

PATRIOT ATHLETICS

Faculty Senate Report – January 21, 2021

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Athletics Director

Continuing academic success

- Academic success (UT Tyler led the 18-member Lone Star Conference with 177 Student Athlete's named to the Commissioner's Honor Role)

Continuing athletic department success

- In their first year offering scholarships, Baseball and softball were nationally ranked
- Patriot Athletics will have access to post season starting FY22
- Continued emphasis on personal development (relate to the DII Model: Life in the Balance)

Continued to successfully respond to challenges

- Served as a nation-wide model program, successfully dealing with COVID response and safety protocols
- Beginning in FY22, UT Tyler will be eligible to apply for and share over \$14 million in DII grant funding
- Formed Committee X, with the assistance of Dr. Kenneth Bryant, as a mean of addressing Social Justice and Equity education and action for our student athletes
- Addressed mental health challenges with half-time counselor this academic year and working toward a full-time position starting in FY22
- UT Tyler Athletics has partnered with Financial Aid, the Registrar's Office and Enrollment Management to educate and develop processes to adhere to NCAA DII rules & regulations
- UT Tyler Athletics has undergone three years of policy refinement, adherence to DII policies and procedures, and staff education
- DII Provisional Membership Timeline
 - Virtual Visit March 11, 2021
 - Final vote in July 2021



Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Overview

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee is an Advisory Committee for The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Department. In the fall of 2017, the Committee transitioned from a University Governance Committee to an Advisory Committee; however, it remains an important entity to advise the President and the Athletics Director on significant issues as well as keep the faculty well informed about the university athletic program.

The Committee members represent various academic departments to ensure a diverse cross-section of faculty. Other members include the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) and a representative from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Both the FAR and SAAC are NCAA recognized entities with significant roles.

The FAR ensures a quality student-athlete experience and student-athlete well being; the academic integrity of the athletics program; and institutional control of the athletics program. SAAC members provide insight on the student-athlete experience and offer input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on campus.

Responsibilities

- Act as an advisory committee to the Athletics Director and Athletics Department.
- Provide summary reports of yearly activities at the January meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- Advise the President as requested on Intercollegiate Athletic Committee recommendations.

Charges

- Make recommendations on student benefits and equity.
- Make recommendations on the role of Intercollegiate Athletics at UT-Tyler.
- Identify means to engage students in intercollegiate athletics activities.
- Provide oversight during the transition phase to NCAA Division II; including review of a NCAA DII application and application supplements.
- Review and advise on the Athletics Strategic Plan and Athletic manuals.



**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
2021**

Christine Gipson	Member	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Colleen Marzilli	Member	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Fredericka Brown	Member	College of Engineering
Pamella Ochoa	Member	College of Pharmacy
Richard Helfers	Member	College of Arts & Sciences
Sheldon Davis	Member	College of Arts & Sciences
Krist Swimberghe	Member	College of Business & Technology
Paul Roberts	Member	College of Business & Technology, Faculty Athletics Representative
Chloe Chawner	Member	Student-Athlete, Advisory Committee Representative
Gary Miller	Chair	College of Education & Psychology
Andrew Krouse	Ex-Officio	Director of Facilities Management
Jennifer Waters	Ex-Officio	Associate Dean of Students
Kimberly Laird	Ex-Officio	Vice President of Budget and Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Tammy Hill	Ex-Officio	General Manager, Sodexo
Howard Patterson	Ex-Officio	Athletics Director
James Bonnette	Ex-Officio	Assistant Athletics Director
Mychele Hughes	Ex-Officio	Special Assistant to the Athletics Director