

Mission Statement and Charter for the Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee

Mission

The Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee (FAAC) serves as a liaison between the faculty and the Department of Athletics. The Committee reviews information about student-athletes related to academic achievements and more general academic policies at The Citadel. The Committee may offer advice and provide recommendations to the Department of Athletics regarding academic issues relevant to student-athletes.

Charter

I. Membership

A. Representation

The Faculty Senate selects six tenured or tenure-track faculty members (with no more than two members from the same department) to serve on the FAAC. Academic faculty membership is restricted to tenured or tenure-track faculty members who have been employed at The Citadel for at least one full academic year at the time they begin committee service. All members of the FAAC must review the Academic Policies of the Department of Athletics no later than the first scheduled meeting of the semester.

In addition to the academic faculty members, the committee shall include the following individuals, neither of whom has voting privileges:

1. the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative.
2. one administrative liaison appointed by the Director of Athletics.

In addition, this committee shall be open to the following individuals without voting privileges:

1. one undergraduate student (non-athlete) or a designated representative to be appointed by the Provost.
2. two student-athletes (one male, one female) to be appointed by the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative.
3. designated employees from the Registrar and Recruiting offices who are involved with athletics.

B. Tenure

Academic faculty members serve three year rotating terms, staggered so that two faculty will move off the committee as two new committee members are added. All other members of the committee serve one-year terms. An academic faculty member may request a second consecutive term; no faculty member may serve on the committee for more than six years consecutively. If a faculty member cannot complete a term, the Faculty Senate will select another faculty member to fill the term. Time spent filling the term of another faculty member will not count toward the "six-year rule" outlined above.

II. Structure

A. Chair

The committee shall have a chair selected by committee vote at an organizational meeting held before September 30 of each year. The term of the chair lasts until the next election. A member may not serve as committee chair for more than three years consecutively. The chair is responsible for scheduling and presiding over committee meetings, representing the committee before outside bodies, and ensuring that an annual report of committee activities is prepared.

B. Meetings

The FAAC must meet at least once each semester. The chair must hold a meeting if requested in writing by at least one-third of the voting members or at the request of the NCAA Faculty Athletics representative. A quorum consists of one-half of the voting membership.

III. Activities and Responsibilities

III.1 General Activities of Standing Committees

A. Information

The FAAC gathers, reviews and disseminates information relevant to the relationship between athletic programs and academics at The Citadel. It is authorized to gather information by means of:

1. direct request to a college administrative department, an academic department, another standing committee or any group or association of Citadel faculty, staff or students.
2. the development and use of questionnaires and surveys.
3. the use of previously published information.

The FAAC disseminates information by means of:

1. a response (report) to a department or committee based upon a request for information. reports generated from within the FAAC.

2. periodic status reports to the Citadel community as specified in its charter.

B. Annual Report

The FAAC will prepare an annual report summarizing the committee's activities over the previous academic year. The report must include all non-confidential decisions of the committee. Copies of this report will be made accessible to all Citadel faculty, staff, and students on the Citadel webpage for the FAAC.

C. Other Reports

Committee reports shall be made to Faculty Senate.

D. Tasks

The work of the FAAC consists of a series of tasks involving the gathering, review, and dissemination of information. The committee will assume tasks through one of the following means:

1. Completion of tasks as articulated in the Specific Activities section of this charter.
2. Completion of a report which includes information requested by an administrative department or entity, an academic department, another committee, or Faculty Senate. Requests for information by individual faculty members must be made through the Faculty Senate liaison on the FAAC.
3. Tasks can be generated from within the FAAC. Any Committee member may request that the FAAC study a topic or issue related to the collective academic performance of student-athletes. The Committee may also develop its own long-range projects or studies as part of its ongoing mission.

III.2. Specific Activities of the Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee

The specific activities of this committee may include but are not limited to the following:

- Recommend policies and procedures relating to The Citadel's participation in intercollegiate athletics.
- Review scholastic achievement, progress, and graduation rates of student-athletes to ensure that academics are given highest priority.
- Periodically review the Department of Athletics and institutional policies related to class absences for athletic events to ensure that the academic needs of student-athletes are being met.
- Provide advice to the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative concerning student athletes who are in need of student support services at the institution.
- Provide input to The Citadel President and Director of Athletics in long range planning for the Athletics Department.

IV. Autonomy

To ensure the efficiency and quality of committee work, the committee is granted a degree of autonomy over its own operations. Upon receiving a request from another college body, the committee will vote to accept or reject the request. A request for information can be rejected for the following reasons:

1. the request is unclear, in which case the committee chair will ask the requesting body to clarify any ambiguities and resubmit the request;
2. the committee's workload is currently too great to perform the task in the requested time frame, in which case the chair will return the request and suggest a date for re-submittal;
3. the task falls outside the scope or sphere of interest of the committee or, if the task falls within the scope of more than one committee, divide the task among the committees;
4. the committee does not have the resources or the authority to complete the task, in which case the chair will explain which parts of the task cannot be completed, and the requesting body may resubmit a modified request.

V. Amending the Charter

The FAAC may modify its charter in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. Proposals for changes in the committee charter come to the Executive Committee, which negotiates the changes with the standing committee and with any affected administrative departments. Consensus requests are forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval. In case of a lack of consensus, competing proposals may be sent to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

This charter was approved by Faculty Council on April 21, 2015.

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