

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee West Virginia University

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) provides a forum for the "voice of the student-athlete" on West Virginia University's campus. SAAC membership provides feedback to administration about how to better WVU athletic programs. They disseminate information important to student-athletes to their teams.

Two representatives from each varsity team at West Virginia University are either elected by their teammates or selected by the members of their coaching staff.

Under the guidance of SAAC advisor Paul Downey, the SAAC meets regularly to discuss current issues and concerns of WVU's student-athletes. SAAC leaders attend BIG EAST Conference SAAC meetings to exchange ideas with other student-athletes from BIG EAST schools regarding student-athlete's collegiate experience.

What is SAAC?

The West Virginia University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is a committee made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on NCAA member institution campuses.

Purpose

The purpose of West Virginia University SAAC is:

1. To generate a student-athlete voice within WVU, the Big East Conference and NCAA structure.
2. Solicit student-athlete response to proposed WVU, Big East Conference and NCAA legislation.
3. Recommend potential WVU, Big East Conference and NCAA legislations affecting student-athletes.
4. Review, react and comment to the governance structure on legislation, activities and subjects of interest.
5. Actively participate in the administrative process of athletics programs and the NCAA.
6. Promote a positive student-athlete image.

Who is in SAAC?

Membership eligibility to this organization is determined by meeting the following criteria:

- a) All members must be in good academic standing, 2.0 GPA, as defined by the University and NCAA.
- b) All voting members must be WVU student-athletes.

What do the Executive Officers do?

West Virginia University SAAC has four executive officers, which include the President, Vice President, Big East Conference Representative and Student Government Representative.

President

- a) Presides over the organizations general and executive board meetings.
- b) Sets agendas for all general and executive board meetings.
- c) Coordinates the organizations activities.
- d) Acts as main liaison between SAAC, SAAC advisor and the WVU athletic administration.

Vice President

- a) Shall occupy the place of the President in case of absence.
- b) Shall act as an assistant to the President.

Big East Representative/Secretary

- a) Attends Big East Conference meetings which involve student-athlete advisory groups.
- b) Contributes to the advancement of Big East Conference legislation which affects student-athletes.
- c) Reports all Big East Conference news to SAAC.
- d) Records minutes of meetings and handles any written correspondence on behalf of SAAC.
- e) Distributes minutes via e-mail to all SAAC members and advisors.

Student Government Representative/Treasurer

- a) Attends WVU Student Government meetings as needed.
- b) Contributes to the advancement of WVU student-athlete legislation.
- c) Reports all WVU news to SAAC.
- d) Documents receipts and deposits on behalf of SAAC.
- e) Delivers a financial report at each SAAC meeting.

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