

22 A. Good, thank you.

23 Q. Are you currently employed by Quinnipiac University?

24 A. Yes, I am.

25 Q. And in what capacity?

1 A. I am the head woman's lacrosse coach.

2 Q. How long have you been at women's, the head women's
3 lacrosse coach at Quinnipiac University?

4 A. Just finished my fourth year.

5 Q. Okay. Do you have a recollection at some point in
6 time roster management was introduced at Quinnipiac?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what is your best recollection as to when that
9 was introduced?

10 A. Within the last few years.

11 Q. All right. And what was, either through reading
12 athletic departmental policies or what was told to you by
13 athletic department representatives, the purpose of the
14 introduction of roster management?

15 A. My understanding was to help us achieve gender
16 equity.

17 Q. All right. Do you remember what your roster target
18 number was for '08-'09?

19 A. Yes, for this year it was 30.

20 Q. Thirty. And what did you achieve?

21 A. I had 29 young women on my roster.

22 Q. All right. Now, Ms. Caro, can you tell me whether or
23 not you're aware that there will be some budget reductions
24 going forward next year?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And what is your understanding about how that may
2 affect you as a coach?

3 A. I think, you know, just in talking to our
4 administrators and hearing at staff meetings that we're
5 going to have many cuts, specifically some of the cuts
6 they mention were reduction in number of contests being
7 played, reduction in the amount of travel we'd be
8 permitted to do, things of that nature.

9 Q. So, your budget allocation with respect to travel
10 your understanding is going to be cut, is that correct?

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. Do you know whether or not cuts will affect men's and
13 women's teams?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. Okay. Can you please testify as to your overall
16 experience at Quinnipiac University as an athletic coach?

17 A. Are you -- what specifically are you asking me?

18 Q. Overall in the four years, what kind of experience --
19 has it been a positive experience?

20 A. Yes, generally very positive experience.

21 Q. Can you just explain to his Honor briefly what are
22 some of the things that, on which you base your opinion
23 that it's been a generally positive experience for you?

24 A. Well, I've worked at several institutions and I
25 obviously am working here now and I want to continue to

1 work at Quinnipiac, so I've had a generally positive
2 experience. Good support from administration, great
3 colleagues, other coaches. It's a very collegial
4 atmosphere and it's a fun place to work.

5 Q. What's your understanding of the importance of
6 staying to the roster number that has been assigned to
7 you?

8 A. My understanding is that we, every single program has
9 a number assigned to them and we're all supposed to
10 achieve that roster number, you know, on an annual basis
11 or at least attempt to achieve it.

12 Q. Just want to check the chart, Judge.

13 I'm sorry, did you testify as to what your
14 recollection was of the roster number target you had last
15 year, the year we're just finishing, was 30?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you achieved 29?

18 A. I believe so, yes.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. I'd have to check my records to say with 100 percent
21 certainty but I feel pretty good about that.

22 Q. Okay. Were you at an ATF meeting last Wednesday?

23 A. Yes, we have a staff meeting almost every Wednesday.

24 Q. Did Mr. McDonald talk about roster management?

25 A. We've had a notation on our agenda that says roster

1 management numbers are coming. We have not gotten
2 specific numbers for '09-'10 yet.

3 Q. Did Mr. McDonald say something like if you don't
4 agree competitive cheer is a varsity sport, you don't
5 belong here?

6 A. I don't recall him saying that.

7 Q. Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. GAMBARDELLA: No further questions.

9 THE COURT: Cross?

10 CROSS EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

12 Q. Yes, just briefly.

13 You've been the lacrosse coach for four years, is
14 that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And your roster management number was 30 this year,
17 is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. All right. And about how many times do you play in a
20 given season?

21 A. During our regular season this year we had 14 games
22 scheduled.

23 Q. Fourteen games. And were all 14 games against
24 different teams?

25 A. Fourteen different teams in the regular season. When

1 you go to the conference tournament we had two additional
2 games and they were repeat of teams we had played earlier
3 in the season.

4 Q. Teams you had played earlier?

5 A. Yes, in our conference.

6 Q. When you go to that championship, do they assign
7 standings to the different teams?

8 A. Yes. The top four teams go and you're seated one,
9 two, three, four, based on your regular season's winning
10 percentage.

11 Q. So, your actual championship competition is
12 determined by how you do during the regular season, is
13 that correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. All right. So the championship isn't sort of an
16 stand-alone competition, correct?

17 A. Will, I guess it's a new season because you could
18 just barely squeak in as the fourth best team in your
19 conference championship. You could actually win that
20 championship and have the opportunity to continue to
21 compete for a NCAA championship.

22 Q. Okay. And is that the way the championships are
23 determined in other women's sports?

24 A. I believe all the NEC sports have a conference
25 tournament that's based on your finish in the regular

1 season as to whether you qualify.

2 Q. So, you have to do well in the season in order to get
3 into the championship, is that correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And then in the championship, there's actual head to
6 head games and the best team at the end wins, is that
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. All right. Is it your understanding that the budget
10 for athletics at Quinnipiac is being cut across the board?

11 A. That's my understanding, yes.

12 Q. Okay. And do you know, have you heard the number ten
13 percent; does that sound about right?

14 A. I think it's definitely been mentioned before that
15 roughly they were looking at cutting ten percent across
16 the board.

17 Q. Okay. And ten percent across the board means men's
18 teams, women's teams, everybody's going to take a ten
19 percent hit, is that correct?

20 A. That would be my understanding, yes.

21 Q. And as far as roster management goes, is it your
22 understanding that roster management is there to decrease
23 the number of male walk-on participants?

24 A. No one has ever said that to me.

25 Q. Okay. And when you got your target roster management

1 number, was that higher or lower than the number you were
2 used to fielding?

3 A. I believe it was that number for my entire four years
4 here, and it was definitely higher than teams I have
5 coached before, but I also previously started three brand
6 new programs so I probably had atypically low numbers at
7 my previous coaching positions.

8 Q. Okay. So when the roster management number was given
9 to you, it was higher than what you were used to, is that
10 fair to say?

11 A. Yeah, that's fair to say.

12 Q. Okay. And the, the ten percent cut, would you agree
13 that -- well, let me ask you this. When you received your
14 target number, did you receive any additional funding to
15 recruit athletes for your team?

16 A. I think the budget was already set in concert with
17 the number when I got there. I don't know if the previous
18 coach had received anything, but I was hired in the summer
19 and so the budget for that year had already been
20 established and the numbers had already been established.

