The Board of regents of the Texas A&M University System, as the highest governing body of the Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi, has ultimate control and responsibility of the Islander Athletics. This authority is delegated through the Chancellor to the President of the University under whose jurisdiction Islander Athletics directly falls. The President is charged with official responsibility for certifying that all Islander Athletics policies, programs and activities are in compliance with the NCAA, affiliated conference rules and regulations (if applicable), applicable laws of the State of Texas, the Texas A&M University System’s policies and regulations, and the rules of Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi.

Intercollegiate Athletics Council

Introduction

Texas A&M System policy (18.01) mandates that each component university that participates in intercollegiate athletics have an athletic council (IAC) nominated by the President of the institution. The purpose of these Guidelines is to summarize and highlight the major duties and responsibilities of the IAC.

Structure

The IAC shall consist of membership as follow appointed by the President:

- Six faculty members
- President of the University’s Student Government Organization
- One student from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Vice President for Student Affairs
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration.

One of the above members shall be appointed by the President to serve as chair. The Faculty Athletics representatives will be one of the above members.

The following shall serve as liaison representatives without vote:

- One alumnus who is not an employee of the University
- One at-large member who is not a graduate nor employee of the University
- Assistant Vice President and Comptroller
- Director of Recreational Sports
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- Dean of Enrollment Management
- Athletic Director
NCAA Compliance Coordinator
Assistant Vice President for University Services

The President may appoint additional liaison representatives.

The terms of the IAC members shall be as follows:

- The members representing the faculty shall have staggered three-year appointments that allow for a rotation of two new members each academic year. When member’s terms have ended, they must rotate off the Council for at least one year.
- The alumni representative and the at-large representative shall have three-year appointments.

Purpose and Responsibilities

The IAC serves in an advisory capacity to the President of the University and the Director of Athletics relative to rules, regulations and administration of intercollegiate athletics. The purpose of the IAC is to help the University develop and maintain a quality intercollegiate athletic program consistent with the academic mission and fiscal integrity of the institution.

In fulfilling this purpose, the IAC

- Advises the University administration regarding long-term and short-term objectives of the University’s intercollegiate athletic programs and policies;
- Provides advice and counsel on matters relating to academic standards, awarding of scholarships and eligibility of student-athletes, and financial support;
- Provides the University with representation in the various appropriate state, regional and national intercollegiate athletic organizations, conferences and associations;
- Makes recommendations to the President regarding booster club activities, athletic department operating policies, guidelines and philosophy in the scheduling of athletic contexts and institutional policies and procedures that affect athletics;
- Reviews overall academic performance and welfare of student-athletes.

The IAC may organize itself into committees and subcommittees to facilitate the addressing of issues, as it deems appropriate.

The IAC shall meet no fewer than four times each year.

Specific Duties of the Chair of the IAC

- Serve as an advisor to the President and the Director of Athletics with regard to any and all matters related to intercollegiate athletics.
- Meet regularly with the University’s NCAA Compliance Coordinator.
With the assistance of the Compliance Coordinator, administer coaches’ certification tests.
- Report annually to the Faculty Senate on the status of the athletic program.
- Conduct meeting of the IAC and prepare the agenda for the meetings.
- Report every semester to the President all actions of the IAC.
- Work with the Director of Athletics and the Provost or designee in coordination the functions of the IAC.
- Participate in the exit interview of student athletes.
- Serve on search committees of key athletic department personnel.
- Perform other regular minor duties related to the many different aspects of intercollegiate athletics at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The chair may delegate some of the above responsibilities to other members of the IAC as appropriate.

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)

The NCAA Division I Manual defines the Faculty Athletics representative as a member of the institution’s faculty or administrative staff who is designed by the institution’s chief executive officer or other appropriate entity to represent the institution and its faculty in the institution’s relationship with the NCAA and its conference(s), if any. (4.02.2)

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Faculty Athletics Representative

Shall be a member of the institution’s faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s FAR must also have tenure or have experience at the FAR position.

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi shall

- Either directly or indirectly ensure that student-athletes meet all NCAA, conference (if applicable) and University requirements for eligibility for practice, financial aid and intercollegiate competition. This responsibility shall include both initial and continuing academic eligibility requirements for both freshmen and transfer student-athletes.
- Develop or arrange to have developed periodic statistical reports on the academic preparation and performance of student-athletes for each sports team. The FAR should use such reports to uphold high academic standards and expectations for team members.
- Be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for institutional compliance activities but are not limited to functions in enrollment Management, the Provost/VPAA, and the College Deans.