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SAAC

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The student-athlete advisory committee is a group of student-athletes comprised of one - two representatives from each sport at Eastern Illinois University. The committee meets periodically throughout the semester and is responsible for things such as voting on behalf of EIU student-athletes on legislation, community service projects, etc. EIU SAAC is a registered student organization.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the student athlete advisory council is to represent the student athletes on campus by addressing the issues affecting our education and athletic performance. It is our goal to enhance the athletic experience through active participation in policymaking and community outreach while delivering academic support to our athletes.

THE PANTHER OATH

As Panther Student-athletes, we pledge to:

- Pursue excellence in the classroom and in competition;
- Hold ourselves to the highest standards of sportsmanship;
- Demonstrate strong character and accountability for our conduct;
- Take pride in our university
- Honor and uphold the traditions of what it means to be a PANTHER!
- Appreciate the privilege of wearing Blue and Gray
- Support our fellow student-athletes in their pursuit of excellence;
- Be a Positive role model for our community;
- LEAD WITH INTEGRITY IN ALL OF YOUR ACTIONS

I am a Panther!





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SAAC PURPOSE

Tradition: Uphold the traditions of the University and value the significance and privilege of being a PANTHER!

Leadership: Lead the way in the classroom, on the field, and in life.

Communication: Act as a vehicle to promote communication between the student-athletes and administration, coaches, and student body

Integration: Enhance the representation of SAAC in the University in order to develop the image of student-athletes and advance the relationship between student-athletes and the campus community.

SAAC BYLAWS/MEMBERSHIP

Composition – The membership of the SAAC will consist of one member from each varsity team.

Selection – Each academic year, coaches will be asked to select once individual to represent their respective teams on the SAAC. Consistency of membership is strongly encouraged, and coaches should only replace individuals that are either graduating, have exhausted all eligibility or have exhibited behavior not consistent with representation of their team.

Duties and Responsibilities –

- Members will attend all meetings and functions of the Committee as they are mandatory (Please communicate reasonable absences to staff administrator prior to said meetings)
- The committee will meet monthly, with a provision for additional meetings as needed
- SAAC members will serve as a liaison for his or her individual team by communicating to teammates and coach(s) on a monthly basis

Each SAAC member is required to complete the above duties and responsibilities. (Attendance is recorded & repercussions may be taken if representatives fail to follow through)

GOVERNING RULE

Guided by ethics, integrity, fairness, and a respect for diversity, we, as the EIU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will attend committee meetings fully prepared to represent the student-athletes of our respected teams honestly and fairly. The executive board and faculty administrator will have power to enforce said rules.

POSITIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

President- Leads all meetings and is the official contact for SAAC

Vice President- Coordinates special events/projects & assumes presidential duties if needed

Secretary- Records key points discussed at meetings & disseminates minutes to members

OVC Representatives- Attend conference meetings and participate in on conference teleconference phone calls; while also reporting said topics and news back to University committee.





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2020-2021 BOARD MEMEBERS

President- Ashley Gilmore, Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Vice President- Jon Burke, Men's Soccer

Secretary- Meghan Donovan, Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

OVC Representatives- Jocelyn Mendoza, Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