21 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that if the target
22 numbers for the men's team are being pushed down and the
23 target numbers for the women's teams are being pushed up,
24 and there's a ten percent across the board budget cut,
25 it's going to affect the women's teams more than the men's

1 teams?

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Objection. Lack of
3 foundation. I didn't ask her any of this on direct. I
4 can't begin to tell you the objection -- he's trying to
5 make this witness something that I didn't introduce her to
6 be.

7 THE COURT: I think it's -- you can save that
8 for argument.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

11 Q. So you've competed against a number of teams in this
12 area, is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And I would ask you to look at Plaintiff's 14. I'm
15 sorry, Plaintiff's 8. It's in the back there. Just pull
16 that tab there to eight and you can turn that sideways
17 there.

18 Do you see an entry there for women's teams at the
19 bottom?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you see the entry for women's lacrosse?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And I think we agree that your target management
24 number is 30, is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And so Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 accurately reflects your
2 start number, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Thirty, is that fair to say?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And going across the right there, would you agree
7 that Quinnipiac's number 30 is higher than the NEC average
8 of 23.44?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And would you agree that it's also higher than
11 the NCAA average, which is 27.2?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: I have no other questions, Your
15 Honor.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I have no questions.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, you're excused.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 (Witness excused.)

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: You said 12:30 break, am I
21 wrong?

22 THE COURT: Well, I am out of time for the rest
23 of the day, in essence. If you needed another ten minutes
24 I can squeeze it out.

25 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'm not going to be able to do

1 it in ten minutes.

2 THE COURT: What are you trying to do?

3 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Tracey Flynn. I have one more
4 witness.

5 THE COURT: How long is she going to take?

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I might have half an hour.
7 Twenty minutes -- I mean half an hour. We're just going
8 to try not to have any duplication.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: I will have some questions, Your
10 Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. Let's get her on here.

12 T R A C E Y F L Y N N, called as a witness on
13 behalf of the Defendant, having been duly sworn by the
14 Clerk, testified as follows:

15 THE COURT: Please be seated.

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

18 Q. Good morning, Ms. Flynn.

19 A. Good morning -- good afternoon.

20 Q. Good afternoon. You're right. Okay.

21 You are employed at Quinnipiac University, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How long have you been employed at Quinnipiac?

24 A. Since September of 2001.

25 Q. And what is your position at Quinnipiac?

1 A. My job title is Associate Director of Athletics for
2 Compliance and Student Services and Senior Woman
3 Administrator.

4 Q. And that has been your title consistently through
5 your tenure there?

6 A. Yes, it has.

7 Q. And to whom do you report?

8 A. My direct supervisor is Jack McDonald.

9 Q. Can you tell us your primary job responsibilities?

10 A. My primary responsibility is to ensure that I educate
11 our coaches, student athletes, athletic department staff,
12 university, on NCAA rules and to insure that we are
13 complying with NCAA rules.

14 Q. Uh huh.

15 A. That would be the majority of my job. Another part
16 of my job is overseeing the athletic scholarship budget,
17 and that includes incoming students, athletes, returning
18 student athletes and summer school. Those are my primary
19 responsibilities.

20 Q. Do you have any responsibilities with respect to
21 completion of EADA reports for the University?

22 A. Yes. My, my responsibility has been to share the
23 participation numbers of our student athletes, both male
24 and female, to also share the numbers of athletic
25 scholarships per sport and those -- the third part, I work

1 together with the athletic director and our senior
2 associate athletic director, Billy Mecca, to go through
3 the page of what coaches are male, female, full-time for
4 head coaching, assistant coaches. So, those are my three
5 areas that I contribute to the EADA report.

6 Q. Do you have an understanding of the number of
7 participants that goes on the EADA report and when it's
8 set, what's the timeframe from which it's extracted?

9 A. The EADA report lists in its directions, I find it in
10 the frequently answered questions section for the report,
11 and it tells you as of the first date of competition in a
12 sport the numbers that or the student athletes that are on
13 your roster that are receiving athletic aid or are
14 receiving coaching, and I think there's a third one. I
15 can't remember that but that's kind of why I always go
16 back to the frequently asked questions each year and
17 remind myself who I'm expected to count.

18 Q. And where does the University get the number from in
19 terms of the EADA reporting requirement, number of
20 participants? How do you get that number?

21 A. Separate from the EADA report, the NCAA has its own
22 expectations, its own rules and regulations, and they also
23 have had for many years something called the squad list.
24 It's been an electronic form for about ten or 12 years
25 now. And I author and maintain that squad list throughout

1 the entire year. So one of the most important things
2 about that NCAA squad list is the very first date of
3 competition, because for the very first date of
4 competition, you need to be sure who is eligible to go out
5 on the field and compete that day; who, if the team has an
6 away game, who's eligible to ride on the bus and receive
7 the benefit of transportation. So, the biggest day in
8 NCAA compliance for teams playing in their seasons is that
9 very first date of competition.

10 Q. Now, looking quickly, there's a binder in front of
11 you and hopefully it's plaintiff's, but can you look at
12 Number 11, Tab 11 just very briefly. Is that your
13 handwriting at the bottom? There was the number 27 with a
14 circle, is that you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where does that number come from?

17 A. It comes from, this is the baseball squad list and
18 the baseball squad list is three pages long and I would
19 have gone down the far right column.

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. And started looking at -- I count from the, I refer
22 from the right column and then I write notes in the side
23 if that's applicable. So that 27 is the culmination of me
24 counting the first page of names and then the second
25 name -- the second page of names. It's the summary. It's

1 the sum of those two pages.

2 Q. And the handwritten marks crossing the, the
3 cross-outs in the far right, what does that signify?

4 A. That they didn't count.

5 Q. Okay, got you.

6 A. So if -- and there are times when if you look at
7 other squad lists I've done, maybe something I've adapted,
8 I've started to number like one, two, three -- it's kind
9 of, with my record keeping, I kind of go back to the time
10 in seventh and eighth grade when you learn about when
11 scientists do experiments and they come up with some
12 theory or policy, or some theory that they proved, it's
13 only if they can replicate, other people can replicate
14 their results so that's kind of the way I put together all
15 of my documents.

16 Q. Would the number in the lower right of the circle
17 then be the number you report on the EADA report for first
18 day of competition?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. In this case yes.

22 Q. Now, when was roster management introduced at
23 Quinnipiac University?

24 A. I can't remember the exact date.

25 Q. Uh huh.

1 A. But I know we had gone through an NCAA certification
2 process and as a result of that, we implemented a variety
3 of things. And 2007, 2008 was the first time that I can
4 recall that roster management was being talked about and
5 it showed up in the 2007, 2008 policy and procedures
6 manual.

