

To: UFS

From: Ron Nyhan, UFS President

Subject: UFS Bylaws Change

The UFS Steering Committee has endorsed putting the following change to the UFS Bylaws before the Senate on February 20.

1. Eliminate the Athletics Committee.
2. Add to the duties of the UFS President under Article IV. Officers and Staff, Section A. President: "7. Presenting a slate of 10 faculty members approved by the UFS to the University President for appointment to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee."

Background and Rationale

The existing UFS Athletic Committee (See Attachment A) is responsible to "advise the University Athletics Board and the UFS on academic matters relating to the intercollegiate athletics program." Further, it shall present "a slate of nine nominees shall be presented to the President of the University who shall select a minimum of six members" to serve on the University Athletics Board (UAB).

The current UAB proposes that the existing two committees be dissolved and a new committee Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) be established. The proposed bylaws for this committee are Attachment B..

As noted in the IAC bylaws:

1. UFS will retain the right to nominate ten faculty to serve on the IAC
2. The University President will select eight of the nominated faculty to serve
3. Bylaws require annual report to the UFS by the Faculty Athletic Representative
4. UFS will retain the right to approve changes to the attached IAC bylaws

This would eliminate potential duplication and confusion while providing the UFS with a substantial role in the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

If this change to the UFS bylaws is ratified, the attached bylaws for the IAC will be presented to the UFS on February 20, 2015.

Attachment A Existing UFS Athletics Committee

7. Athletics Committee

a. Responsibilities

The Athletics Committee shall advise the University Athletics Board and the UFS on academic matters relating to the intercollegiate athletics program.

b. Membership

The Athletics Committee shall consist of six to nine members from the faculty at large. Membership on the Committee shall be for a term of one year. The Faculty Athletic Representative shall serve ex-officio. The Committee Chair shall be elected annually by the members of the Committee.

Prior to the April meeting of the UFS a slate of nine nominees shall be presented to the President of the University who shall select a minimum of six members from this slate to form the UFS Athletics Committee. If the selection has not been made prior to the start of the fall term, then all UFS nominees shall serve until the University Presidential selection is made. The Committee members shall serve as the UFS representatives on the University Athletics Board. The University Athletics Board shall be constituted in accordance with NCAA guidelines.

c. Meetings

The Committee shall meet as part of the University Athletics Board and as often as necessary to complete its business.

**Bylaws of the
Florida Atlantic University
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Atlantic University Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

Section 1. The objective of the Committee shall be to serve as an advisory body to the University President and the University Faculty Senate on issues related to intercollegiate athletics.

Section 2. Specifically, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Monitor intercollegiate athletics' compliance with University, conference, and NCAA policies as they relate to admission requirements, progress toward graduation standards, and the integrity of the course of study for students engaged in intercollegiate athletics.
2. Provide to the President and Faculty Senate recommendations concerning the allocation of institutional resources to intercollegiate athletics in the context of general institutional needs and goals. Assist in the assessment of budgetary implications of decisions concerning the overall size and scope of the athletics program (e.g., proposed facilities, conference affiliation, and division reclassification).
3. Review the budget proposed by the Department of Athletics before it is submitted to the Budget Oversight Committee and then to the President.
4. Periodically review and evaluate the policies and procedures in place that deter and detect abuses of academic integrity to promote athletic programs.
5. Periodically review and evaluate the policies and procedures regarding faculty adherence to student participation in University approved activities.
6. Periodically review and evaluate the programs in place that protect the health and safety of student-athletes. The evaluation should include, but may not be limited to, the consistency of programs with goals and objectives set forth in the University's and Department of Athletics' written commitments to student-athlete well-being; the effectiveness of mechanisms to ensure the health and safety of student-athletes; whether policies, and/or organization, and/or activities of the athletics program and its activities

help enhance student-athlete well-being; the involvement of student-athletes in the governance and decision-making processes of the Department of Athletics, and the establishment of programs that address the needs and issues affecting student-athletes.

7. Support and promote intercollegiate sports.
8. Support and promote unity among athletics, academics and the entire University community.
9. Through the Faculty Athletic Representative, present to the President and Faculty Senate at least one report on intercollegiate athletics during each academic year.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Subject to appointment by the University President, the following shall be members of the Committee:

- A minimum of eight faculty members selected by the President from a slate of ten faculty members provided by President of the University Faculty Senate.
- One Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) selected by the President.
- Two students, one of whom shall be the President of Student Government or her/his designee and the other the President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee or her/his designee.
- One representative from the Office of the Provost.
- One representative from Financial Affairs.
- One representative from the Office of the General Counsel.
- One representative from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- One individual selected by the President who is not employed by the University and who represents the interests of the larger Boca-Raton community. This member may be an alumnus.
- One individual selected by the President who may or may not be employed by the University.

