IUPUI Athletics Committee Guidelines  
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Endorsement: The IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee endorsed the IUPUI Athletics Committee Guidelines in draft format on August 27, 1998, and in final format on August 26, 1999.

A. Structure

1. Reporting:

   The chairperson of the committee shall submit an annual written report at the completion of each academic year to the IUPUI Faculty Council and to the Chancellor on the status of IUPUI intercollegiate athletics.

2. Membership:

   The Chancellor shall appoint the IUPUI Athletics Committee on the recommendation of the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee. The IUPUI Athletics Committee shall have twenty-seven (27) voting members. The Committee’s voting membership shall have a majority of faculty. Each year, the Executive Committee will identify a pool of at least fifteen (15) faculty members interested in serving on the Athletics Committee. Seven faculty members from this pool shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Executive Committee. No faculty member appointed by the Chancellor shall serve more than THREE consecutive terms (with the exception of the Faculty Athletics Representative). Faculty members shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee. The terms of membership shall be two-year terms (For 1998-99, the terms will be staggered one and two year terms). In the case of resignation, sabbatical or other leaves of absence, the Chancellor, in consultation with the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee, shall appoint a replacement for the balance of the term or an alternate for the duration of sabbatical or similar leave of absence.
Governance language: appointed by the Chancellor from among a list submitted by the IUPUI Faculty Council. The number of faculty members, the exact means of selection, and the terms of membership shall be determined by the IUPUI Faculty Council in consultation with the Chancellor.

Procedure: The Executive Committee of the IUPUI Faculty Council will identify faculty members interested in serving on the Athletics Committee and submit a list of faculty to the Chancellor with their recommendation. Other members of the committee will normally be identified by the office of the Vice Chancellor of External Affairs. The committee membership should have broad representation not only from the faculty but also staff, students and community. The committee membership should be balanced, reflecting the diversity of the population on the IUPUI campus.

Other members of the Athletics Committee shall include the Director of Athletics (ex officio, non voting), the Faculty Athletics Representative to the intercollegiate conference, a representative of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, alumni and community members. The committee may include additional members as determined by the IUPUI Faculty Counsel Executive Committee in consultation with the Chancellor and shall be in compliance with the rules of the appropriate athletics associations and conference rules. The committee membership should have broad representation, properly balanced to assure gender and racial/ethnic equity and reflect the diversity of the population at IUPUI.

Governance Language: The exact membership and terms of membership, including means of selection and voting rights of student, alumni, and additional members, shall be determined by the IUPUI Faculty Council in consultation with the Chancellor and shall be in compliance with the appropriate association and conference rules.

The chairperson of the IUPUI Athletics Committee shall be a faculty member appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee. Such person may or may not be the Faculty Athletics Representative as determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee.

3. Quorum:
A quorum is deemed to exist when more than half of the voting members are present.

4. Voting:

To guarantee faculty control of athletics, committee action may not be taken unless the majority of voting committee members present, in person or by proxy, are faculty members.

*Procedure:* Based on the current construction of the committee, the committee consists of 27 voting members, 14 of which are faculty members. In order to meet, there must be a quorum. For this purpose, a quorum does not exist unless there are more than half of the voting members present, 14. No committee action may be taken unless a majority of those present are faculty. Thus if the minimum number of voting members are present, 14, committee action can only be taken if a majority of those 14 present, 8, are faculty members. Consequently, to conduct business at least 14 voting members must be present and at least 8 of those members must be faculty.

5. Relationships

The IUPUI Athletics Committee should maintain strong liaison relationships with the IUPUI Faculty Council committees on academic affairs, student affairs, and budgetary affairs.

B. Functions of the IUPUI Athletics Committee

1. Serves to foster University community confidence in the intercollegiate athletics program by ensuring that the program is striving to meet the mission and goals for intercollegiate athletics at Indiana University.

2. Studies the athletics program and its relation to academic affairs of the University and IUPUI and recommends to the IUPUI Faculty Council and the administration policies relative to intercollegiate athletics.
3. Monitors the program’s compliance with policies relating to admissions, the academic performance and progress of student athletes toward graduation, and the integrity of the course of study of student athletes, seeking appropriate review of cases in which it appears that there has been abuse of academic integrity in order to promote athletics programs.

4. Participates in the development of and approves general athletics policies related to academic matters, including academic eligibility policy, academic concerns relating to recruiting, missed class time policy, student drug use policy, and team competition and practice schedules within the scope of athletics conference and association rules.

5. Participates in the development and recommends approval of plans for addition/elimination of sports programs, plans for significant revision of athletics facilities and physical plant, policies regarding the use of athletics facilities, athletics awards policy, and ticket pricing and distribution policies.

6. Participates in the evaluation of the IUPUI Director of Athletics and the selection/dismissal of the Director of Athletics.

7. Advises in personnel matters:
    
    a. Evaluates coaches in regard to the impact of programs on the student-athletes’ academic life.

    Procedure: The Athletics Committee agreed to evaluate coaches using a personnel subcommittee, consisting of the Chair of the Athletics Committee and two other members elected by the committee.

    b. Consults regarding the selection/dismissal of coaches; (while the President and athletics directors have the authority to hire and dismiss coaches, they should consult in a timely manner with the Athletics Committee or its personnel subcommittee when such actions are contemplated).

    c. Recommends general policy regarding coaches’ contractual agreements.

8. Advises on matters of facilities, intramurals, club sports programs, and other related wellness issues.
9. Serves in an advisory capacity regarding the athletics budget, media contracts, and institutional votes on association or conference legislation.

10. Meets at least annually with the Chancellor (or President at Bloomington) to report and confer regarding the affairs of the committee and the intercollegiate athletics department.