7 Q. And what was the purpose of the introduction of
8 roster management?

9 A. We had learned through the NCAA certification process
10 that our numbers of female/male participants in athletics
11 was not -- it wasn't the same or similar to the
12 participants of the University body.

13 Q. You mean the enrollment?

14 A. Enrollment.

15 Q. General enrollment?

16 A. Yes. So one of the things we did for gender equity,
17 and it's a whole report based on a five year plan, we had
18 talked about and had agreed to offer in the plan that we
19 would do, make efforts over the next five years to
20 increase our participation for women four to
21 seven percent. So we were trying to be more equitable
22 from a gender equity standpoint.

23 Q. What is the goal of the University next year in terms
24 of Title IX compliance?

25 A. Well, Title IX compliance in my mind is different

1 than gender equity, and I feel like I spend a lot of time
2 telling people that, but for the next year, the University
3 is going to be using the proportionality prong of Title IX
4 law for athletics to -- I think lost my train of thought
5 in that sentence -- but we're going to go for prong one
6 proportionality and that's the University's plan.

7 Q. Is part of your responsibility to monitor, keep track
8 of adds and deletes from squad lists throughout the
9 seasons?

10 A. Yes, I coordinate that function.

11 Q. And how do you do that? How do you monitor that?

12 A. I have kind of an entire umbrella program that helps
13 me build this and maintain this throughout the year.

14 Q. You mean roster management? I had roster management
15 as my title for managing all the numbers and who's going
16 where and who's eligible, and then my athletic director
17 stole my title himself, but there's a change of status
18 form and it's electronic, it's been electronic for a few
19 years now, and when coaches have a player that quits, that
20 is going to transfer so is leaving the team now, is being
21 cut, maybe they haven't shown up for practice for a few
22 days, they will -- they are expected to send me this
23 change of status form. And then that change of status
24 form is how I go on and update the database that produces
25 those squad lists, and I update another database and I

1 have a distribution list that I send to sports
2 information, sports medicine, alumni, a variety of people
3 that might need to know that somebody's either been added
4 or deleted from a team.

5 Q. We're going to turn to the add/delete list just
6 specifically for a couple of years, Tracey, but first --

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. -- can you tell me what your responsibilities will be
9 going forward into next year on roster management and
10 making sure that it's adhered to?

11 A. I expect that I will be the person on the front line
12 with Title IX compliance. It would very much parallel
13 what my experience is and what my job is currently to
14 comply with NCAA rules.

15 Q. Just tell us some of the steps you'll be taking
16 that -- I guess what you've been taking all along but that
17 you'll continue to take for next year?

18 A. Well, actually for Title IX compliance, and this
19 proportionality, we're entering a new phase because we've
20 never claimed to be in proportion or meet proportionality
21 but we now are going to be pursuing that and my
22 expectations would be, kind of off the top of my head but
23 I am a planner, and, again, similar to what I currently
24 do, I would expect that once we announce to the coaches
25 and inform them what their numbers are going to be, we'll

1 probably have some kind of a group
2 presentation-slash-meeting to discuss what the importance
3 of these numbers are, make sure or try to make sure
4 everybody's got the same understanding and knowledge of
5 Title IX and the commitment the University has made.

6 I've already, as part of my normal job, have asked
7 coaches to tell me who's going to be on your team next
8 year. It's kind of referred to as build a team.
9 Freshmen, returners, transfers. So, that's already
10 happened.

11 Now, knowing that, and having an opportunity to
12 educate our coaches on the things I just mentioned, I
13 would expect that throughout the summer I will be checking
14 in with each of the coaches to see where they are and
15 monitoring that right up through the start of the first
16 date of competition. And those activities are really no
17 different than what I do for NCAA purposes. Are your
18 freshmen cleared through the national clearing house? Is
19 your ineligible player at the end of the school year, now
20 that he's gone or she's gone through summer school, one or
21 two, is she eligible? Yes. So --

22 Q. And have coaches been already told since roster
23 management was introduced, about the purpose of roster
24 management?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Yes. Okay.

2 A. Yes. When roster management was introduced in 2007,
3 2008, they -- Jack would have told us in staff meetings,
4 would be the fashion that would be the most likely forum
5 because we meet every week almost the entire year, because
6 athletic certification was such, it's such a huge deal on
7 any campus when you go through it, and there was a time
8 when the certification report was in a final draft
9 version, that it was made available to athletic department
10 staff members, it was posted on our website, and the
11 gender equity report was in there. So there was that
12 whole climate of athletic certification that he would have
13 told us.

14 Q. All right. Would you go to Exhibit 13, which I'll
15 refer to you as the now infamous change --

16 A. Is that Tab 13?

17 Q. Tab 13, infamous change of status list.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Now, I'm going to call your attention to 2007, 2008;
20 were there any occurrences in 2007 and 2008 with respect
21 to this list that caught your attention?

22 A. Yes, there was a few.

23 Q. Okay. Can you tell us what those were?

24 A. The first one was the baseball coach had come, or the
25 baseball coach had either come to me or sent me via a

1 computer -- he's not computer literate so if anybody hands
2 it in handwritten, it would be him -- and gave me a list
3 of names on the form indicating that he was dropping these
4 players. And I thought, okay. We had had a conversation
5 a week or so prior and one of the things that I had said
6 to him when he was like how am I going to get to my
7 numbers, this is tough. And I explained to him, you know,
8 it might just -- you're going to have to have the hard
9 conversation.

10 Q. The hard conversations about what?

11 A. You only have so many slots, you've been asked to
12 stay to a certain number, and you're going to have to sit
13 with some of those athletes and say I don't have room for
14 you on my roster, we're being asked to maintain a roster
15 of whatever the number is, and that's what I mean by the
16 hard conversation.

17 And part of that conversation I think was he asked,
18 you know, wow, that's tough -- he's quite the gentleman,
19 but he was like that's tough, and I said, you know, I can
20 appreciate it's tough because for a number of years women
21 have not had the opportunity to participate, whether it
22 was a sport that wasn't being offered for them, and maybe
23 you could talk with one of our women's coaches that played
24 college sports and see how that conversation might have
25 gone.

1 Q. So, you basically in summary told him, can't do it,
2 you've got to drop the players?

3 A. He knew he had to do it, he just wasn't sure how he
4 should be doing it, or --

5 Q. Now, you notice on this form as well there's a number
6 of, there's the same sort of incident with the women's
7 softball coach, adding a bunch of people on 9/11/2007.
8 It's on the second page -- or maybe it's the third page?

