FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

I Statement of Purpose

The Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (IAC) advises the University President on the general oversight of the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) intercollegiate athletic program, ensuring that it supports and advances the mission of the University in a manner that is consistent with the policies, standards and procedures of the NCAA, the Atlantic Sun Conference and the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association.

II Membership

Appointments to the IAC are made by the University President on an annual basis. The FGCU Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) serves as the Chairperson of the IAC. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Four full-time faculty members:
   a. Two (Selected from a list of 4 recommended by the Faculty Senate)
   b. Two (Recommended by the President’s Cabinet)
2. Four full-time staff members:
   a. Two (Selected from a list of 4 recommended by the Staff Advisory Council)
   b. Two (Recommended by the President’s Cabinet)
3. Two full-time students:
   a. One current student-athlete (Recommended by the President of the Eagles Council*)
   b. One current non-athlete student (Selected from a list of 3 recommended by the President of the Student Government Association)
4. Director of Athletics (ex-officio/non-voting)
5. Senior Woman Administrator (ex-officio/non-voting)
III IAC Responsibilities

The IAC is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the University President on matters related to making sure that the University’s athletic programs are consistent with its educational goals and objectives. The IAC is also responsible for overseeing the athletic programs’ adherence to the policies of the NCAA, the Atlantic Sun Conference and the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association as they relate to the following:

1. Student-athletes
   a. Initial and continuing eligibility
   b. Scholarships
   c. Awards
2. Decorum and conduct of participants
3. Examination and approval of intercollegiate athletic competition schedules

IV Standing Committees

1. **Reinstatement Appeals Committee** – Provides a hearing for a student-athlete who has been dismissed from a team and whose reinstatement request has been denied by the Director of Athletics. The IAC will serve as the committee of the whole.

2. **Transfer Release Appeals Committee** – In accordance with NCAA
   a. Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 (d), this committee hears a request from a student-athlete transferring from FGCU to another institution who has been denied his/her request for a “one-time transfer exception” by the Director of Athletics that would make them immediately eligible at his/her new institution. The IAC will serve as the committee of the whole.

3. **Athletic Ethnic and Diversity Committee** – Appointed annually by the President, this committee meets at least once a semester to monitor the athletic department’s progress with and adherence to the goals established by the University’s athletic diversity issues plan. The committee chairperson will be a member of the IAC and will be appointed by the President in consultation with the IAC chairperson.
4. **Gender Equity Committee** – Appointed annually by the President, this committee meets at least once a semester to monitor the athletic department’s compliance with Title IX and NCAA gender equity requirements, including adherence to the goals established as part of the University’s athletic equity plan. The committee chairperson will be a member of the IAC and will be appointed by the President in consultation with the IAC chairperson.

5. **Athletic Health & Wellness Committee** – Appointed annually by the President, this committee meets at least twice a semester to review and monitor behavioral and emotional issues impacting the college student population, and specific to college athletes and staff. The committee will discuss and make recommendations regarding situations affecting the behavioral and emotional well being of students, as well as services and programs designed to educate and assist students in healthy development. This committee will regularly review the Athletic Department Emergency Plan in light of the Critical Incident Response procedures in the Division of Student Affairs. The committee chairperson will be a member of the IAC and will be appointed by the President in consultation with the IAC Chairperson.

6. **Compliance Committee** – Chaired by the Director of Athletic Compliance, this committee includes two IAC members appointed by the chairperson of the IAC, and is responsible for reviewing any potential NCAA Bylaw violation prior to forwarding it to the Atlantic Sun Conference for review and eventually submission to the NCAA. The NCAA staff will determine if the violation is secondary or major and what, if any, sanctions should be imposed on the individual or program.

7. **Ad Hoc Committees**—The University President, in consultation with the chairperson of the IAC, may establish *ad hoc* committees as necessary.

## V Meetings

1. The IAC will meet on a monthly basis during the academic year
2. Additional meetings may be called by the chairperson.
VI NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)

The FAR chairs the IAC and serves as an official University delegate at meetings of the NCAA and the Atlantic Sun Conference. Appointed by the University President, the FAR is directly accountable to the President on matters related to FGCU’s Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

* The FGCU Eagles Council is comprised of student-athletes and is established to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity and communication between the student-athletes and athletics administration, protecting student-athlete welfare, and fostering a positive student-athlete image on campus and in the communities of Southwest Florida.

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