

BY-LAWS OF THE UW-L STUDENT ASSOCIATION INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Article I: NAME

Section I: Name- The name of this committee shall be the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, a standing committee of Student Senate (UW-L Student Association).

ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION

Section I: Affiliation- UW-L holds membership in both state and national organizations including the WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference) and the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletics Association), with the exception of Women's Gymnastics which holds membership with the NCGA (National Collegiate Gymnastics Association).

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE AND DUTIES

Section I: Purpose- The committee will formulate policies to be used by the Athletic Directors in conducting the UW-L Intercollegiate Athletic program.

Section II: Duties- Upon Student Senate approval of allocable and non-allocable portions of segregated fees, the committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the Apportionment Committee for the disbursement of funding to athletic programs. The Athletic Director or Associate Athletic Director shall assign recommended budgetary decisions in accordance with the University's and the Athletics Committee's policies and procedures.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Voting Members

- a) **Student Representatives-** Student membership will consist of five (5) student senators and two (2) students chosen at-large by the UW-L Student Senate.
- b) **Faculty-** The faculty members shall consist of four (4) faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate. There may be no coaches or athletic administrators on the committee.
- c) **Academic Staff-** The academic staff members shall consist of two (2) academic staff appointed by Academic Staff Council.

Section II: Non-voting Members

- a) **Staff Representatives-** (i) The Athletic Director and/or designee will have a seat on the committee as non-voting ex-officio.

- b) **Faculty Athletic Representatives-** The Faculty Athletic Representatives (FAR) for the University will be representatives at the NCAA National Convention and are ex-officio members.

Sections III: Elections

- a) **Officers-** The committee shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary from its membership. This will be done by the end of the second meeting of the year by a majority cast for each office.
- b) **Terms-** The officers shall serve for one year and their term shall begin immediately after election.
- c) **Vacancy-** If a vacancy of the chairperson occurs; the vice-chair person shall assume the office of chairperson. If the office of vice-chairperson is vacated, a new vice-chairperson shall be elected by the same elective process.
- d) **Eligibility-** All officers shall be students.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES

Section I: Budgetary Considerations

- a) The committee shall make budgetary considerations to SUFAC regarding the athletic programs.
- b) The committee shall monitor and keep the Student Senate informed of the financial status of all areas of responsibility.

Section II: Recommendations The committee is responsible for recommendations to the Student Senate for the formulation of policies and procedures regarding athletics at UW-L.

Section III: Interim Periods

- a) The Athletics Committee shall designate an Interim committee to act for the Athletics Committee in special consideration during summer, winter intersession or vacation periods. Membership shall consist of a minimum of three (3) regular academic year members.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I: Chairperson

- a) Call meetings of the committee.
- b) Preside at meetings of the committee.
- c) Prepare and establish the agenda for the committee.
- d) Act as official representative of the committee.
- e) Serve as or appoint an ex-officio member of all subcommittees of the committee.
- f) Make reports to the Student Senate regarding committee actions.
- g) Excuse absences of the committee members.

Section II: Vice-Chairperson

- a) Preside at all meetings of the committee in the absence of the chairperson.

- b) Assume the position of the Chairperson if the Chairperson becomes unable to perform the duties of office.
- c) Excuse the Chairperson from meetings.
- d) Aid the Chairperson in coordination of committee's activities.

Section III: Secretary

- a) Record the minutes of all committee meetings.
- b) Distribute all minutes to the committee and make them available to the campus community through the UW-LSA office.
- c) Maintain a file of committee minutes from the beginning of the year.
- d) Distribute a copy of all file material to the president of the UW-LSA along with two other copies.

ARTICLE VII: COMPENSATION

Section I: Compensation of Committee Members- The committee chair will be compensated for his or her work on the committee based on the discretion of the UWLSA President.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING

Section I: Quorum- A quorum will consist of half of the voting members plus one.

Section II: Motions- Action of the Committee shall be by a majority vote.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section I: Convening of the First Meeting- It shall be the Vice President of Student Association's duty to appoint a student member of the committee to convene the committee of each academic year within the first three weeks.

Section II: Meetings- As per Student Association Resolution 1011-045, the committee will meet on Tuesdays at 12:00 PM (noon) as needed at the discretion of the chairperson.

Section III: Special Meetings

- a) Special meetings may be called by the chairperson by providing written notice to all committee members within twenty-four (24) hours.
- b) The UW-L Intercollegiate Athletics Committee may create subcommittees as deemed necessary. Each subcommittee shall have a list of policies and procedures with the committee, and all policies and procedures must be approved by the committee.

Section IV: Open Meetings- All meetings will be held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Section V: Parliamentary Procedure- Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be used as the parliamentary authority.

Section VI: Business Conduct

- a) The committee will conduct its business in accordance with the rules of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.
- b) The committee will conduct its business in accordance with the rules of the University of Wisconsin-System.
- c) The committee will conduct its business in accordance with the rules of the state of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE X - ATTENDANCE

Section I: Attendance- A member is allowed two (2) unexcused absences. An unexcused absence will be defined as any absence where the Chair of the committee is not notified prior to the meeting missed. A third unexcused absence will be considered abandonment of the committee and will result in dismissal

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section I: Amendments- Amendments to the UW-L Intercollegiate Athletics Committee by-laws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee and approval of the Student Senate.

Dates of Revision:

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5/2011