9 A. 119?

10 Q. Or 119, 120, if you cross reference. You see that,
11 correct?

12 A. Softball?

13 Q. Women's softball.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. On 119 I see five softball players had quit.

17 Q. Did you have, ever have conversations with Coach
18 Fairchild about roster management?

19 A. I think I've had -- yes, because I believe I've had
20 some kind of conversation with every one of our coaches,
21 so yes.

22 Q. Did Coach Fairchild ever express to you concerns
23 about her budget and filling her spots given her budget,
24 anything along those lines?

25 A. I think those were maybe more recent conversations.

1 In reference to this list?

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. I don't recall it was budget concerns in 2007, 2008.

4 Q. All right. Now, flipping to 2008 -- Tracey, let me
5 ask you this. What was the -- in 2007, the academic year,
6 that is the first year roster management was introduced,
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were more than one or two of the coaches expressing
10 concerns about it?

11 A. I'd say in general just about every coach had a
12 concern.

13 Q. Okay. And what were the -- just give an example of
14 the types of concerns?

15 A. In general, there was coaches of the men's sports
16 that weren't sure, wow, these numbers, I've got to cut
17 people or what does this mean? And then generally in the
18 women's sports, it was, wow, where am I going to find more
19 women for my team. So I think --

20 Q. It was a cross section --

21 A. In general, those are the themes.

22 Q. Did that change in '08-'09?

23 A. Yes, I felt like there was a change in the climate.
24 It was 2008, 2009. Coaches had a year for planning
25 purposes and had grown accustomed, I think 2007, 2008, it

1 was brand new and it was a new concept on our campus. One
2 year later there were still some struggles but coaches
3 were really making an effort to meet those numbers.

4 Q. And did you continue to review the change in status
5 list for 5809?

6 A. Continue to review --

7 Q. Is it part of your job to maintain the add/delete
8 list? I think you said it was.

9 A. Yes, the change in status list.

10 Q. Did you observe the same type of incidents that we
11 just talked about in '07-'08, women's softball, and I
12 think you said men's baseball, did you see a recurrence of
13 that in '08-'09?

14 A. I really felt that 2007, 2008 was an anomaly year
15 because -- no, I guess the succinct answer is no.

16 Q. Do you have, based on conversations and meetings with
17 the coaches, confidence that the coaches as a whole
18 understand the importance of roster management in
19 particular for next year?

20 A. I think the coaches understood the importance of
21 roster management these previous two years because their
22 athletic director had said this would be a policy. I do
23 think that as we enter into a new phase and the commitment
24 of the University to meet proportionality, that our
25 coaching staff need to be educated in the change.

1 Q. Since the announcement -- have you had -- did Coach
2 Sparks call you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you remember getting a phone call from her right
5 after the announcement?

6 A. No.

7 Q. When did she call you?

8 A. The phone call that I most remember from Coach Sparks
9 was after the University had gotten news there was going
10 to be a Temporary Restraining Order.

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. So I believe it was -- no, it wasn't before -- it
13 wasn't -- it was just before the Temporary Restraining
14 Order and I got a call from her and she asked me if I
15 would like to join, be part of this lawsuit.

16 Q. What did you say?

17 A. I was startled and I said something to the effect
18 that I wasn't interested, no. I had to repeat myself
19 several times in between her talk.

20 Q. She was persistent somewhat?

21 A. Yes, and she was trying to convince me and I just
22 really didn't want to go in that direction. I just didn't
23 want to be part of it.

24 Q. Tracey, Coach Sparks has testified in this courtroom
25 that you told her what documents to subpoena to help her

1 in this case. Did you ever have a conversation with Coach
2 Sparks giving guidance as to what documents to subpoena?

3 A. I can't believe I would ever say such a thing.

4 Q. Did you ever tell Coach Sparks that the roster
5 management was bullshit, or words to that effect?

6 A. I don't -- no, that's not the way I really talk. And
7 I have mentioned even in my deposition or I've discussed
8 at length in my deposition that I was not happy with some
9 of the things that had happened with these changes of
10 status lists and I've expressed that to my boss.

11 Q. Okay. Now, Coach Fairchild also testified today.

12 She said she had conversations with you wherein she
13 expressed concerns about, related to roster management.

14 Did you have conversations with Coach Fairchild -- you
15 said yes but more recently -- what was the substance of
16 the conversations with Coach Fairchild?

17 A. I have had conversations with Coach Fairchild for two
18 years on this topic. We -- I work more closely with her
19 than probably any other coach as I'm her administrative
20 liaison, and so we've been talking about the numbers, how
21 people were trying to get there, how she might get there,
22 meet her commitments. But as I've already mentioned
23 today, that I think it was just recently that she was --
24 this was really one of the first times I was hearing about
25 concern what's my number's going to be and how we're going

1 meet that with the budget. And we talked about some
2 specific things. I think one of the things she said is it
3 cost \$250 for her to outfit a player, so I remember
4 specifically that element.

5 Q. Are budget constraints affecting teams pretty much
6 across the board, especially for next year? Let's say
7 next year?

8 A. Well, I'm not closely involved with the budget.

9 Q. Okay. Did Coach Fairchild ever say to you "The only
10 way things are going to change around here is if somebody
11 is willing to sue"?

12 A. I don't know that to be true. I don't know that she
13 said that.

14 Q. Well, she said she said it and you said at some point
15 that's right. Do you remember agreeing with her that --

16 A. No, I don't even remember her talking about suing.
17 And she's so much more of a -- I mean she's, I find her to
18 be very knowledgeable in what she does. We have very good
19 conversations. She educates me a lot. She has good
20 insight. She works really hard. I don't know that she
21 would just cop a, well, let's just go sue. She just
22 doesn't strike me as that kind -- that that's the way she
23 would see solving a problem.

24 MS. GAMBARDELLA: May I have a moment, Your
25 Honor?

1 THE COURT: Sure.

2 (Pause)

3 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

4 Q. One question. Tracey, if we went back to 2007 with
5 the coaches that we went through, the add/delete, you had
6 conversations. If you ever saw something like that
7 happen, what would you do?

8 A. If I ever saw that happen in the future?

9 Q. Next year, yes.

10 A. Well, one, I don't expect it to happen because I
11 would, with my athletic director and whoever else we might
12 involve as we educate the coaches, this would be one way
13 we would be saying, this is not what you do and this is
14 what we're not doing to comply with proportionality.

15 However, if I did see something looked like that was
16 happening, I'd be out of my chair and into the athletic
17 director's office faster than one might think I could
18 move.

