

# **Florida State University Athletics Board Bylaws 2015**

Preamble: These Bylaws are subject to the provisions of the laws of Florida, the regulations of the Florida Board of Governors and the Florida State University Board of Trustees and the policies and procedures of the Florida State University, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is the Florida State University Athletics Board.

## **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

While primary responsibility and control of the intercollegiate athletics program rests with the President of the University, the Florida State University Athletics Board is responsible for providing periodic evaluation and oversight of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, including

- Establishing policy goals and standards for intercollegiate athletics;
- Monitoring the execution of intercollegiate athletics policies;
- Promoting fiscal integrity in intercollegiate athletics;
- Reviewing and recommending the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics annual operating budget to the President of the University; and
- Insuring that the athletics program is operated in a manner consistent with the overall policies and operating procedures of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Florida State University, and the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

The Florida State University Athletics Board consists of a maximum of twenty-five members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the President of the University. The maximum number does not include the ex officio members. Membership is drawn from faculty and academic administrators, current students, student athletes, alumni, Seminole Boosters, citizens at-large, and members of the Varsity Club.

Ex officio members of the Board include the President of the Faculty Senate, the President of the Student Government Association, the Vice-President for Finance and Administration or her/his designate, the Vice-President for University Relations or her/his designate, the Vice-President for Student Affairs or her/his designate, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the University Police Chief, and the Athletics Director.

The majority of the appointed members of the Board must be composed of faculty and academic administrators of the University.

With the exception of the Athletics Director, no member of the Board may be full-time staff of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

## **ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS**

The officers of the Athletics Board include the chair, vice-chair and standing committee chairs. The Faculty Athletics Representative is appointed by the University President and serves as chair of the Board. The vice-chair is appointed by the President and serves as chair of the executive committee. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall serve as chair of the Board. When neither the chair nor the vice-chair is available, a standing committee chair designated by the chair of the Board shall fill the role of chair.

## **ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The President of the University shall appoint the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Athletics Board shall be composed of the chair, vice-chair, chairs of the standing committees of the Board, the Director of Athletics, and such other appointees with special knowledge or skills as are likely to be needed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approves the agenda for meetings of the Board, establishes ad hoc and standing committees necessary to address special or continuing concerns of the Board, reviews reports of all ad hoc and standing committees, calls special meetings of the Athletics Board, and may act on any item of business that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled or special called meeting of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES**

The President of the University shall appoint the standing committees of the Board, which shall include, but not be limited to, the Academics, Finance, and Equity and Student Welfare committees.

- A. The Academics Committee annually evaluates Athletic Academic Support Services; reviews admissions, graduation rates, and team academic progress rates; recommends changes in policies for Athletic Academic Support Services and intercollegiate Athletics; and serves as an appeal panel for student-athletes who lose competitive eligibility for violations of academic standards. The Dean of Undergraduate Studies or her/his designee is a member of the Academics Committee
- B. The Finance Committee annually reviews the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics budget; insures fiscal responsibility and transparency; reviews the annual external audit of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and periodically undertakes an extensive examination of a particular unit, sport, or budget category in order to assess cost effective practices. The Vice President for Finance and Administration or her/his designee is a member of the Finance Committee.
- C. The Equity and Student-Athlete Welfare Committee monitors student-athlete welfare and the equity concerns of student-athletes, coaches and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics staff; insures compliance with Title IX; recommends the addition or elimination of sports teams; and conducts annual hearings and surveys to assess issues and concerns of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics staff, coaches, and student-athletes. The Vice President

for Student Affairs or her/his designee is a member of the Equity and Student Welfare Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS**

The Athletics Board will meet at least four times during each fiscal year. The chair of the Board will distribute a schedule of regular meetings with at least one meeting scheduled in each calendar quarter of the fiscal year. Special meetings will be called with the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 8: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Executive Committee will establish the order of business for all special or regular meetings of the Athletics Board.

#### **ARTICLE 9: VOTING PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES**

All duly appointed members and ex officio members of the Board are authorized to vote on matters coming before the Board.

The Athletics Board may approve any motion proposed at a regularly scheduled or special called meeting of the Board by a simple majority of the members present and voting. There is no quorum required to transact business provided the members of the Board have been given seven days notice of a regular or special called meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 10: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

While the chair shall have discretionary authority to resolve parliamentary questions during a meeting, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is the recommended parliamentary authority for regular and special meetings of the Athletics Board.

#### **ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by simple majority vote at any regular meeting of the Athletics Board provided previous notice of the proposed change is given ten days prior to the meeting at which the change will be voted upon.