

Indiana University East Campus Athletics Committee

Preamble

The Indiana University East Campus Athletics Committee serves the function described in the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy (UFC April 22, 2003; Board of Trustees June 11, 2004, as amended). This policy recognizes a significant role of faculty in Campus Athletics programs. The purpose of this policy is to establish the structure of the Campus Athletics Committee and to delineate the role of faculty and administration in athletic programs.

A. Structure:

1. Reporting:

The chairperson of the committee shall submit a report annually to the Faculty Senate and to the Chancellor on the status of campus intercollegiate athletics.

All recommendations and reports of the committee must be supported by a majority vote of the committee. In case of a disagreement, a minority may submit a dissenting opinion.

2. Membership:

The Campus Athletics Committee shall consist of 8 members, which are appointed by the Chancellor. The following constituents are represented on the committee:

- a. Four (4) faculty members. Each year, two (2) faculty members shall be elected by the Faculty Senate in the Spring Semester for a two-year term, and shall begin their term with the beginning of the Fall semester. Individual members may be re-elected from term to term. At least one of the faculty members must be tenured. Vacancies among the faculty representation may arise when a faculty member resigns, is on leave, or becomes otherwise unavailable. Vacancies among the faculty representation on the committee must be filled by electing a new faculty member, who will serve the remainder of the vacant term. The Faculty Senate President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee, may make interim appointments until a vacancy has been filled with a permanent member. The faculty members have voting rights.
- b. The Campus Athletics Director, ex officio. The Athletic Director may not vote when the performance of the Athletic Director is at issue.

- c. Two (2) students. No more than one student shall be a student athlete. The students are nominated by the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services/Dean of Students. The term of the student representatives is one year, beginning in the Fall semester. Re-appointments to other terms are possible. The Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services/Dean of Student may fill vacancies on the student representation by appointing another qualified student for the remainder of the term.
- d. The Campus Registrar, or designee, ex officio, without voting rights. The Campus Registrar, or designee, serves as compliance officer.

3. Officers

- a. Chair. The chair of the committee shall be a faculty member. It is preferable that the chair of the committee is tenured and has previously served on the committee. [revised 5/3/11]
- b. Faculty Athletics Representative: The committee shall elect one of the faculty members (which many also be the chair) as the Faculty Athletics Representative on the intercollegiate conference, if needed.
- c. Academic Compliance Officer: The Registrar, or designee, shall serve as academic compliance officer. This person shall ensure that all student athletes meet the applicable academic requirements.

4. Quorum:

To guarantee faculty control of athletics, committee action may not be taken unless the majority of voting committee members present, in person or by proxy, are faculty members.

5. Relationships:

The Campus Athletics Committee should maintain strong liaison relationships with the Faculty Senate committee on Admissions and Academic Affairs.

6. Personnel Subcommittee:

The Personnel Subcommittee shall consist of three (3) faculty members and one (1) student. It must include the Chair of the Athletics Committee (who will also serve as chair of the subcommittee) and the Faculty Athletics Representative (if one is elected). The student may not be a student athlete.

B. Functions of the Campus Athletics Committee:

The Campus Athletics Committee creates academic policies regarding athletics,

recommends policies regarding athletics and supervises adherence to these policies. The Campus Athletics Committee:

1. Serves to foster University community confidence in the intercollegiate athletics program by ensuring that the program is striving to meet the mission and goals for intercollegiate athletics at Indiana University (See Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics, Board of Trustees, 6/11/2004).
2. Studies the athletics program and its relation to academic affairs of the University and campus and recommends to the Faculty Senate and the Administration policies relative to intercollegiate athletics:
 - a. The authority regarding academic aspects of athletic programs, such as academic requirements for eligibility, progress towards degrees, academic concerns regarding recruiting, and policies for award of scholarships rest with the Faculty. The committee recommends these policies to the Faculty Senate, who has ultimate responsibility over these matters.
 - b. Non-academic policies, such as physical facilities use, ticket pricing, and athletic awards are administrative in nature. The committee recommends these policies to the Chancellor, who has ultimate responsibility over these matters.
3. Monitors the program's compliance with policies relating to admissions, the academic performance and progress of student athletes toward graduation, and the integrity of the course of study of student athletes, seeking appropriate review of cases in which it appears that there has been abuse of academic integrity in order to promote athletics programs.

The role of the Campus Athletic Director in this task is to serve as an advisor to the remainder of the committee. The Athletics Director may not vote on the committee's decision regarding these compliance issues.

4. Participates in the development of and approves general athletics policies related to academic matters, including academic eligibility policy, academic concerns relating to recruiting, missed class time policy, student drug use policy, and team competition and practice schedules within the scope of athletics conference and association rules.
5. Participates in the development and recommends approval of the plans for addition / elimination of sports or programs, plans for significant revision of athletics facilities and physical plant.

Major restructuring of programs, revision of facilities and other significant budgetary matters are both the responsibility of faculty and administration. In this case, the committee recommends to both the Administration and the Faculty

Senate, and approval by both bodies is required.

6. Advises in personnel matters:
 - a. Evaluates, either as a full committee or through a designated subcommittee of the full committee, coaches in regard to the impact of programs on the students' academic life.
 - b. Advises the Executive Director of Campus Life in the evaluation and the selection of the Athletics Director. The Athletics Director does not participate in the committee's decision process of his/her own performance evaluation.
 - c. Provides, through its personnel subcommittee, advice to the Chancellor, regarding the selection of coaches and the dismissal of coaches or of the Campus Athletics Director. While the Chancellor has the authority to dismiss the Athletics Director, to the extent practical, they should consult in a timely manner with the personnel subcommittee when such actions are contemplated. The personnel subcommittee will serve as a confidential advisory group. The Athletics Director does not participate in the committee's decision process of his/her own possible dismissal.
 - d. Recommends general policy regarding coaches' contractual arrangements. The authority over contractual agreements is with the administration.
7. Serves in an advisory capacity regarding the athletics budget, media contracts, and institutional votes on association and conference legislation.
8. Meets at least annually with the Chancellor to report and confer regarding the affairs of the Committee and the intercollegiate athletics department. The committee shall also submit a written annual report to the Faculty Senate.

C. Other Provisions

1. Effective Date:

This policy takes effect immediately upon being enacted by the Faculty Senate.
2. Severability:

If a provision of this policy is held in violation of state or federal laws and regulations, or contrary to Indiana University policy, or otherwise invalid, only the affected part shall be void. This invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this policy which can be given effect without the invalid provisions. To this end, the provisions of this policy are severable.

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