19 Q. And you're the one on the front lines in terms of
20 these add/delete lists, correct, and you report in to
21 Jack?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Let me ask a quick question before
25 we have cross.

1 Ms. Flynn, can you turn to Exhibit 11, please?

2 THE WITNESS: Tab 11?

3 THE COURT: Tab 11, right. You were talking
4 about the far right column. Could you look at the next
5 two columns, change in status, reason, date; what does the
6 C R stand for?

7 THE WITNESS: Cut -- oh, I'm sorry, they are
8 different codes. The first one is saying that the student
9 was cut from the team and the second one is that he was a
10 red shirt. He never played in any competition prior to
11 leaving the team on 9/17.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: So, to give you an example, he
14 came, if he was to join the team the following year, when
15 I would roll over his documents from, or his record on our
16 software from 2007 to 2008, if you go over to, way far to
17 the left, it's about the fifth column left to right,
18 number of seasons utilized? You see that? Because there
19 is a R code there, it would not add a number to the
20 seasons of competition.

21 THE COURT: And what if that same player were
22 added back in during this same season? For example, a
23 week later?

24 THE WITNESS: If a player was added back in, we
25 would go to the screen, change of status, that part of the

1 screen in the software, I would -- there's a special note
2 section. I would come down and write "on 9/27/2007, cut"
3 and I would go back up where that originally was and
4 change it to add it and the date that he was added back.

5 THE COURT: And so what happens to the red shirt
6 status?

7 THE WITNESS: The red shirt status would remain
8 the same and then in the Spring when we would solicit
9 again or when we solicit, which we do for each sport at
10 the end of each of their seasons. If he played, then we
11 were go to that screen and change it to, we would uncheck
12 "red shirt" and we would go over and check the box
13 "participated in competition".

14 THE COURT: All right. And so if this player
15 was cut and red shirted on 9/27, and then was added back
16 to the roster soon thereafter, they would still be
17 considered a red shirt until the Spring season?

18 THE WITNESS: Until he competed, yes.

19 THE COURT: What if he completed in the Fall?

20 THE WITNESS: If he competed in the Fall, as of
21 the date he got cut he hadn't competed, that's the red
22 shirt. At the end of the Fall baseball season, we do a
23 team list and ask who competed. Then we go back in and
24 update everybody's records. His record would change, as I
25 already described, and in subsequent printings of the

1 squad list, that would be reflected.

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Could I ask a follow-up then,
3 Judge?

4 THE COURT: Sure.

5 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

6 Q. Would a separate form have to be filled out to make
7 sure that the information was added to the add/delete
8 form?

9 A. Yes. If he's going to be added back to -- if he's
10 going to be added back or added to a team, another whole
11 change of status form would have to be submitted.

12 Q. And you see that sooner than the end of -- I'm not
13 sure --

14 A. Yes, correct.

15 Q. You see this sooner than --

16 A. The roster is a living, breathing document and it can
17 change from one day to the next. Kids can quit on any
18 given date, so the other thing is time to be at the end of
19 each of the seasons.

20 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: The other thing being the red shirt.

22 THE WITNESS: Did they participate in
23 competition.

24 THE COURT: So, even though somebody's status is
25 red shirt, they can compete, and if they compete --

1 THE WITNESS: Then their status is updated.
2 Their status is updated.

3 THE COURT: But there's not a minimum period of
4 red shirt. I think of red shirt as sitting out the
5 season. You read about true freshman versus red shirt
6 freshman.

7 THE WITNESS: Right. The thing about the red
8 shirt is NCAA rules direct us that for sports such as
9 baseball, softball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and
10 women's tennis, their season of, their championship
11 segment of the year is in the Spring. If they are playing
12 a nonchampionship segment, which is the Fall, and they
13 compete in one game or for one minute in a lacrosse game,
14 for any one minute, they have used a season of
15 competition.

16 In sports such as field hockey, men's and
17 women's soccer, volleyball, if they don't compete at all
18 in the Fall, they may dress every game, travel everywhere
19 but never get in the game, they would be marked as a red
20 shirt. Now, they go to their nonchampionship segment, if
21 the team has arranged for scrimmages, things that don't
22 come back to the team record and they compete, we -- the
23 rules do not have us go back and change that they have now
24 competed. They have -- they are not considered to have
25 used a season of competition. It's a quirk in the rule.

1 THE COURT: So, in other words, with baseball,
2 which is -- the championship season is in the Spring.

3 THE WITNESS: The Spring.

4 THE COURT: The Fall competition doesn't count
5 toward a year of eligibility, is that what you're saying?

6 THE WITNESS: No, I'm saying it does count.

7 THE COURT: It does count.

8 THE WITNESS: Correct, it does count. So if
9 they play in the Fall, they would get a season of
10 competition. They could play in the Fall and then not
11 play the whole Spring, be on the bench, be in uniform and
12 travel. At the end of the year they'd still be charged
13 with a season of competition.

14 THE COURT: Okay, thank you. Cross?

15 CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

17 Q. Ms. Flynn, you work for Quinnipiac University,
18 correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And they asked you to come and testify, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And that's why you're here?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you understand the nature of this lawsuit?

25 A. Generally, yes.

1 Q. Okay. As a matter of fact, the lawsuit is attacking
2 the practices of Quinnipiac University's Athletic
3 Department?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You understand that?

6 A. I understand that.

7 Q. Okay. Now then, I believe you mentioned that in
8 '07-'08, there were, there was -- you discovered there was
9 a practice of, in the women's teams, of loading up the
10 roster before the first date of competition and then a
11 loss of a significant number of those players after the
12 first date of competition?

13 MS. GAMBARELLA: Objection. Misstates the
14 testimony. She never used the word practice.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Well, I'll withdraw that
16 question.

17 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

18 Q. Did you discover that the add/drop list reflected
19 that in the women's teams, the numbers would be beefed up
20 before the first date of competition and then there'd be
21 some significant attrition after the first date of
22 competition?

23 A. I wouldn't say I discovered. I would say maybe
24 noticed. What was happening is during the Fall, almost
25 all of our sports are having tryouts, and so, yes, women

1 were trying out for teams. I know that was happening in
2 softball. Very common. And some people don't make
3 tryouts and I, you know, years ago -- I don't really keep
4 track of it anymore but years ago when I first was working
5 there, we might have 100-plus students trying out for
6 teams and maybe 30 might make it, so --

7 THE COURT: Mr. Hernandez, let me just interrupt
8 and let counsel in the Bronson matter know we're running a
9 bit late here and we're going to start in chambers about
10 1:30. Thank you.

