

BYLAWS OF
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PREAMBLE

As a state educational institution of Kansas, Wichita State University is controlled by the Kansas Board of Regents. The Kansas Board of Regents deals with Wichita State University only through its President, who is accountable to the Board of Regents for every phase of the intercollegiate athletic program of the University. No authority has been conferred upon Wichita State University to contract or to incur indebtedness in connection with the intercollegiate athletic program of Wichita State University

The function of the Wichita State University Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Inc. (hereinafter the "Corporation"), is to enter into contracts necessary for conduct of the intercollegiate athletic program of Wichita State University; to make available to the President and the Director of Athletics of the University the attitude of faculty, students, and the community in regard to the intercollegiate athletic program of the University; and to advise the President and the Director of Athletics of the University in such other matters as the President shall from time to time request.

ARTICLE I: FUNCTIONS

Section 1: General Responsibilities

The Athletic Board of the Wichita State University Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Inc., (hereafter the "Athletic Board"), shall serve as an advisory body to the President and the Director of Athletics of the University and shall report annually at a meeting to be attended by the President or designee. It shall provide the President with its views on all significant questions relating to athletic policies and activities, including but not limited to specific functions cited in Section 2. In so doing, the Athletic Board shall strive to create an intercollegiate athletic program that contributes to the attainment of the educational mission of the University; yields optimum educational benefits for participating athletes; meets the concerns and standards of the University community, alumni, and interested public; and maintains an appropriate relationship with other universities, conferences and the NCAA. The management functions of the athletic program are delegated to the Director of Athletics by the President.

Section 2. Specific Advisory Duties

1. The Athletic Board shall serve in an advisory capacity on budget matters. The

Athletic Board shall review and make recommendations on:

- a. Annual operating budget.
 - b. The business methods of the Corporation, including the power to borrow money.
 - c. Other budget matters as required.
2. The Athletic Board shall serve as the liaison body between the intercollegiate athletic program of the University and the academic community. The Athletic Board shall:
- a. Be sensitive to and responsive to the academic community's perceptions of athletes as students and to the total athletic program.
 - b. Seek to maintain appropriate standards and regulations governing eligibility for admission, participation, scholarships, and conference/NCAA regulations.
3. The Athletic Board shall be informed of institutional positions on significant legislative proposals before the NCAA or conference governing bodies.
4. The Athletic Board shall be sensitive to the concerns of the student-athletes, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community.
5. The Athletic Board shall make recommendations regarding student-athlete academic achievement and services.
6. The Athletic Board shall serve in an advisory capacity on various programs. The Athletic Board shall:
- a. Be represented by at least two teaching faculty members of the Athletic Board who shall be appointed by the Chair of the Athletic Board to serve on search committees to fill vacancies for the Director of Athletics. The Student Government Association President will also serve on the Search Committee for the Director of Athletics.
 - b. Review the proposed appointment of the Director of Athletics and advise the President about the performance of the Director of Athletics.
 - c. Make known its view on student absences from classes or exams due to travel schedules.
 - d. Make known its views on athletic recruitment, admissions and academic eligibility.
 - e. Advise on all matters involving changes in program direction, expansion and reduction. It shall review periodically the state of each sport under its jurisdiction.

- f. Give its advice and direction concerning capital improvements.
- g. Give its advice regarding ticket price policies and policies for the control of ticket sales.
- h. Give its advice for general policy direction of promotional activities and public relations.
- i. Receive upon request, information concerning program operation, procedures and facilities.
- j. Be advisory on matters related to appropriate participant and spectator behavior and sportsmanship at athletic events.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The Athletic Board shall consist of a minimum of nineteen members, three of whom are ex-officio members, who shall be appointed by the President from the following constituencies:

Twelve University Personnel, (nine voting, three non-voting)

- Six members of the teaching faculty, one of whom who will be appointed by the President and will serve as the Chair
- Faculty Athletic Representative
- Vice-President for Finance and Administration (or designee)
- Vice-President for Student Affairs (or designee)
- Director of Athletics (Ex-Officio/non-voting)
- Sr. Associate Athletic Director (Ex-Officio/non-voting)
- General Counsel (Ex-Officio/non-voting)

