Bridgewater State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bridgewater State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to enhance the athletic experience for both student-athletes and our Bridgewater State University campus community by encouraging leadership development, purposeful relationships and being a voice for student-athletes.

Constitution

Article I. Name of Organization

1. This organization shall be known as the Bridgewater State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee or BSU SAAC.

Article II. Purpose

1. To generate a student-athlete voice within the Bridgewater State University community.
2. To solicit student-athlete response to proposed National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) legislation.
3. To suggest potential NCAA legislation.
4. To create a vision for student-athlete representation on campus, conference-wide, and nationally.

Article III. Membership

1. Any student-athlete is eligible for appointment.
    a. Representatives should be selected by the coaches of each athletic team.
    b. Two representatives from each team.
2. Academic eligibility must be maintained. Upon becoming academically ineligible, the member will be replaced.
3. To provide continuity, membership will be for the duration of athletic career.
4. One voting member from each sports team.
5. Each member will serve as a liaison between the committee and his/her team.
6. Each team must be represented at every meeting:
    a. Attendance is required. Absences are excusable only in the following cases: family emergencies, athletic competitions occurring during the meeting, or for extreme academic reasons.
    b. A written notice (e-mail) explaining a missed SAAC meeting must be given to proper position of power.
    c. Each voting member will only be given 2 unexcused absences per academic year.
    d. Missing two consecutive meetings or two total meetings in a semester will result in dismissal from the SAAC.

7. While attending meetings, members must be open-minded and respectful of other people's opinions.
8. Members accept the responsibility of representing the student-athlete population of Bridgewater State University.

Article IV. Executive Board

1. Officers will be nominated at the last meeting of the fall semester (December) and will be elected during the first meeting of the spring semester (January).
2. Three to five total executive board members may be elected
    a. Three required executive board positions
        i. President, Vice-President, Secretary
    b. One or two additional members to be non-position executives.
        ii. Public Relations, Treasurer, Social Media Coordinator,
3. All officers shall serve for a minimum, one-year term. Officers are eligible for re-election for a consecutive term providing they will be a full-time student-athlete for another term of one year.
4. Officers can only be elected if they have been a member of SAAC for at least one year.
5. Two members of the executive board must attend MASCAC SAAC meetings.
6. In the event of removal, resignation, or vacancy of the president, the Vice-president will move into the President position, and the executive team announces a new Vice-President.
7. Impeachment of an elected officer can take place when two-thirds of the membership votes for impeachment. Two-thirds of the committee must be present for this to take place.
8. Additional exec meetings may be held on top of committee wide meetings.

President
1. Presides over and creates the agendas for the meetings.
2. Communicates all relevant information to officers and members.
3. Serves as liaison and spokesperson to Bridgewater State administration.

Vice-President
1. Presides over meetings when the President is absent.
2. Oversees subcommittees that may be formed as a response to the needs of the Bridgewater State SAAC
3. Exercises all functions of the President in absence of the President.

Secretary
1. Responsible for maintaining attendance records
2. Responsible for a summary of meeting within 48-hours after meeting end.
    a. Distribute to members, advisors, athletic administration, FARs, and coaches. Can be done through the president/advisor if needed.

Other Exec Members
1. Be the eyes and ears of the committee.
2. Help with any other tasks needed by the rest of the executive board.
3. Help make sure that the committee is keeping in line with mission statement.
4. Assist with outreach, social media, and or funding requests as needed.

Advisor(s)
1. Advisors shall be appointed by the Athletic Director at their discretion.
2. Act as a consultant for projects and special committees
3. Attend/supervise social activities sponsored by the SAAC
4. The advisor shall not have voting privileges

Article V. Standing Committees

1. The chairperson of each committee will be decided at the beginning of the year during the committee sign ups and will then be voted on by members of each committee.
2. Additional committees can be formed if necessary.

Article VI. Meetings

1. There will be one meeting on the first Monday of every month, typically 7pm
2. Special meetings may be called by the President or Advisor when business demands immediate attention.
3. Student-athletes not on the SAAC will be encouraged to bring their concerns or suggestions about the program to the committee through their team representative.
4. Meetings shall be open to committee members and invited guests only.

Article VII. Voting

1. There will be one voting member from each team.
2. In a vote, the majority is needed.
3. If a majority cannot be attained, that piece of legislation shall be considered abstained.

Article VIII. Amendments

1. Amendments to this constitution may be introduced at the conclusion of any meeting.
2. Voting shall occur at the next meeting with the new amendment taking effect following the decision.
3. Two-thirds of the membership must be present and voting for amendments to occur.
3. If the amendment passes, it shall be written in the constitution and followed immediately.

Article IX. Relationship with the Director of Athletics

1. The Director of Athletics agrees to present all departmental administrative and policy changes to the SAAC for its feedback and input prior to implementation.
2. Shall take all SAAC recommendations under advisement and to the best of his/her ability, implement recommendations for the betterment of the entire program.
    a. In the event SAAC recommendations are not implemented, the Director of Athletic shall meet with the SAAC or provide in writing, the reasons for those actions.

Article X. Procedure for Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Official SAAC resolutions shall be referred to the Director of Athletics, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the President of the University, and the Board of Trustees for ultimate approval.
2. Official SAAC recommendations shall be referred to the Director of Athletics for consideration, comment, and possible action.
3. Personnel issues may be presented by the SAAC to the department administration, but it is understood that the Director of Athletics reserves the right to handle such in confidence.