11 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

12 Q. You noticed that with the women's teams, is that
13 correct?

14 A. No, I noticed it with one women's team.

15 Q. Okay. And with respect to the men's teams, you
16 noticed the obverse; that is, that participants were cut
17 before the first date of competition and then added after
18 the first day of competition?

19 A. I noticed it with the baseball team and then I
20 noticed it with the men's lacrosse team, and then I went
21 and expressed my concern to my supervisor.

22 Q. Okay, and your supervisor is whom?

23 A. Jack McDonald.

24 Q. Okay. And when you reported this to Jack McDonald,
25 what did he say?

1 A. I don't know what he said. I was deeply disappointed
2 that at least, at the very least the baseball coach had
3 done this, and I told him I didn't think this was the
4 spirit of the law, this is not what -- we weren't trying
5 to do this. This is not what we wanted to happen to meet
6 roster and management numbers, and I explained this to him
7 in terms of both the baseball team and the men's lacrosse
8 team.

9 Q. Now, a number of coaches complained about their
10 target number, is that correct?

11 A. I heard a number of grumblings either directly or
12 indirectly.

13 Q. Okay, and as a matter of fact, a number of women's
14 coaches came to you and expressed their concern that their
15 numbers were too high, isn't that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And which women's coaches expressed to you their
18 concern that their target numbers were too high?

19 A. Women's lacrosse, women's field hockey, women's
20 softball, women's ice hockey. I don't recall women's
21 soccer. Women's basketball didn't have an issue. Maybe
22 women's cross country. And I'm trying to think if I
23 left -- that's the best of my recollection right now.

24 Q. Okay. And just so that we're clear, these new target
25 numbers, it's my understanding these numbers were higher

1 than the number of players that they were used to bringing
2 in for practice and then to field the team?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So, the target numbers, these are numbers that were
5 provided by the athletic department, is that correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And in substance, they were a directive to, for
8 example, the women's lacrosse team, you need it make this
9 number, is that fair?

10 A. This is your target number, yes.

11 Q. Same was true for women's field hockey?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right. And softball, ice hockey and women's
14 cross country, to your recollection?

15 A. Well, everybody was given numbers. The ones that you
16 just mentioned were the ones that I recall expressing some
17 concern.

18 Q. And these are the coaches -- to the extent that the
19 coaches expressed a concern about their numbers being too
20 high, what did the women's lacrosse coach tell you about
21 her number being too high?

22 A. I don't remember the specifics. I think I just took
23 away the fact that it was a number she wasn't accustomed
24 to.

25 Q. And what about the women's field hockey coach? What

1 concern did she express to you about her number being too
2 high?

3 A. I don't recall that she -- it may have been expressed
4 directly to me but I had heard that, in that first year of
5 2007, 2008, that her requested number, or her target
6 number was higher than the number that she's allowed to
7 bring back early for preseason practice.

8 Q. Okay, we'll get back to that. And what about the
9 women's ice hockey team; what did she say to you about her
10 number being too high?

11 A. Just --

12 Q. Sorry?

13 A. Just it was too high. It was too high or -- it
14 certainly wasn't something they were accustomed to.

15 Q. And what about the women's cross country coach; what
16 concern did she express to you about her number being too
17 high?

18 A. He -- for him, it was a combination because he was
19 also working with the men's cross country team, so he was
20 facing a lower number for men than he was used to, and a
21 higher number than he was used to for women.

22 Q. Okay. And just so that we're clear, when these
23 target management numbers came out with numbers that are
24 higher than the women's coaches were used to having to
25 manage, did these new numbers come with any additional

1 funding for recruiting athletes to fill those spots?

2 A. I don't work with the budgets. I've said I work with
3 the athletic scholarship budgets, so I don't work with
4 the, what I would call operating budgets where recruiting
5 would come from, so I don't know that what -- I don't know
6 what kind of budget adjustments were made.

7 The other thing is, and it's my understanding, that
8 we don't have recruiting budgets. We have an operating
9 budget and it's the coaches' discretion to earmark what
10 they think they are going to need for recruiting what they
11 are going to need for travel.

12 Q. Fair enough. These new target numbers which these
13 various women's coaches found to be too high, did these
14 higher numbers come with a higher operating budget?

15 A. I don't know the answer to that because I don't work
16 with the budgets.

17 Q. Did any of these coaches complain to you that these
18 new higher target numbers failed to provide with
19 comparable increases in their budgets?

20 A. I don't recall 2007, 2008 but, as I already
21 mentioned, just even recently I know coaches which, for
22 instance, the -- the softball coach has said that she was
23 concerned how she was going to get her numbers with her
24 budget.

25 Q. All right, let's talk about scholarship. The higher

1 number for women's lacrosse, higher target number, did
2 that come with a higher allocation of scholarship money
3 for women's lacrosse players?

4 A. There have been changes, have been increases in our
5 scholarship budget each of the last -- actually the
6 last -- since I've been there, and so I believe in 2007
7 there were -- I would have to look at a chart to speak
8 specifically but I know there have been increases in some
9 of our scholarship budgets for women.

10 Q. When you learned that the women's field hockey team
11 was complaining that her target number was too high, did
12 you take any steps to follow up with her to address her
13 concerns?

14 A. I don't recall that I did.

15 Q. Okay. And just -- remind me again, your position is
16 Senior Women's Administrator?

17 A. Senior Woman Administrator.

18 Q. Senior Woman Administrator. And can you just explain
19 for the court what your duties and responsibilities are as
20 the SWA?

21 A. My primary understanding of my role as an SWA is to
22 represent the University at Northeast Conference meetings
23 that require or expect an SWA to be in attendance and to
24 represent the University as the SWA when called for at the
25 NCAA level.

1 And the other thing that I primarily do is the NCAA
2 sends out a variety of documents via mail or electronic
3 mail and I'm on that mailing list. So I have the
4 opportunity to keep in some kind of knowledge of what's
5 going on across the membership of the NCAA.

6 Q. All right. And I believe you mentioned that -- well,
7 let me ask you this. Were any steps taken after the
8 '07-'08 year to educate the coaches about the proper use
9 of roster management?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And, again, '07-'08 is the year in which you
12 discovered that there were problems with, among others,
13 the men's baseball team, is that correct?

14 A. I thought there were problems.

15 Q. And what were the other men's teams that you thought
16 there were problems with?

17 A. I thought there was problems with the men's lacrosse
18 team.

19 Q. Any other men's teams that you thought there was a
20 problem with?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. But I think you said you were disappointed by
23 that, is that correct?

