

# **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C) of Washington State University is to:

- Communicate the concerns of student-athletes to athletic administration in order to foster a more cooperative and successful athletic department.
- Serve as an organizational tool in order to facilitate cooperation and support among other student athletes, the athletic administration, and the community.

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Preamble**

We, the participants of Intercollegiate Athletics, as means to enhance communication, to increase cooperation with all persons concerned, to maintain the preservation of individual rights, and, further, to abide by all NCAA and Pacific-10 Conference regulations, do hereby establish this constitution of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) (5/01).

### **Article I (Name)**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The name of the advisory body of students within the program of Inter-collegiate Athletics at Washington State University shall be the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

### **Article II (Membership)**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following: one representative and one alternate elected yearly by each varsity sport, except those with 35 or more members, in which case they will have two representatives and one alternate. The President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be chosen annually by SAAC members. Alternates are encouraged to attend meetings, but will only vote in the absence of the regular representative(s). (5/98)

#### **SECTION 2.** Qualifications for members:

- A. Team Representatives: Each representative of a varsity team shall compete in that sport the year he/she is a member.
- B. President and Vice President: The President and Vice President shall have participated a minimum of two years on any varsity team, and he/she shall have a minimum of one year of experience serving on SAAC. (5/98)

- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall have participated a minimum of two years on any varsity team, and he/she shall have a minimum of one year of experience serving on SAAC.

**SECTION 3.** Responsibilities of all members:

- A. Attendance: Each representative or their alternate is required to attend all SAAC meetings. When the absence of both is necessary, the representative shall be responsible for sending a proxy to the meeting. (5/98)
- B. If a team is not represented by a member for four meetings in one semester, the team will be asked to designate new representative(s). (5/98)
- C. Permanent Absences: Where circumstances cause the permanent absence of the:  
  
Team Representative(s): Her/his team shall have the responsibility to select a new representative.  
  
President, Vice President, and Secretary: A new officer will be chosen by an election within SAAC. (5/98)
- D. Improper Behavior: In cases of improper behavior of any representative, the Council has the right to impeach as described in Article III, Section 3. The representative being impeached is entitled to a hearing in order to present her/his case for remaining on the Council. (5/98)
- E. Committees: SAAC members can serve on various committees, including departmental committees, as necessary throughout her/his term. (5/98)

**Article III (Election of Members)**

**SECTION 1.** Procedures:

- A. President, Vice President, and Secretary: Each SAAC member shall be encouraged to nominate one or more persons for each position. A nominee need not be a member of the team making the nomination. The President, Vice President, and Secretary shall then be elected by the membership at the first meeting of the year (4/23/92).
- B. Team Representatives: Each team shall select the representative(s) and one alternate before the first SAAC meeting each fall (4/23/92).
- C. Departmental Committee Representatives: One male and one female SAAC member shall be appointed to any appropriate departmental committees. (5/98)

**SECTION 2.**

Each member of SAAC shall serve a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

**SECTION 3.**

Impeachment: Upon the request of any athlete, SAAC shall conduct a hearing for impeachment of a representative involved in improper behavior. Impeachment procedures will be conducted if there is a two-thirds agreement among SAAC members.

The representative shall be given the opportunity to present her/his case to SAAC. (5/98)

#### **Article IV (Powers and Responsibilities)**

SECTION 1. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall:

- A. Call general meetings of the athletic body, with or without staff, when necessary or when requested by at least 10 athletes or by at least five staff members.
- B. Provide opportunities for new student-athletes to meet SAAC representatives and staff early in the fall semester.
- C. Hold elections for team representatives and officers before the first fall meeting. Preferably elections will be held before the end of spring semester. (5/98)
- D. Elect the president for the following year at the last spring meeting. Elect additional officers at the first fall meeting. (5/07)
- E. Form committees to study in-depth any issues concerning the Intercollegiate Athletics program.
- F. Vote on Intercollegiate Athletics matters as to represent the concern of the general athletic body.
- G. Invite guest speakers to speak on Intercollegiate Athletics concerns, policies, and procedures.
- H. Serve on committees to interview and select prospective Inter-collegiate Athletics staff members.
- I. Announce all meeting times to Intercollegiate Athletics staff and athletes.

#### **Article V (Meetings)**

SECTION 1.

The Council shall meet at least once each month (9/06) during fall and spring semesters, or when deemed necessary by the President. The President shall call a meeting at the request of three members of SAAC. Regular meeting times shall be established at the beginning of each semester.

#### **Article VI (Voting)**

SECTION 1.

All members of SAAC and designated alternates shall be eligible to vote.

#### **Article VII (Sponsor)**

SECTION 1.

The faculty advisory shall be two administrative members of the Athletics Department.

## **Article VIII (Amendments)**

### **SECTION 1.**

Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following regular meeting.

### **SECTION 2.**

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of three-fifths of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

## **Article IX (Ratification)**

### **SECTION 1.**

A three-fifths majority of the SAAC shall be necessary to ratify this constitution.