Section 2. Committee members' appointments end on the last meeting of the spring semester. Committee members may be reappointed by the University President.

Section 3. The University President may remove Committee members.

Section 4. The following four members shall serve the Committee as *ex officio* non-voting members:

- The Vice President of Athletics
- The Associate Athletic Director / Senior Woman Administrator, as defined by the NCAA.
- The Director of Compliance
- The Director of Student-Athlete Center for Academic Excellence

ARTICLE IV

Organizational Structure

Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Chair shall be the University's Faculty Athletic Representative. The Vice-Chair may be any member elected by the Committee members without regard to faculty or non-faculty or voting status. The role of the Chair shall include but not be limited to the following:

- The Chair shall preside over meetings.
- The Chair shall serve as liaison between the Committee and the University Faculty Senate.

The Vice-Chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair.

Section 2. The Committee includes four standing subcommittees: (1) Institutional Control, (2) Academic Performance, (3) Student-Athlete Well-Being, and (4) Finance and Facilities. Subcommittee chairs will be selected by the subcommittees at their first meeting of the academic year.

Institutional Control Subcommittee Responsibilities

- The Institutional Control subcommittee is responsible for review of all matters related to the Athletics Program's compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review of all aspects of the University's Athletics Program's rules compliance.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the status of all active possible rules violations.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all active initial, continuing and transfer student-athlete eligibility matters.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all proposed additions and cancellations to current sports programs.
- The subcommittee will prepare a written annual report to the IAC prior to April 15 of each academic year for inclusion in the IAC's annual report.

Academic Performance Subcommittee Responsibilities:

- The Academic Performance subcommittee is responsible for review of all matters related to the academic preparation and performance of student-athletes.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all academic policies of the Department of Athletics.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the academic progress of student-athletes.

- The subcommittee will prepare a written annual report to the IAC prior to June 15 of each academic year for inclusion in the IAC's annual report.

Student-Athlete Well-Being Subcommittee Responsibilities:

- The Student-Athlete Well-Being subcommittee is responsible for review of all matters related to the physical, mental and educational well-being of student-athletes.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the progress of the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program (Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success).
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all matters related to establishing and maintaining an environment in which student-athlete activities are an integral part of their educational experience.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all matters related to establishing and maintaining an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among student-athletes.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all matters related to establishing and maintaining an environment that protects the health and safety for each of its student-athletes.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all matters related to establishing and maintaining an environment that fosters a positive relationship between the student-athlete and coach.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review all matters related to establishing and maintaining an environment that promotes fairness, openness and honesty among coaches, administrators, faculty and student-athletes.
- The subcommittee will prepare a written annual report to the IAC prior to April 15 of each academic year for inclusion in the IAC's annual report.

Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Responsibilities:

- The Finance and Facilities subcommittee is responsible for review of all matters related to the finances and facilities of the Athletics Program.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the Athletics Program's financial stability.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the Athletics Program's short and long term financial planning.
- The subcommittee will monitor and review the Athletics Program's facilities including construction, renovation, and utilization.
- The subcommittee will prepare a written annual report to the IAC prior to April 15 of each academic year for inclusion in the IAC's annual report.

ARTICLE V

Officers Term Limits

The Faculty Athletic Representative is selected by the President, serves as the Chair and is not subject to term limits. The Vice-Chair shall be selected by the Committee at its first Fall meeting and shall serve for a one-year term to begin immediately upon selection.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. The Committee, or one or more subcommittees, shall meet a minimum of monthly throughout the academic year.

Section 2. The Vice President of Athletics and Faculty Athletic Representative shall collaborate on setting the agenda and coordinating the place and timing of the meetings.

Section 3. A simple majority of Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

Parliamentary Authority

If need arises for reference to a parliamentary authority, the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Committee may adopt. The Committee's intent is that informality, good manners, and good sense shall determine procedures at Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the committee via email at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. All amendments must be submitted to the University President and Faculty Senate for approval.

Recommended unanimously by the Florida Atlantic University Intercollegiate Athletics Committee on ?????.

Approved by University Faculty Senate on

Approved by President John Kelly

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Adopted: ????