

F79-4, F83-4, F87-7 ATHLETICS BOARD

Legislative History:

Document dated January 11, 1980.

At its meeting of October 1, 1979, the Academic Senate passed the following policy recommendation to, as presented by Dr. Lucius Eastman for the Athletics Board.

Supersedes S76-11, S69-23, F82-3.

Amended by F83-4, F87-7

ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

F79-4 "Approved and accepted as University Policy." Signed: Gail Fullerton, January 11 1980.

F83-4 "Approved and accepted as University Policy effective immediately." Signed: Gail Fullerton, October 14, 1983.

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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS BOARD

Introductory Statement

The members of the San Jose State University community are concerned with social, environmental, and educational matters, and aspire to excellence in all areas, including athletics. The students and faculty have diversified interests; the future greatness of the University lies in the creative development of these interests. Prospective development, however, must be made in a balanced fashion that insures quality and integrity in all affairs. Athletes, as a part of the total University community, should not only excel on the field, but should be active participants in the intellectual and social aspects of campus life.

The Athletics Board has the responsibility to promote effective programs of athletics, to protect the

environmental and educational rights of the athletes, and to insure the integrity of the University community. It has the special responsibility of relating the programs of athletics to the objectives of the University. While the Athletics Board has these rather generalized responsibilities, the Departments of Athletics have substantial control of the programs through direct administration. The President of the University has final responsibility for the programs, and decisions related thereto.

The Athletics Board should be one that works in cooperation with the Departments of Athletics and with the University administration to insure outstanding programs, and simultaneously to maintain the quality of education and environment for each individual within the program. Furthermore, the Athletics Board represents one part of a system of checks and balances necessary to insure the goals of the University community.

The members of the Board should be chosen because of their expertise in respect to programs of athletics, as well as for their understanding and appreciation of the place and role of athletics in higher education. Their appointments should be arranged so as to provide for continuing competency of the Board as a whole. Voting rights should provide for a balance among representatives of the various segments of the University community, and should meet the requirements of the athletics organizations of which the University is a member.

To implement the foregoing, the following structure, policies and procedures shall be in effect:

I. Membership of the Board

A. The voting members shall be:

1. Faculty Member-at-Large
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5. Faculty Athletics Representative (Women's and Men's Athletics)
6. President, Associated Students, or Designee
7. Student-at-Large
8. Student-at-Large

9. President, Spartan Foundation, or Designee

B. The non-voting members shall be:

10. Director, Division of Athletics

11. President's Designee

C. Conditions concerning membership

1. The Faculty Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the President after recommendation of the Academic Senate. They shall serve three year rotating terms and be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments are made.

2. The Associated Students President will submit recommendations to the Committee on Committees following appropriate Associated Students appointment procedures.

II. Responsibilities and Functions of the Athletics Board

A. The Athletics Board shall perform such functions as enable it to carry out the responsibilities stated in the introductory portion of this policy statement. It shall recommend policies to the President, via administrative channels; shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and his/her designee, and to the Directors of Athletics; shall carry out specific responsibilities and functions delegated to it by the President; shall have an overall awareness of the athletics programs of the University, in order to make recommendations pertaining thereto and to act in an advisory capacity.

B. Once policies have been approved, the Board shall be responsible for assuring adherence to those policies.

C. More specifically, the Board shall have the following responsibilities:

1. **Statement of Philosophy:** To develop and periodically evaluate a statement of philosophy regarding the role of intercollegiate athletics at San Jose State University.

2. **Eligibility of Athletes:** To receive reports from its Faculty Representatives concerning policies and procedures on eligibility of athletes.

3. **Scheduling:**

- a. To consult with Athletic Directors on scheduling and scheduling policies.
 - b. To act on recommendations for activities not a part of the regular programs of athletics and on all trips and events requiring special funding. Approval of the Athletics Board shall be required for such trips and events.
4. Sports Programs: To consider requests for the addition of sports or for deletion of existing sports. Such action shall require the formal consideration and a recommendation of the Board prior to Presidential decision.
5. Athletics Conferences:
- a. To act as consultant on any proposed change in membership in an athletics conference, and to make recommendations to the President.
 - b. To act in a consultative capacity in the event of any cases of irregularity or violations of University or athletics conference regulations.
6. Finance:
- a. To have general concern for the financial aspects of the intercollegiate programs of athletics. It should assure itself that financing is in accord with:
 - 1) The philosophy of the programs of athletics
 - 2) University policies
 - 3) Rules and regulations of athletics organizations in which the University holds membership
 - b. To assume the following specific responsibilities:
 - 1) To develop and recommend policies concerning financial aspects of the programs of athletics; to review existing policies and make appropriate recommendations for change.
 - 2) To be informed on proposed and final budgets for the men's and women's programs.
 - 3) To receive periodic financial status reports.
 - 4) To consider requests and make recommendations concerning special trips/events requiring special funding, and activities not a part of a regular program of athletics.
7. Personnel:
- a. To act in a consultative capacity and to make recommendations to the President concerning the appointment or separation of any head coach or of an athletics director.
 - b. To conduct reviews of athletics directors as a basis for recommendations concerning renewal of contract.

c. To receive from Athletics Directors reports of yearly evaluations of head coaches, and evaluations and recommendations concerning contract renewals.

8. Grievances:

a. To establish a mechanism for considering grievances of student athletes, and to make such procedures known to the athletes. When the Board is unable to reconcile differences it shall refer the case to the appropriate University committee.

b. To refer grievances of employees (coaches, staff, etc.) to the appropriate person or body. In general, the Board will not be involved in such grievances, since other on-campus procedures exist.

9. Reporting:

a. To submit to the University President a yearly report on the activities of the Athletics Board. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Senate.

b. To make special reports during the year, as appropriate, and when requested by the President.

III. Administration of the Board

A. The officers of the Board shall be a Chairman and a Vice-chairman, to be elected at the first meeting of the Board in the fall of the school year. The Chairman or a designee of the Board shall continue in office until the new Chairman is elected.

B. Meetings shall be held regularly, at least once a month, and at such other times as are deemed necessary.

C. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the functioning of the Board except as stated policy, rules, or regulations contravene such provisions.