24 A. I was disappointed, and I will add now, felt a little
25 helpless because there's nothing -- I had the NCAA manual

1 to fall back on and its interpretations and its rules, but
2 OCR doesn't -- I'm not aware of anything that offers how
3 to manage your rosters. They just want on the first date
4 of competition you to list what you've got. So it was, I
5 when into Jack, my supervisor, and it was like there's
6 nothing to tell them that they can't do it but I don't
7 think this is what you intended; this is not spirit of the
8 law.

9 Q. And, again, his reaction was what?

10 A. Listened to me. And I felt -- he listened to me.

11 Q. He listened to you. And, again, your testimony is
12 that after you brought this to his attention there was no
13 effort to educate the coaches about the proper use of
14 roster management after the '07-'08 period?

15 A. Not that I'm aware of, but those coaches don't report
16 to me as a supervisor so I don't know if he had had
17 meetings with them but there was no -- like I'm used to
18 doing department-wide rules education.

19 Q. Got you.

20 A. I was not aware there was a department-wide --

21 Q. Got you. You do attend the weekly athletic
22 department meetings, however, don't you?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And after this issue with the '07-'08 roster
25 management became an issue, let's just say it became an

1 issue, was this problem addressed at any of the weekly
2 athletic department meetings?

3 A. I would say no. I just finished saying I was not
4 aware of any rules education en masse.

5 Q. Okay. I believe earlier you said that there has been
6 a change in attitude among the coaches, and I believe you
7 tied that to the phrase "as we educate the coaches." What
8 education has been given to the coaches about the
9 perceived problem with the '07-'08 roster management?

10 A. I lost my train of listening; would you repeat the
11 question?

12 Q. Okay, I'll just move on. I have some other areas to
13 cover.

14 All right. The increased numbers for the women was a
15 problem with the women's lacrosse team, women's field
16 hockey, and I believe with respect to women's field hockey
17 you mentioned that the number was higher than the number
18 of students that that coach could bring back early for
19 practice, is that correct?

20 A. Preseason practice, correct.

21 Q. Preseason practice. Do you know how many
22 participants of the women's field hockey the coach was
23 allowed to bring back early for preseason practice?

24 A. No. Those numbers are tied to housing for preseason.
25 Outside of what I do, there's another staff member so -- I

1 have no -- I couldn't refer to what anybody's preseason
2 numbers are.

3 Q. Okay. And just so we're clear, the people who come
4 back early, would it be fair to say these are people who
5 have already made the team?

6 A. For the most part, yes, there's -- yes.

7 Q. They are probably veterans, is that fair to say?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Not necessarily?

10 A. Not necessarily.

11 Q. Could be recruited freshmen?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Freshmen who have been recruited specifically to play
14 whichever of these sports we're talking about, fair
15 enough?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. All right. And in any event, do you know if any
18 steps were taken to check the early number, the number of
19 early participants with the coaches of these various teams
20 before those target numbers were instituted?

21 A. Do I know if that was done?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. I don't know that it was done.

24 Q. Okay. But certainly with respect to women's field
25 hockey there was a disconnect, is that fair to say?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And do you know the name of the women's field hockey
3 coach?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And who's that?

6 A. Becca May Kohli.

7 Q. Becca May Kohli. And she's also an employee of
8 Quinnipiac, is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And she's the woman who testified earlier? Was she
11 out in the hallway earlier?

12 A. She was in the hallway earlier.

13 Q. She came in for a while and then she came back out,
14 but -- you obviously don't know what happened but she was
15 a witness, do you understand that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And what is the name of the women's lacrosse coach?

18 A. Goes by Danny Caro.

19 Q. Danny Caro. And is her real name Danielle Caro?

20 A. I think so.

21 Q. All right. Now, when -- did you learn that Danny
22 Caro had a problem with this new target number for women's
23 lacrosse?

24 A. She came in and spoke to me about it.

25 Q. What did she say to you?

1 A. I can't recall in 2007, in 2008, about that academic
2 year, but I know we had conversations about it last
3 Summer.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. She would stop by and, you know, because we had been
6 working with her roster on who's eligible, who's passed
7 the clearing house, and she goes I'm working toward my 30,
8 I'm working toward my 30, and she would -- I felt like she
9 embraced that number, she knew that's what she needed to
10 work for, and then she got concerned because a student
11 athlete on the team -- if somebody that would be a
12 returning scholarship athlete has been wavering about
13 whether she wanted to really come back, she wanted to come
14 back to school but she didn't know if she really wanted to
15 play lacrosse, and so that was a back and forth for a
16 while. And, as it turned out, she was not going to -- did
17 not want to play but we kept her scholarship intact. And
18 that was something that Jack typically does and talked, or
19 her Dad had called him, I guess. He called and asked, so
20 she kept her scholarship for the year.

21 And then she had a couple other recruits she was
22 talking with, or -- yeah, recruits, girls that were coming
23 in their freshmen year. And then right before the start
24 of the school year or maybe the first week of school,
25 there had been a girl on her team already for at least a

1 year that was having some kind of problem. I don't
2 remember if it was her herself or her family --

3 THE COURT: Ms. Flynn, I'm just going to cut you
4 off a little bit. Let's try and refocus the question.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, I didn't want to interrupt
6 the witness.

7 THE COURT: I don't have personal concerns but
8 I've got four lawyers waiting. I'm hoping to have
9 something to eat before I take up late the 1:00 o'clock
10 that's waiting, so I'd urge everybody to be as efficient
11 as they can.

12 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

13 Q. Just so we are clear, to the extent that Danny Caro
14 had a problem with her target number, she told you it was
15 too high, is that correct?

16 A. Not this -- not this coming into this past year, she
17 was committed to 30 people and she was working towards 30
18 people, 30 women.

19 Q. '07-'08, her concern was the number was too high, is
20 that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. She didn't ask for a higher number, did she?

23 MS. GAMBARELLA: Your Honor, he's asking the
24 same question over and over and over again.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a different question.

1 THE COURT: It's all right. Sustained.

2 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

3 Q. Would you agree with me, Ms. Flynn, then that in the
4 2007, 2008 calendar year, Quinnipiac University was not in
5 compliance with its obligations to provide substantially
6 proportional opportunities to compete for men and women
7 student athletes?

8 A. Well, we weren't focused on trying to do that in 2007
9 and 2008. The athletic director had said that we were
10 meeting Title IX by prong two, so that was not our -- that
11 wasn't the University's intent, to meet substantial
12 proportionality in 2007, 2008.

13 Q. Okay. Do you recall giving a deposition in this
14 case?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And do you recall being asked exactly the same
17 question and agreeing that in 2007, 2008, Quinnipiac
18 University was not in compliance with prong one of Title
19 IX?

