



STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

Auburn University at Montgomery



Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a primary avenue of communication between student-athletes, the institution, and athletics administration. The SAAC provides a forum in which student-athletes and Athletic Department leadership can discuss openly issues relevant to intercollegiate athletics including student-athlete welfare. The SAAC group consists of a diverse representation of two representatives from each institutional sport.

The members of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are:

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| Baseball: | 2 Representatives |
| Men's Basketball: | 2 Representatives |
| Men's Cross Country: | 2 Representatives |
| Men's Soccer: | 2 Representatives |
| Men's Tennis: | 2 Representatives |
| Softball: | 2 Representatives |
| Women's Basketball: | 2 Representatives |
| Women's Cross Country: | 2 Representatives |
| Women's Soccer: | 2 Representatives |
| Women's Tennis: | 2 Representatives |
| Women's Volleyball: | 2 Representatives |

Officers

President

Vice President

SGA Director of Athletics Affairs

GSC Representatives

Social Media Coordinator (*Optional*)

Fundraising Coordinator (*Optional*)

SAAC Leadership Positions

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee

Hall of Fame Committee

Gender Equity Committee

SAAC Community Engagement

Philanthropic Initiatives Committee Chairs:

LifeSouth Blood Drive: Men's & Women's Tennis Representatives (Fall)

LifeSouth Blood Drive: Men's and Women's Cross Country Representative (Spring)

Make- A- Wish: Softball Representatives and Volleyball Representatives

Community Initiatives Committee Chairs:

Montgomery Country Sherriff Associate Toy Drive: Baseball Representatives

Champion – ship Gift Giving: Men's and Women's Basketball

Warhawks R Us (Read Across America): Men's Soccer Representatives

Elementary Day at AUM: Women's Soccer Representatives

Awards Program

Warhawks' Choice Awards Committee: SAAC Members

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Sportsmanship Statement

At Auburn University at Montgomery, we display sportsmanship by acting with respect and integrity. We are committed to providing our fans and visitors with a hospitable environment, as would be expected when we are visitors. For this reason, we have zero tolerance of unsportsmanlike conduct from any student athlete, coach, or Auburn Montgomery personnel because the behavior of these representatives reflects AUM, our teams, and Auburn Montgomery Athletics. It should be the goal of all persons associated with Auburn Montgomery to place the integrity and values of AUM ahead of everything else. Therefore, we expect nothing but greatness from our representatives because our standard is excellence and our goal is to be GREAT!

Sportsmanlike Conduct Policy

It shall be the responsibility of all athletes, coaches, and Auburn University at Montgomery personnel to ensure that all individuals directly associated with the athletic program to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner in the classroom, on campus, at community engagement activities, and at intercollegiate athletic events. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, and shall subject the individual to any disciplinary action necessary. In the event the individual feels that the penalty is inappropriate, either because the violation did not occur or because the penalty is excessive, there shall be the right to appeal through the institutions stated system of appeal.

Constitution

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Auburn University at Montgomery (Auburn Montgomery/AUM) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Article II

Purpose

- Purpose 1:** To facilitate and promote efficient communication between the administration and the student-athletes to better serve their needs. To make recommendations on programs designed to serve these needs.
- Purpose 2:** To encourage increased involvement of the student-athletes in campus and community projects.
- Purpose 3:** To promote increased communication between intercollegiate teams.
- Purpose 4:** To design and provide programs which will encourage academic achievement, health promotion, social responsibility, leadership skills, and general awareness including the support and encourage student along their path to graduation.
- Purpose 5:** To promote an understanding of the role of the student-athlete.
- Purpose 6:** To promote an atmosphere within the department and the Conference that encourages and welcomes unity among all student-athletes.

Article III

Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

- This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, creed, handicap, or place of residence.
- All members shall be full-time student-athletes.
- Membership will include two representatives from each varsity sport. All members will serve a one year term and may be re-elected.

Section 2: Methods of Selecting Members

- Committee shall consist of a diverse representation of two representatives from each institutional sport. One member of the athletic department will serve as advisor to the committee.

- Committee representatives should be appointed by their respective coach based upon team members' recommendation.

