

Florida State University Athletics Board Bylaws 2019-20

Preamble: These Bylaws are subject to the provisions of the laws of Florida, the regulations of the Florida Board of Governors and the Florida State University Board of Trustees and the policies and procedures of the Florida State University, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

ARTICLE 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is the Florida State University Athletics Board.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

While primary responsibility and control of the intercollegiate athletics program rests with the President of the University and the Board of the Florida State University Athletics Association (FSUAA), the Florida State University Athletics Board is responsible for providing periodic advice and recommendations to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the FSUAA including

- Monitoring student-athlete welfare
- Monitoring the execution of intercollegiate athletics policies;
- Promoting fiscal integrity in intercollegiate athletics; and
- Ensuring that the athletics program is operated in a manner consistent with the overall policies and operating procedures of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Florida State University, and the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

The Florida State University Athletics Board consists of a maximum of twenty-five members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the President of the University. The maximum number does not include the ex officio members. Membership is drawn from faculty and academic administrators, current students, student athletes, alumni, Seminole Boosters, citizens at-large, and members of the Varsity Club.

Ex officio members of the Board include the President of the Faculty Senate, the President of the Student Government Association, the Vice-President for Finance and Administration or her/his designate, the Vice-President for Student Affairs or her/his designate, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the University Police Chief, and the Athletics Director.

The majority of the appointed members of the Board must be composed of faculty and academic administrators of the University.

With the exception of the Athletics Director, no member of the Board may be full-time staff of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

The officers of the Athletics Board include the chair and standing committee chairs. The Faculty Athletics Representative is appointed by the University President and serves as chair of the Board. In the absence of the chair, a standing committee chair designated by the chair of the Board shall fill the role of chair.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President of the University in consultation with the Chair of the Athletics Board shall appoint the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Athletics Board shall be composed of the chair, chairs of the standing committees of the Board, the Director of Athletics, and such other appointees with special knowledge or skills as are likely to be needed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee advises the Athletics Board and standing committees to address concerns of the Board.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

The President of the University in consultation with the Chair of the Athletics Board shall appoint the standing committees of the Board, which shall include, but not be limited to, the Academics, Finance, and Equity and Student Welfare committees.

- A. The Academics Committee annually evaluates Student-Athlete Academic Services; student-athlete graduation rates, and team academic progress rates; and recommends to the FSUAA changes in policies for Student-Athlete Academic Services and intercollegiate Athletics. The Dean of Undergraduate Studies or her/his designee is a member of the Academics Committee.
- B. The Finance Committee reviews the FSUAA reports on the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics external audit and budget to ensure fiscal responsibility and transparency. The Athletics Director shall provide these audit and budget reports to the Finance Committee for review. The Vice President for Finance and Administration or her/his designee is a member of the Finance Committee.
- C. The Equity and Student-Athlete Welfare Committee monitors student-athlete welfare and the equity concerns of student-athletes, coaches and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics staff; monitors compliance with Title IX; recommends the addition or elimination of sports teams; and conducts annual hearings and surveys to assess issues and concerns of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics staff, coaches, and student-athletes. The Vice President for Student Affairs or her/his designee is a member of the Equity and Student Welfare Committee.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

The Athletics Board will meet at least three times each year. The chair of the Board will distribute a schedule of regular meetings.

ARTICLE 8: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair of the Athletics Board and the Athletics Director will establish the order of business for all special or regular meetings of the Athletics Board.

ARTICLE 9: VOTING PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES

All duly appointed members and ex officio members of the Board are authorized to vote on matters coming before the Board.

The Athletics Board may approve any motion proposed at a regularly scheduled or special called meeting of the Board by a simple majority of the members present and voting. There is no quorum required to transact business provided the members of the Board have been given seven days notice of a regular or special called meeting.

ARTICLE 10: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

While the chair shall have discretionary authority to resolve parliamentary questions during a meeting, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is the recommended parliamentary authority for regular and special meetings of the Athletics Board.

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by simple majority vote at any regular meeting of the Athletics Board provided previous notice of the proposed change is given ten days prior to the meeting at which the change will be voted upon.

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