

Current Charge

University of Tennessee Faculty Senate Athletic Committee

General Principle of Institutional Control: According to the NCAA Constitution and Bylaws, the control and responsibility of intercollegiate athletics shall be exercised by the institution and the conference. Administrative or faculty control or a combination of the two shall constitute institutional control.

The FSAC shall focus on the primary duties and responsibilities in the following components:

1. Monitor and provide faculty input on issues of the academic and student welfare of the athletic department
 - a. Receive periodic reports from the Thornton Center staff on the status of the tutoring system. These reports will include documentation of improvements made which can be directly attributed to work with tutors such as successful course completion. Further, the Thornton Center staff will monitor the makeup of its tutoring pool and report any findings as to the most efficient way in which successful pairings of tutor and student athlete are achieved.
 - b. Work toward the development of a university-wide tutoring system which creates a pool of tutors, outlines a set of guidelines to be followed across the university and sets uniform pay scales for tutors. ***(Please note that we should be able to work toward elimination of this as a charge of the committee.)***
2. Review periodically and make recommendations to all programs designed to ensure the academic success, personal development, and personal welfare of the student-athletes. This includes but is not limited to programs such as,
 - a. Team Enhance
 - b. Team Excel
 - c. Orientation and continued system of support for minority student athletes and their families
3. Review and make recommendations of the periodic self-study of intercollegiate athletics program
4. Monitor faculty participation in reporting student-performance and student-athlete grade reports
 - a. Work with the Academic Policy Committee to get all faculty on Blackboard
 - b. Work with Academic Policy Committee to get all faculty to participate in the early warning system.
5. Make recommendations, through the chairman regarding athletic department academic personnel by serving on search committees, when appropriate
6. Monitor, review, and make recommendations concerning athletic admissions.
Receive yearly report of action taken by Special Circumstances Admissions Committee where it pertains to athletics
7. Act as a liaison between Athletics, student athletes and the Faculty where possible
8. Serve as a primary resource for faculty interaction between Athletics and Academics
9. Work with the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) where appropriate.
10. Work toward policy of excused absences for all students, including student athletes.