20 THE COURT: It's been stipulated to, so it's all
21 right.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

23 MS. GAMBARELLA: It's stipulated. She just
24 gave a consistent answer.

25 THE WITNESS: I just said we weren't.

1 THE COURT: We have a stipulation, don't we?

2 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Yes. We have a stipulation we
3 did not rely on prong one for those years.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: That's fine, that's fine.

5 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

6 Q. Do you know when Quinnipiac last added a women's
7 varsity sports team?

8 A. I believe it was 2001, 2002; it was my first year at
9 the school.

10 Q. Was that women's ice hockey?

11 A. Yes, it was.

12 Q. And do you know what kind of team, women's time they
13 added before that?

14 A. I know there have have been teams added. I know it's
15 in our athletic certification report. I could not tell
16 you with accuracy when or which teams or which, in which
17 order.

18 Q. All right. Now, let's cut to February of this year.
19 Did there come a time that Jack McDonald reported to you
20 that the University was going to have to cut women's
21 volleyball?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. And at that time did he tell you that the
24 University needed the building that the women's volleyball
25 team was working out in?

1 A. That they needed -- yes.

2 Q. All right. And at that time he just decided it was
3 because the University wanted the building, is that
4 correct?

5 A. To that effect, yes.

6 Q. Yes, okay. And is it your testimony that there was a
7 problem with the roster management numbers, the way these
8 were being reported, in the first year and that was in
9 '07-'08?

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: What was that question?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: You're right, it's a bad
12 question.

13 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

14 Q. Is it my understanding that you testified that to the
15 extent that there was a problem with the way numbers were
16 being reported in connection with roster management, that
17 that was an issue in '07 and '08?

18 A. I don't recall ever indicating that the numbers we
19 were reporting in 2007 and 2008 were wrong.

20 Q. All right. And is there still a problem with the way
21 coaches are using roster management at Quinnipiac
22 University?

23 MS. GAMBARDELLA: She never -- Your Honor, this
24 is mischaracterizing the testimony.

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1 BY THE WITNESS:

2 A. I don't know what you mean by "using roster
3 management."

4 Q. Okay. Is there presently a problem in the '08-'09
5 year with the manner in which coaches at Quinnipiac
6 University are employing the roster management program?

7 A. I personally feel they have a done a real nice job in
8 working towards what the athletic director set out as
9 something he wanted us to do.

10 Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that it's not happening
11 anymore?

12 MS. GAMBARDELLA: What's not happening?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: This problem with the roster
15 management.

16 MS. GAMBARDELLA: What problem?

17 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

18 Q. You reported a problem to Mr. McDonald, is that
19 correct?

20 A. In 2007, 2008, I did speak expressly to Jack McDonald
21 and said that I did not think some of the actions of our
22 coaches was in the spirit of what we were trying to do in
23 terms of meeting the roster management program he had
24 established and that I didn't think it was in the spirit
25 of the law.

1 Did I think we were following the law? Yes. Because
2 I counted numbers based on the criteria in the question
3 and answer section of the EADA report and website, so I
4 did report numbers as they met that rule. I didn't like
5 the way we got there, that was my opinion, and I -- that's
6 the opinion I expressed to Jack.

7 And, I might add, I don't think I've expressed that
8 to Jack this past year.

9 Q. Okay. And did some of the men's coaches express a
10 concern that their target management numbers were too low?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And which coaches reported that concern?

13 A. Men's lacrosse, men's baseball -- again, I'm going
14 alphabetically or scanning the list in my head of sports.
15 Men's cross country and maybe -- maybe men's soccer.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: If I could just have a moment,
17 Your Honor?

18 THE COURT: Sure.

19 (Pause)

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: I have no further questions,
21 Your Honor, .

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'll get you out of here in
23 five minutes, I promise.

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1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. GAMBARDELLA:

3 Q. Tracey, the concerns about too high/too low, were
4 those all in the first year of roster management,
5 basically, the once you've been testifying about?

6 A. I think they were shocked. I think our coaches were
7 absolutely shocked in 2007 and 2008.

8 Q. Is that the first year?

9 A. That first year.

10 Q. Okay, go ahead. I'm sorry.

11 A. I think they continued to be concerned but they are
12 more accustomed to what they are doing and equipped and
13 have had longer, more time to learn ways in which to meet
14 that policy.

15 Q. And then the higher numbers for women were for what
16 purpose?

17 A. To provide more opportunities for women to
18 participate in on a team.

19 Q. And you testified they were higher than what the
20 women's coaches were accustomed to?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay, and one final question. Counsel kept asking
23 you about "instruction" that coaches were given in roster
24 management. I'm not going to use that word.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. You've already testified coaches were given
2 information about roster management, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. The importance of roster management, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what you're trying to achieve with roster
7 management, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Recross?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, you're excused.

13 (Witness excused)

14 THE COURT: Does that end the evidence?

15 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Yes.

16 THE COURT: What are we going to do about the
17 expert?

18 MR. ORLEANS: We delivered to defendant's
19 counsel our proposed designations as well as the videotape
20 this morning.

21 THE COURT: How do you want to proceed on that?

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: We've been multi-tasking very
23 hard. We're going to cross designate. We can, if you
24 give us a timeframe we'll have our cross designations but
25 he's concerned about objections. I mean we could -- we've

1 already made our objections, Your Honor. In terms of the
2 entire testimony we've already had a partial ruling as to
3 timeframe. If you give me a deadline to submit our cross
4 designations and anything else we have to say on that --

5 THE COURT: Let's do this --

6 MS. GAMBARDELLA: I'm happy to waive further
7 argument.

8 MR. ORLEANS: So are we, Your Honor. We'd be
9 happy --

10 MS. GAMBARDELLA: It's time to rule.

11 MR. ORLEANS: We'd be happy to have you look at
12 the, look at what we designated and what the defense
13 designates and let Your Honor decide what it's worth to
14 you.

15 THE COURT: Fine. All right. So why don't you
16 get that to me by our closing argument time tomorrow and
17 I'll look for your briefs at that time as well.

18 So I'll see you tomorrow at 1:30 for argument,
19 and you'll give me whatever you're going to give me and
20 I'll take a look at it and take it from there.

21 MR. ORLEANS: Thank you.

22 MS. GAMBARDELLA: Thank you for your patience.

23 THE COURT: Thank you all. We'll stand in
24 recess.

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1 (Whereupon the above matter was adjourned at 1:35
2 o'clock, p. m.)
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