

# **BYLAWS OF THE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

## **Article I: The Athletics Committee**

### **Section 1. Relationship to the Faculty Senate**

In accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article II, Section 3, J, 2), the Athletics Committee is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate.

### **Section 2. The Charge**

In accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws, (Article II, Section 3, J, 2), the Athletics Committee is to “review and recommend policies and procedures pertinent to University intercollegiate athletics.” This includes:

- a.) Represent the academic standards of the University as embodied in the Valdosta State University mission statement in decisions made by the Athletics Committee.
- b.) Promote and safeguard opportunities for student athletes to excel in academics.
- c.) Provide reporting of the NCAA graduation rates of student athletes and other Athletics Committee activities to the Faculty Senate.

## **Article II: Membership**

### **Section 1. Selection of Members**

Members of the Athletics Committee are appointed by the Committee on Committees. In accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, A, whenever possible, membership assignments are to reflect a proper representation of each school of the University, the Odum Library, and the Division of Social Work.

### **Section 2. Characteristics and Terms of Membership**

- a.) The Committee chairperson and chairperson elect must be a Faculty Senator and will serve a term of one year, the terms of which can be renewed (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3,H).
- b.) All Committee members will serve three-year terms (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, A).
- c.) Terms of Committee members and the chair begin on August 1 and end on July 31(Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, B).
- d.) At least one (1) student and not more than three (3) students recommended by the President of the SGA may sit on the Athletics Committee (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, B.) and would have full voting rights.

- e.) One (1) student representative from the Valdosta State Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) may sit on the Athletics Committee and would have full voting rights.
- f.) No fewer than 2 Faculty Senators will sit on the Athletics Committee (Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, C), one of whom shall chair the Committee (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3,H).
- g.) The terms of Athletics Committee members are staggered by the Committee on Committees so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the appointed and elected membership is replaced each year (Faculty Senate Bylaws Article II, Section 5, C).
- h.) The Secretary of the Committee, to be elected by the Committee membership at the first meeting of the Committee, will keep written minutes of the Committee meetings, distributing the minutes in a timely manner, including providing the minutes to the Faculty Senate President and Secretary no later than two (2) weeks after a committee meeting (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, E).
- i.) Ex Officio members are appointed to the Athletics Committee by the Committee on Committees. The Athletics Committee may nominate ex officio members by sending written nominations to the Committee on Committees. All ex officio members on the Athletics Committee will be voting members (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, F).
- j.) In accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws Article II, Section 5, H, the Committee on Committees will appoint replacement members of the Athletics Committee. Resigning members must submit a written resignation to the chair of the Committee no less than seven (7) days in advance of the effective date of resignation. The Committee chairperson will notify the Chair to the Committee on Committees within a week of the resignation.

### **Section 3. Subcommittees**

- a.) The Athletics Committee may, if it so deems it necessary or useful, create subcommittees, the membership of which may include non-members. (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, I).
- b.) Subcommittee members do not need to be faculty or Senators and are chosen solely by the Athletics Committee or the Committee's designee.
- c.) The chair of any subcommittee will be determined by the Athletics Committee.
- d.) The chair of the Athletics Committee will inform the Committee on Committees of the membership of each subcommittee.
- e.) Subcommittee terms are determined by the Athletics Committee.

## **Article III: Procedures**

a.) In accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws, (Article II, Section 6, A, 1-3), the Committee will discharge the following responsibilities by the date set by the Faculty Senate:

1. Set the schedule for regular meetings and so inform the Committee on Committees.
2. Submit to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate a report containing an assessment of the Committee's charge and its annual goals.
3. Submit written rules governing the Committee's procedures to the Faculty Senate President and the Secretary.

b.) All proposals, recommendations, reports, and any other material to be presented for consideration to the Athletics Committee must be submitted to the Committee chair (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, B).

c.) All Committee meetings will be open (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, C).

d.) Guests of the Committee will be allowed to speak only by expressed permission of the Committee (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, D).

e.) Substantive minutes and/or records of deliberations of the Committee will be kept. Copies of minutes, reports, proposals, recommendations, and all other documents will be provided to the Faculty Senate President and Secretary no later than two weeks after a Committee meeting. (Faculty Senate Bylaws Article II, Section 6, E).

f.) The Committee will prepare an annual report and submit to the President and Secretary of the Faculty Senate by the date set by said Faculty Senate Bylaws (Faculty Senate Bylaws Article II, Section 6, F).

g.) A quorum to carry on the business of the Committee will be one-half of the voting membership.

h.) Committee members who are unable to attend a Committee meeting may be allowed proxies. Proxies can be given only to other Committee members. The chair of the Committee must be notified of proxies prior to the meeting. No person may hold more than one proxy at any meeting.

i.) Voting will be by a show of hands, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee. A majority of votes will carry an issue. Any Committee member may request a written ballot on any issue.

#### **Article IV: Amendments**

The Bylaws of the Athletics Committee may be amended by a majority vote of the Committee. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be submitted by Committee members to the Chair in a timely manner for review, discussion, and possible action.