

ATHLETIC COUNCIL OPERATING CODE 2023-2024

Function: To provide oversight and support for the athletic, fitness, physical activity, and recreation programs on campus; to advise the Dean of Student Affairs in articulating and espousing the vision for athletics, fitness and recreation at Skidmore, and to recommend policies regarding these programs; to work in conjunction with the President, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, the Dean of the Faculty, the Athletic Director, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and the Advancement Office to assure productive links between athletic and academic programs; to evaluate the teaching of physical activity instructors and to review the physical activity program; and to assist in other matters relating to athletics, fitness, physical activity, and recreation, as may be brought to the Council's attention by the Athletic Director or by any other member or group of the College community.

Membership: Three faculty members, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; two students, one selected by SGA and one representative from SAAC; the Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs or a designee, the Vice President for Student Affairs or a designee, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative ex-Officio (voting); the Senior Woman Administrator (non-voting); and the Athletic Director (non-voting).

Operating Procedures:

1. At the beginning and end of each academic year, the Chair should ensure that the Council has full membership for the year ahead, including the NCAA faculty representative, whether or not that person is also a regular member of the committee, and make sure the membership information on the website is up-to-date. At the end of each year, members will elect a Chair for the following year; the Chair should be a faculty member, preferably in the second-year of service on the Council.
2. In the fall semester, the Council's operating code should be reviewed and updated on the website.
3. Meeting schedules should be determined on a semester-by-semester basis, in advance, to assure the greatest likelihood of full attendance at all meetings.
4. At the beginning of each year, the agenda for the year should be determined and announced. Included on the agenda should be updates from the appropriate sources regarding: A) progress on achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan for Athletics at Skidmore, including matters pertaining to personnel, programming, capital projects, and athletics in general; B) progress toward achieving gender equity; C) progress in the Friends of Skidmore Athletics initiative; D) progress in coordination with SAAC; E) NCAA meetings, regulations, changes in procedure; F) Any other related activities. Additionally, committee members should discuss plans for fulfilling the broader responsibilities of the Council identified in the function statement in the Faculty Handbook and should schedule a timeline for implementing those plans and for assisting the Athletic Director in submitting the regular annual reports required.
5. The Council minutes should be posted to the website at the end of the semester.
6. The Committee votes to determine the scholar-athlete award, based on materials submitted regarding student nominees.

7. At the end of the academic year, Chair prepares a draft annual report of the Council's activities for consideration by the members at large. The final draft should be filed by year's end in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

AC Membership 2023 - 2024:

Megan Buchanan, Associate Director of Athletics

Jazlin Chen, Student-Athlete Representative from SGA

John Cosgrove, Library

Gail Cummings-Danson, Athletics Director (Dean of Student Affairs designee)

Lucy Oremland, Mathematics & Statistics (AC Chair)

Daniel Peterson, Psychology

Pat Fehling, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Infrastructure and Faculty Affairs (Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs designee)

Flagg Taylor, Political Science (NCAA Faculty-Athletics Representative)