Article IV **Responsibilities**

Section 1: Duties

- Attend all Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meetings.
- Represent the team's view in committee meetings. Keep the team apprised of current issues and communicate the team's views to the committee.
- Encourage the team members to assist with any projects deemed significant by the Committee.

Article V **Officers**

Section 1: List of Officers

- The Committee shall elect one President, one Vice President, and other positions as appropriate.

Section 2: Powers and Duties

- **President:** The President shall preside over all Committee meetings and communicate regularly with the Athletic Director and athletic intern. The President serves as a representative on the AUM Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.
- **Vice President:** The Vice President shall preside at Committee meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for keeping and distributing minutes as well as helping to present the meeting agenda. The Vice President may serve as proxy in the absence of the President on the AUM Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.

Section 3: Election

- The appointment of the President, Vice President and other leadership positions shall be determined by the Committee with the approval from the Director of Athletics.

Section 4: Vacancies

- The Vice President shall assume the position of President upon the vacancy of this seat. The Committee shall elect a new Vice President upon vacancy of this seat.
- The specific team will recommend a replacement to their coach for any member no longer representing that program.

Section 5: Impeachment Proceedings

- If a President or Vice President is to be removed from their position, the Committee must have a majority two-thirds vote to remove an officer. Any impeachment must be reviewed in advance by the Director of Athletics.

Article VI **Organizational Structure**

Section 1: Meetings

- The Committee shall meet once a month or as necessary.
- It will be the responsibility of the President and Vice President to work jointly in scheduling and planning the meeting agenda with consultation from the Senior Woman Administrator.
- The President may call a special meeting as the need develops.

Section 2: Special Committees

- If necessary the Committee will establish special committees to study an issue at its own discretion.
- The Head of the Committee will report updates to the President or Vice President and make a report to the Committee each month or until issue is resolved.

Section 3: SAAC Leadership Opportunities

- In line with the collaborative and shared governance philosophy of the Auburn Montgomery the members of SAAC are eligible to be selected or elected to the following positions:
 - Intercollegiate Athletic Committee: representatives are the elected and current SAAC President, who provides insights to this Faculty Senate committee that provides oversight to the athletic programs at Auburn Montgomery.

- AUM Hall of Fame Committee: two current members of SAAC who are elected annually (cannot be the President or Vice President)
- Dining Committee: this elected SAAC representative is a committee member of an existing AUM committee that provides insight to the University committee.
- Philanthropic Initiatives (Blood Drive and Make-A-Wish): this position serves as a liaison to the LifeSouth and Make-A-Wish to coordinates two philanthropic opportunities for each organization. This position is selected by SAAC President and members.
- Community Services/Engagement: current members of SAAC are elected by the SAAC membership to serve as chairperson for the group's four main events, Montgomery County Sheriff Association Toy Drive and Champion-ship Gift Giving, Read Across America, Elementary Day at AUM.

Article VII

Rules of Procedure

Section 1: Voting

- Each representative shall have one vote.

Section 2: Attendance Policy

- Attendance is mandatory. Upon accumulating two consecutive unexcused absences in a semester, members shall be suspended from membership for the remainder of that semester. Membership shall be re-established the following semester upon approval of a majority of the Committee members.
- Any member with three unexcused absences in a year will be removed from the Committee. Their removal from the Committee must be reviewed by the Director of Athletics.
 - First 1st Unexcused Absence: Email warning sent out to the student-athlete and the student-athlete's coach.
 - Second (2nd) Unexcused Absence: Email warning sent out to the student-athlete and the student-athlete's coach. Representative will be suspended for remainder of term.
 - Third (3rd) Unexcused Absence: Email sent out to student-athlete and student-athlete's coach notifying removal from Committee.

Section 3: Frequency of Meetings

- The Committee shall meet once a month or as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 4: Quorum

- Two-thirds vote of the existing Committee

Article VIII

Finance

Section 1: Funding

- Financial needs and issues will be handled by the officers of the Committee and the Senior Woman Administrator.
- As a recognized club/organization at Auburn University at Montgomery by the Office of Student Affairs Department of Student Involvement and Leadership Programs, the organization may request funding for special projects through university appropriations.

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