**SRSU Athletics Council**

**Responsibilities**

The Athletics Council shall provide oversight in matters relating to intercollegiate athletics. More specifically, the council’s responsibilities shall be to:

1. Review annually all policies of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) and the American Southwest Conference (ASC) and present recommendations to ensure that the University’s intercollegiate athletics programs are in compliance with the letter and the spirit of these policies.
2. Develop recommendations for the university president related to the university’s athletics program, as well as conference and division regulations.
3. Evaluate the statement of the aims and objectives of the University’s intercollegiate athletics program and recommend changes when appropriate.
4. Review policies and make recommendations related to participation in particular sports, schedules, university eligibility requirements for student-athletes, annual selection of scholar athletes and other items related to intercollegiate athletics as appropriate.
5. Participate in the periodic self-study of the intercollegiate athletics program.

**Other topics and documents typically reviewed by the Athletics Council may include but are not limited to:**

* Sports configuration (current and plans for sports additions or elimination)
* Gender equity/Title IX reports and plans
* Diversity and Inclusion reports and plans
* Annual financial audit specific to athletics
* Athletics budget
* Missed class time reports
* Team travel policies
* Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) submissions
* NCAA financial reports
* Student-athlete graduation rates
* Academic progress and persistence rate reports
* Injury surveillance reports, medical hardship waiver requests
* Summary of rules violations reported and student-athlete reinstatement requests
* Summary statements from student-athletes surveys and exit interviews
* Personal conduct reports of student-athletes, and
* Other matters as determined by the President and Director of Athletics
* During transition years only: The committee should also review all documents submitted during Provisional Year One, Provisional Year Two, and Provisional Year Three as required throughout the Division II membership process.

**Faculty Athletics Representative (Chair)**

As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Sul Ross State University is required to designate a faculty member as Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). The Faculty Athletics Representative plays an important role in the oversight of the intercollegiate athletics program by providing a voice that reflects traditional faculty values to ensure the academic integrity of the program and the welfare of student-athletes. The president shall seek input from the Faculty Assembly and appoint a tenured faculty member to serve as Faculty Athletics Representative for a three-year, renewable term. The Faculty Athletics Representative shall not hold an administrative of coaching position in the athletics department. The specific responsibilities of the Faculty Athletics Representative focus on the following aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program:

1. **Eligibility:** The FAR shall know and understand the eligibility requirements of the NCAA, the American Southwest Conference, and Sul Ross State University. After the team eligibility rosters have been reviewed and certified by the Registrar and Assistant Athletics Director for Athletics Compliance, the FAR will also sign off to confirm that all included athletes are eligible to participate.
2. **Meetings with the President and Director of Athletics:** The FAR shall meet regularly with the President and the Director of Athletics to discuss all aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program. All information regarding the intercollegiate athletics program shall be made available to the FAR. The FAR may contact the NCAA on issues concerning the intercollegiate athletics program at Sul Ross State University.
3. **Reports to the Faculty Assembly:** The FAR shall report regularly to the Faculty Assembly regarding the operations of the athletics program and the academic well-being of all student athletes. The FAR shall present all proposed changes in the University requirements for athletics eligibility to the Faculty Assembly for approval.
4. **Welfare of Student-Athletes:** The FAR shall be actively involved with the Student-Athlete Advisory committee (SAAC) and all student-athletes to promote the general welfare of said student-athletes.
5. **Waivers and Appeals:** The FAR shall be involved in the preparation of requests for waiver or appeals from NCAA regulations or processes.
6. **Professional Meetings:** The FAR shall represent the University, when appropriate, at NCAA, conference, and other professional meetings.
7. **Rules Violations:** The FAR shall be involved in all major institutional inquiries into alleged or suspected rules violations. The FAR will help prepare written reports of violations made to the Conference or the NCAA.
8. **Compliance:** The FAR shall work with the Assistant Athletics Director for Athletics Compliance to develop a comprehensive compliance and education program.
9. **Athletics Council:** The FAR shall be a voting member and chair of the Athletics Council.

**Primary Responsibility Area:** Alpine Campus – Athletics

**Membership**

**Term:** As noted below

**Chair:** Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)

| Membership | Term/Voting Status |
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| Faculty Athletics Representative-Chair  SAAC President  SAAC Representative (need at least one male and one female rep)  Assistant Athletics Director for Athletics Compliance  Director of Athletics  Senior Woman Administrator  Faculty Member-ALPS  Faculty Member-LASS  Faculty Member, EPS  Dean of Students  Vice President of Advancement | ex officio, voting  ex officio, voting  ex officio, voting  ex officio, non-voting  ex officio, non-voting  ex officio, non-voting  three-year term, voting  three-year term, voting  three-year term, voting  ex officio, voting  ex officio, voting |