

# *Atlantic Sun Conference*

## **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Constitution**

### **Article 1 – Name**

The name of this Committee shall be the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The members of the committee are: Belmont University-Nashville, Tennessee (2001); Campbell University-Buies Creek, North Carolina (1994); East Tennessee State University-Johnson City, Tennessee (2005); Florida Gulf Coast University-Ft. Myers, Florida (2006); Jacksonville University-Jacksonville, Florida (1998); Kennesaw State University-Kennesaw, Georgia (2005); Lipscomb University-Nashville, Tennessee (2003); Mercer University-Macon, Georgia (1978); University of North Florida-Jacksonville, Florida (2005); USC Upstate-Spartanburg, SC (2006); Stetson University-Deland, Florida (1985).

### **Article 2 – Purpose**

The purpose of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image. To this end, through the orderly establishment and enforcement of legislation, the committee aims:

- a. To encourage sound academic practices for student-athletes,
- b. to serve as the liaison between the campus SAAC and the National SAAC,
- c. to stimulate good sportsmanship,
- d. to provide leadership and a voice in the development of public attitudes toward intercollegiate athletics generally,
- e. to address the future needs of Conference athletics in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit of the member institutions, and
- f. to encourage cooperation amongst student-athletes toward the support of gender equity.

### **Article 3 – Government**

This committee shall be governed by this Constitution and by the legislation adopted from time to time.

### **Article 4 – Membership**

The number of Committee members shall be fixed by the Presidents Council. There shall be one representative from each member institution in good standing to be chosen by each member institution in good standing. The chair shall be the Conference representative to the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. **Duties-**Submit recommendations to the Conference representative to the Conference Executive Committee, Management Committee and Presidents Council where appropriate.

### **Article 5 – Quorum**

**5.01 Majority Voting.** For each meeting, a majority of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a regular meeting and at all called meetings for the purpose of transacting any business except where a greater vote is required.

**5.02 Greater than Majority.** For each meeting, issues which require a greater than majority vote, the number of the vote shall constitute the quorum. (i.e. a three-fourths vote shall constitute a quorum to add a new member; a two-thirds vote shall constitute a quorum to add/amend legislation)

**Article 6 – Voting**

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote to be exercised by the voting delegate attending the meeting. Voting by proxy is prohibited.

**Article 7 – Institutional Control**

The Chief Executive Officer of each member institution is charged with full responsibility for enforcing at his/her institution all rules and regulations enacted by the Conference for the control of intercollegiate athletics.

**Article 8 - Officers**

**8.01 Offices.** The offices of the committee shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

**8.02 Eligibility.** The offices of Chair and Vice-Chair shall be held by a member institution in good standing. The position shall be filled by a delegate who is a member of the institution's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

**8.03 Restrictions.** Each officer must be from a different member institution. Officers may not serve more than two terms in succession in any particular office.

**8.04 Elections.** Officers shall be elected at the annual fall meeting of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

**8.05 Term.** Officers shall serve for one year and without regard to rotation among constituent members.

**Article 9 – Amendment and Suspension**

**9.01 Amendment Process.** The Constitution may be amended only at a regular or called meeting of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. A two-thirds vote of institutions in good standing is needed to pass an amendment to the Constitution.

**9.02 Effective Date.** All amendments shall become effective upon ratification unless a different time is specified.

**9.03 Suspension.** Any provision of this Constitution may be suspended at any time by unanimous vote of the members of the committee present and in good standing at any regular or called meeting. Such suspension shall not continue beyond the next regular or called meeting.

**Article 10 – Ratification and Amendment of Constitution**

This constitution and Amendments to it shall be effective upon adoption by the requisite number of member institutions in accordance with their respective procedures applicable to entering into legally binding contracts.

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