STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

PURPOSE:

1. To facilitate communication about concerns, problems, or suggestions between the athlete and Athletic Administration.

2. To promote more interaction between IUPUI athletics, the IUPUI campus, and the surrounding communities.

3. To continually strive for improvement in all aspects pertaining to IUPUI athletics (from academics to facilities).

4. Encourage unity, common purpose, and camaraderie between teams and among all athletes in the program.

5. To keep the athletes informed during the transition period from Division II to Division I.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. The membership shall be divided into active and associate members.

   a. Only currently registered student-athletes (students who are currently listed on a varsity sports team’s squad list) at IUPUI. Active members will be appointed by their respective coaches.

   b. Alternate members shall be chosen in consultation with the active member and respective coach. An alternate member will become an acting member if the acting member is not present.

2. All others interested in furthering the goals of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall be associate members.

3. In no aspect of IUPUI's shall there be any difference in the treatment of persons as a result of their race, color, creed, sexual or association preference, disability, age, or any other classification that would deprive the person of consideration as an individual.
STRUCTURE:

1. The SAAC will hold approximately one meeting per month. These meetings are open to all persons wishing to attend. Each officer and team representative is required to attend all meetings.

2. Although SAAC meetings are open, only team representatives and officers will vote.

3. The first meeting shall occur no later than the third week of the academic semester.

4. A monthly meeting date shall be voted on at the first meeting and shall stand for one semester only.

5. Each coach will select one representative who will have voting privileges. Since officers are elected from among the committee members, officers, are not designated as team representatives.

6. All officers are elected annually during the spring semester and serve for one year. Officers may be elected for consecutive terms.

7. A member of the IUPUI Athletic Department Administration shall serve as a non-voting adviser to the committee.

Officers:

1. Chair: Serves as a spokesperson for the committee. The chair presides at all meetings. The chair also has the responsibility of representing the SAAC on the IUPUI (faculty) Athletic Advisory Committee.

2. Co-Chair: Serves as chair when the chair is unable to do so. Co-Chair will also represent the SAAC on the IUPUI (faculty) Athletic Advisory Committee.

3. Secretary: Shall take active minutes at each meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for disseminating all information and communicating to SAAC members.

Office Terms:

1. Prior to election of Team Representatives for the coming year, the current year's representatives will select officers for the coming year.
2. A call for nominations will be made by the committee adviser. All current SAAC members and officers are invited to make nominations. Self nominations are accepted.

3. All officers shall serve for a term of one year, beginning the month following elections and ending the month of elections the following year.

4. An officer shall be eligible for re-election for a consecutive term providing he/she will be attending IUPUI as a full-time student-athlete for another term for one year.

Activities:

1. Annual Awards Banquet: Organize the annual awards banquet.

2. Participate in departmental activities relevant to student-athlete concerns.

3. Serve as leaders within IUPUI athletics and in the community while learning the process, responsibilities, and rewards of leadership.

4. Enjoy representing IUPUI sports.

*This Constitution should be revised, as needed, in the first five years of committee existence.