Three Students

- Student Government Association President (or designee)
- Two Students, one of whom shall be a member of the student-athlete advisory committee

Four Community Members

- President of the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO) (or designee)
- Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO) designee
- President Alumni Association (or designee)
- President of the WSU Foundation (or designee)

- a. Faculty: Five full-time members of the University teaching faculty shall be

nominated by the University Faculty Senate President. One additional full-time faculty member shall be appointed directly by the President and shall serve as the University's Faculty Athletic Representative and shall not act as Chairperson of the Athletic Board. The five full-time faculty members shall serve three year staggered terms which may be renewed one time. The University's Faculty Athletic Representative, also appointed by the president, is not subject to the term limit but may not serve as Chairperson to the Athletic Board.

b. Administration: Two University administrators shall be appointed. One shall be the Vice-President for Finance and Administration, and one shall be the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

c. Three students of the University shall be appointed. One shall be President of the Student Government Association or designee, one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Student Senate and one shall be a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

d. Community: Four members of the Wichita community at large shall be appointed. One shall be President of the Alumni Association, one shall be President of the WSU Foundation, one shall be President of the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO), and one additional SASO designee shall be appointed.

e. Ex-Officio Members: The Director of Athletics, the Sr. Associate Athletic Director and the General Counsel shall be Ex-Officio members without voting privileges.

Section 2:

Vacancies in the Athletic Board shall be filled as expeditiously as reasonably possible by nominations from the appropriate organizations and bodies in the manner as described in Article II, Section 1, a-e. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist in case of death, resignation or loss of status of any member of the Athletic Board.

Section 3:

All persons appointed to the Athletic Board shall be selected for their terms of membership annually prior to the first meeting of the academic year of the Athletic Board.

Section 4:

Members of the Athletic Board may be reappointed as stipulated above.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The general officers of the Corporation shall be the Chief Executive Officer, the University's Faculty Athletic Representative, the Treasurer, the Chairperson of the Athletic Board and the Secretary.

Section 2:

Selection and duties of the officers of the Corporation shall be as follows:

a. The Director of Athletics shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. Acting with the concurrence of the University President in matters involving overall University athletic policy, the Director of Athletics shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of President of a corporation. In the absence of the Chairperson of the Athletic Board, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings. The Vice-Chair shall be designated by the President from the five members of teaching faculty on the Athletic Board before the first meeting of the academic year. The Director of Athletics shall:

i. Submit to the Board for its advice and approval the annual budget of the intercollegiate athletic program, including any major request for new resources of expenditures;

ii. Seek the advice of the Athletic Board regarding major potential changes in athletic policy or in athletic programs of the University;

iii. Seek the advice of the Athletic Board regarding major proposed potential changes in the nature and use of athletic facilities.

iv. Advise the Athletic Board concerning all significant policies, rules and regulations of the NCAA/Conference and other organizations with which the University is affiliated.

v. Report annually to the Athletic Board concerning the performance of the Athletic Department during the past year and outline the programs for the forthcoming year.

In each of the above, advice must be sought by the Director of Athletics in a timely manner so that the Athletic Board's recommendations may be considered before a final decision is made.

b. The University's Faculty Athletic Representative shall be appointed annually by the President and ratified by the Faculty Senate whenever a new appointee is named. The University's Faculty Athletic Representative may be appointed to successive terms of service. The University's Faculty Athletic Representative shall:

i. Report to and seek the advice of the Athletic Board concerning action taken by or matters pending before the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Conference(s);

ii. Cast the official University ballot at all Conference meetings;

iii. Represent the interests of the academic community in the athletic program;

iv. Assist in the certification of the eligibility of all athletes in all intercollegiate sports by signing to verify individual and team eligibility.

