Indiana University
Bloomington Faculty Athletics Committee Policy

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I. Structure:

A. Membership: The Faculty Athletics Committee voting membership shall have a majority of faculty. The President shall appoint the Faculty Athletics Committee from faculty members nominated by the Bloomington Faculty Council.

Other members of the Faculty Athletics Committee shall include the Athletics Director (ex officio, non-voting), the Faculty Athletics Representative to the intercollegiate conference (ex officio, voting), student members, and alumni members. Committees also may include additional members as determined by campus governance. 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 Bloomington faculty council in consultation with the President and shall be in compliance with the rules of the appropriate athletics associations and conferences. The chairperson of the Faculty Athletics Committee shall be a faculty member appointed by the President in consultation with the Bloomington Faculty Council.

B. Quorum: To guarantee faculty oversight of athletics, committee action may not be taken unless the majority of voting committee members participating, are faculty members.

C. Relationships: The Faculty Athletics Committee should maintain strong liaison relationships with the Bloomington Faculty Council executive committee.

D. Reporting: The chairperson of the Faculty Athletics Committee shall submit a report annually to the Bloomington Faculty Council and the President on the status of campus intercollegiate athletics.

A. Subcommittees:

1. Personnel Subcommittee: The Faculty Athletics Committee shall appoint a Personnel Subcommittee consisting of the Chair, the Faculty Athletics Representative, and two other faculty members of the Committee. At the discretion of the Faculty Athletics Committee Chairperson, one non-faculty member of the Faculty Athletics Committee may be added to the Personnel Subcommittee.

2. Additional subcommittees may include: Academic Issues, Finance, Student Well-being and Equity, and Sponsorship. Subcommittee membership will include at least three faculty members of the Committee. At the discretion of the Faculty Athletics Committee Chairperson, other non-faculty members of the Faculty Athletics Committee may be added to each subcommittee.
II. Functions of the Faculty Athletics Committee:

A. The Faculty 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 recommends to the Bloomington Faculty Council 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 and student athlete well-being, 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 the plans for addition / elimination of sports or programs, plans for significant revision of athletics facilities and physical plant, policies regarding the use of athletics facilities, athletics awards policy, and ticket pricing;

6. Participates in the selection of the Athletics Director;

7. Advises in personnel matters:
   a. Evaluates, either as a full committee or through a designated subcommittee of the full committee, coaches in regard to the impact of programs on the students' academic life;
   b. Consults, through its personnel subcommittee, regarding the selection of coaches and the dismissal of coaches or of the Athletics Director. (While the President has the authority to dismiss the Athletics Director, to the extent practical, they should consult in a timely manner with the personnel subcommittee when such actions are contemplated. In such cases, the personnel subcommittee will serve as a confidential advisory group.)
   c. Recommends general policy regarding coaches' employment arrangements.

8. Serves in an advisory capacity regarding the athletics budget, media contracts, and institutional votes on association and conference legislation;

9. Meets at least annually with the President to report and confer regarding the affairs of the committee and the intercollegiate athletics department.