

Denison University
Student-Athlete Advisory Council Constitution
2009-10

Article 1. The Denison Student-Athlete Advisory Council (DSAAC) is composed of student representatives from the Denison University intercollegiate varsity athletics program.

Article 2. Section 1. Mission Statement.

The mission of the Denison University Student Athletic Advisory Council (DSAAC) is to work with the university administration and student-athletes to build positive relationships, develop unity, and increase involvement in the campus community. In doing so, student-athletes are provided with numerous leadership opportunities. The council promotes communication and offers feedback and insight into athletic department issues. The council also incorporates student-athlete opinions about proposed NCAC and NCAA legislation and encourages athletic teams to support one another. The council fosters and upholds programs to achieve these goals and works to fortify a positive student-athlete image on Denison University's campus.

Section 2. Goals.

- a. Promote a positive student-athlete image on campus
- b. Generate a student-athlete voice within the formulation of athletic department policies
- c. Build a sense of community within the athletic program involving all athletic teams
- d. Create a vehicle for student-athlete representation on campus-wide committees (e.g., student government) as well as for the NCAC and NCAA
- e. Promote communication between athletic administration and student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers and faculty representatives
- f. Disseminate information to the student-athlete body
- g. Provide feedback and insight into athletics department issues

Section 3. Functions.

- a. Encourage athletic teams to support one another by promoting and attending athletic events
- b. Discuss NCAC & NCAA legislation and obtain feedback from student-athletes
- c. Organize social events for all varsity student athletes, coaches, administrators, and equipment staff to promote positive interactions
- d. Promote community service opportunities for all varsity teams by sponsoring and organizing volunteer opportunities
- e. Organize a National Student Athlete Day Sports Clinic
- f. Organize a spring Athletic Awards Ceremony
- g. To work in conjunction with Red Zone to co-sponsor events in which all Denison students can participate with fund allocation by Red Zone.
- h. Provide representatives to the NCAC SAAC meetings and NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference

Article 3. Section 1. Membership.

The council strives to be composed of no fewer than two student-athlete representatives from each of the male and female varsity athletic teams at Denison University. The council encourages the participation of both upper-class and under-class student-athlete representatives.

Section 2. Qualifications.

Each student-athlete representative must maintain academic and athletic eligibility during his or her membership on the council. Members must maintain attendance throughout the semester with no more than two consecutive absences.

Section 3. Non-Discrimination.

The council does not discriminate upon race, age, sex, religion, or sexual orientation.

Article 4.

Section 1. Officers.

The Executive Board of the council shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, one male and one female NCAC SAAC representative, Community Service Co-Chairs, Social Chair, and Media Chair. The Board will meet on Thursdays between the full Council meetings.

- a. The duties of the President shall be as follows:
 1. Preside over council and executive board meetings
 2. Serve as liaison to the Athletic Department
 3. Function as a spokesperson for the student-athletes to the university and the community
 4. Keep detailed accounts from year to year of council activities
 5. Meet with the faculty advisor to review council activities, goals, and progress
 6. Annually review the constitution and determine necessary amendments
 7. Attend the NCAC SAAC committee meetings the last Sunday of September and the last Sunday of January.
 8. Report back to DSAAC after the NCAC SAAC meetings.
- b. The duties of the Vice President shall be as follows:
 1. Preside over meetings for the President and exercise all functions of the President in the event that the President is absent
 2. Oversee the chairs of the subcommittees and holds them accountable for their duties
 3. Serve as interim secretary during elections for the other officers over the first two meetings of the school year
 4. Perform all duties which are required by the council
- c. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:
 1. Take the minutes at each council and executive board meeting and refer the minutes to the members of the meetings, respectively, preferably by email
 2. Maintain correspondence via email with the members of the council to notify them of activities
 3. Notify and remind members of meeting and activity times via email in ample time before the meeting or activity
 4. Take attendance at all meetings and refer notes to faculty representative
 5. Perform all other duties which are required by the council
- d. The Duties of the Committee Chairs shall be as follows:
 1. Community Service Co-Chairs (2 members): Preside over the committee, help to find volunteers for service projects, oversee Community Service projects and report back to the council
 2. Social Chair: Preside over the committee, help to find volunteers for social activities, oversee Social Committee projects and report back to the council
 3. Media Chair: Preside over the committee, coordinate photography and stories at events for media sources, deal with publicity on campus, in local news sources, and at the NCAA-level
- e. The duties of the NCAC SAAC representative shall be as follows:
 1. Attend the NCAC SAAC committee meetings the last Sunday of September and the last Sunday of January
 2. Report back to DSAAC after the NCAC SAAC meetings.

Section 2. Voting and Elections.

- a. Nominations and elections for the position of President and Vice President shall take place at a meeting in March, but the President will not be instated until the following fall semester and the term shall be the fall and spring semesters.

- b. Nominations and elections for all other officers shall be during the second council meeting of the fall semester of each academic year and the term of the office shall be the fall and spring semesters.
- c. The elections shall be determined by a majority vote. Nominees must have served a minimum of one semester on DSAAC.

Section 3. Removal.

The officers may individually be removed from their position by a two-thirds vote of the council. In the case of removal, the nomination and election process will take place immediately following the removal.

Acceptable reasons for removal include the following:

- a. Failure to adhere to the functions of the council as herein stated
- b. Failure to complete the duties herein assigned to the officer in question
- c. Failure to meet the qualifications for membership of the council
- d. Failure to adhere to Article 3

Section 4. Faculty and Coach Advisors.

I. The council, by NCAA regulations, shall have a faculty advisor. The role of the faculty advisor shall include the duties herein listed:

- a. Act as an advocate for student-athletes
- b. Work with the athletic and the university administration to ensure the vocalization and acknowledgement of the student-athlete voice
- c. Support the council
- d. Educate the council on NCAA and NCAC rules, legislation, and governance structure.
- e. Secure needed resources for the council
- f. Assist the President and Vice President of the council in ensuring full membership of the council each year

II. The council shall also have two coach advisors (a male and a female) whose roles include:

- a. Act as an advocate for student-athletes
- b. Work with the athletic and the university administration to ensure the vocalization and acknowledgement of the student-athlete voice
- c. Attend bimonthly council meetings and support the council

Article 5.

Section 1. Meetings.

The meetings of the council shall take place twice a month on Thursdays from 12:30-1:15 PM in the Huffman President's Dining Room. The meetings of the executive board shall take place twice a month on the opposite Thursdays of the council meetings.

Section 2. Responsibilities

Representatives are expected to maintain regular correspondence with all team members, communicating to their teams the issues and initiatives being addressed by the council. All representatives will serve on a committee and organize support for the initiatives undertaken by the council.

Section 3. Absence and Dismissal.

It is by the request of the council that two representatives from each athletic team attend the council meetings. If a council member is absent from two consecutive meetings, the member will receive an email requesting either a confirmation of attendance at the next meeting of the council or a request that the member be replaced with an approved representative from their athletic team.

Article 6.

Subcommittees.

The council shall be comprised of three subcommittees: community service, social, and media. Each subcommittee shall convene once a month during the Thursday council meetings, or as deemed necessary by the chair of the committee.

Article 7.

Amendments.

Amendments to this constitution shall be made by the present council with a two-thirds vote.