

BYLAWS FOR ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

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5.2. ATHLETIC COUNCIL

- 5.2.1. There shall be an Athletic Council with composition and bylaws subject to approval by the Academic Council. The Athletic Council shall function as the faculty voice in the intercollegiate athletic program.
- 5.2.2. Composition of the Athletic Council
- 5.2.2.1. The voting members of the Council shall be eight members of the regular faculty, three alumni, and three students.
- 5.2.2.2. Ex officio members without vote shall include: the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Faculty Athletic Representative, the Director of Alumni Relations, and the Vice President for Finance and Operations or his/her designee.
- 5.2.3. Appointment of Members
- 5.2.3.1. Faculty members of the Athletic Council shall be selected by the President from a slate of nominees (two for each vacancy) prepared by the faculty of the Committee on Academic Governance and approved by the Faculty Council.
- 5.2.3.2. Alumni representatives shall be chosen from the MSU Alumni Association membership which shall prepare a slate of two nominees for each vacancy, from which the President shall appoint one. One of the Alumni representatives shall be a former' student varsity athlete. Alumni members shall not be employees at Michigan State University.
- 5.2.3.3. Student members of the Athletic Council shall be selected by the President from three slates, one each prepared by the Associated Students of Michigan State University, the Council of Graduate Students; and the Student Athlete Advisory Council.
- 5.2.3.3.1. One undergraduate student shall be appointed from a slate of three nominees submitted by the Associated Students of Michigan State University. One graduate student shall be appointed from a slate of three nominees submitted by the Council of Graduate Students. One member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council will be selected from a slate of three nominees prepared by the Student Athlete Advisory Council.
- 5.2.3.4. The Faculty Athletic Representative to the athletic agencies or conferences to which the University chooses to belong shall be a member of the regular faculty appointed by the President. The appointment shall be made with the advice of the voting members of Athletic Council.

5.2.4. Terms of Appointment

- 5.2.4.1. The terms of appointment of the Athletic Council for faculty and alumni representatives shall be for two years and shall begin on August 16. Terms of the members shall be staggered so that not less than one-third of the membership will be maintained.
- 5.2.4.2. The term of appointment for student representatives shall be for one year and shall begin on the first day of summer semester.
- 5.2.4.3. Vacancies for a period of one or more academic terms that occur during the terms of appointment of any voting member shall be filled for the remainder of the unfinished term in the same manner as the regular selection of the member unable to serve. All voting members (except the Director of Alumni Relations) of the Athletic Council can serve no more than two consecutive terms. An appointment of more than eight months to fill an unfinished term shall be equivalent to a full term in considering eligibility for reappointment.
- 5.2.4.4. The Faculty Athletic Representative shall serve at the discretion of the President. Review not less frequently than every 5 years shall be the responsibility of the President with the advice of the voting members of Athletic Council.

5.2.5. Responsibilities of the Athletic Council

- 5.2.5.1. The Athletic Council serves as the deliberative body for the discussion of academic policy related to student-athletes and Intercollegiate Athletics.
- 5.2.5.2. The Athletic Council advises the Athletics Director on matters of policy, procedures, and organization related to Intercollegiate Athletics.
 - 5.2.5.2.1. In formulating policy regarding the regular season and post-season tickets and trips, voting members of the Athletic Council shall strive to minimize the award of special privileges to themselves that are uncharacteristic of those generally available to faculty. Nonetheless, it is expected that Athletic Council will fulfill responsibilities related to institutional representation as appropriate throughout the year.
 - 5.2.5.2.2. Complimentary tickets given to the Athletic Council Members are considered non-transferable.