c. The Treasurer of the corporation shall be the Vice-President for Finance and Administration of the University. The Treasurer shall have custody of all money, valuable papers and property of the Corporation, shall be responsible for the books of account of the Corporation, shall make provision for an annual independent audit of said books, and shall also perform all duties as usually devolve upon office and other duties as may be required by the Athletic Board. Funds shall be disbursed only in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

d. The Chairperson of the Athletic Board shall be a member of the teaching faculty appointed by the President prior to the first meeting of the Athletic Board of each academic year. The Chairperson shall:

i. Preside at all meetings of the Athletic Board and shall rule on all questions of order. Such rulings on questions of order may be confirmed or denied by a majority of those members present and voting;

ii. In concert with the Athletic Director, establish the agenda for meetings of the Athletic Board;

iii. Make certain that the Bylaws of the Athletic Board are observed;

iv. Make appointments to each standing subcommittee;

v. Arrange for the annual meeting between the Athletic Board and the President.

e. The Secretary shall be appointed annually by the Director of Athletics and need not be selected from the Athletic Board membership. The Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of the meetings of the Athletic Board.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1:

The Athletic Board shall meet regularly each academic year, as determined by the Athletic Board at its first meeting of each academic year.

Section 2:

Special meetings of the Athletic Board may be called at any time by the chairperson or when requested by three (3) members of the Athletic Board. In the event a meeting is called on request of three (3) members, as aforesaid, the Secretary shall schedule the meeting at the earliest possible opportunity. Any business may be transacted at any such special meeting without specification on the notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, in the Articles of Incorporation or in these Bylaws.

Section 3:

Written notice of regular meetings of the Athletic Board shall be sent to each member at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting, and sent or mailed to each member at the address that appears on the books of the Corporation. The notice shall state the starting time and location of each meeting.

Section 4:

At any duly called meeting of the Athletic Board, nine (9) members present, or by written proxy to another Athletic Board member, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business as long as a majority of this number are members of the University faculty and administration. A board member can only hold one proxy. Except as otherwise provided by law, or by the Articles of Incorporation or by the Bylaws, a majority of the votes cast at any meeting of the Athletic Board at which a quorum is present shall be decisive. Members present at any meeting with less than a quorum may adjourn such meeting sine die or from time to time without notice other than by announcement at the meeting if the adjournment shall be to the following day, but if the meeting shall be adjourned to a date later than the following day, oral or written notice of such adjourned meeting shall be duly given, sent to each member not less than two (2) days before the time set for such meeting.

Section 5:

Copies of the minutes of the Athletic Board shall be distributed to each Board member and upon request to the President of the University.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The Athletic Board shall have standing committees on Finance and Academic Standards.

Section 2:

The Chairperson of the Athletic Board shall make appointments to each constituted standing committee.

Section 3:

Charges for the committees shall be as follows:

a. Finance: Review and make recommendations concerning the annual budget; ensure that budget requests are consistent with Athletic Board decisions and University policy; make periodic reports on the budget to the entire Athletic Board. The Chair of the committee will be the Vice-President for Finance and Administration.

b. Academic Standards: Review and make recommendations concerning compliance with academic standards for eligibility, normal progress rules and other questions involving academic standards. The Chair of the committee will be the Faculty Athletics Representative.

Section 4:

The Athletic Board shall establish ad hoc committees when the need arises, and the Chairperson shall appoint members of such committees. The Chairperson of the Athletic Board shall set the charges of each ad hoc committee, consistent with the responsibilities of the Committee.

ARTICLE VI: SEAL

Section 1:

The corporate seal shall be circular, and shall bear the corporate name, the word "Kansas," and the term "corporate seal."

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

Subject to requirements of law, or of the Articles of Incorporation, the Athletic Board may alter, amend, or repeal these Bylaws or any part thereof or may enact additional bylaws by a vote of the majority of the whole Athletic Board at any meeting of the Athletic Board, provided intention to propose the alteration, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws in whole or in part, or the enactment of additional bylaws, shall have been specified in the notice of such meeting or shall have been given at the preceding meeting or, without any such notice, by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Athletic Board.