



Academic Athletics Oversight Committee

CHARGE:

The Academic Athletics Oversight Committee (AAOC) is primarily responsible for the academic management of the admission of New Brunswick student-athletes (SAs), and the monitoring of their academic progress. The Committee is also charged with a review of the quality and success of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes (ASSSA) at five-year intervals.

The Committee receives timely reports on academic progress from the Executive Director of ASSSA, including both semester and academic year grade point averages (GPAs) of SAs in all intercollegiate sports, and the academic progress rates (APRs) for each sport. The Chair of the Committee, along with the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), shall report twice per year to the Board of Governors/Board of Trustees Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics regarding the academic performance of student-athletes. In addition, the Chair of the Committee shall make regular reports to the Chancellor on the activities of the Committee. Furthermore, the Chair may choose to form subcommittees for specific purposes pursuant to the best academic interests of Rutgers' SAs.

A team's Head Coach may submit prospective student-athlete (PSA) packets to the Committee for consideration for admission if the PSAs do not meet the normal admissions criteria; a Head Coach may request that a Committee member meet individually with a PSA before the Committee deliberates. These individual PSA/Committee member meetings may serve as a further assessment of the PSA's academic interests and as a resource for mining any intangibles not found in the documentation.

The Committee offers recommendations for improvements in any of the areas under its authority and advises the Chancellor of needs, problems, and progress concerning the program and SAs. The Committee reports directly to the Chancellor through its Chair.

In addition, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics shall inform the Committee of all changes in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) policies and regulations and any other matters relevant to its charge and necessary for the implementation of its responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Committee is composed of at least twelve tenured faculty members and academic administrators. The members of the Committee, the majority of whom shall be tenured faculty members, are appointed by the Chancellor of New Brunswick, who also appoints one of the members as the Chair of the Committee. The Chair makes recommendations to the Chancellor on all new committee appointments, but the Chancellor makes all appointments at his/her discretion. All appointees serve at the discretion of the Chancellor, but normally for a four-year term, with three members normally rotating off each year. While the Chancellor may reappoint a member, including the Chair, said member may normally serve no more than two consecutive terms. To provide liaison with other committees and constituencies, the NCAA FAR serves as a voting member and the Executive Director of ASSSA serves as a non-voting member.

The Committee, at its discretion, shall invite other persons to attend meetings for specific purposes.

SCHEDULE:

The Committee meets as necessary with minutes of these meetings forwarded to all members, the Chancellor of New Brunswick, and the Athletics Director. Once per year, the Committee shall meet with head coaches, sport administrators, and advisors/counselors from ASSSA in order to share and receive information on policies and processes.

DIRECTIVES:

The Committee or a member thereof may meet individually with any PSA whom it considers for admission to the University.

Until either the Committee or the Office of Undergraduate Admissions makes an admissions decision, the Office of Athletic Compliance may not release a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or Big Ten Tender to any PSA. The Executive Director of ASSSA will convey the admissions status of all PSAs to the Office of Athletic Compliance.

Any Head Coach may present a PSA packet to the Committee for consideration for admission if the Office of Undergraduate Admissions cannot admit said PSA. The Committee will admit those stronger PSAs presented if the PSA exhibits academic potential, shows athletic excellence, or is to receive significant scholarship support relative to that available to the specific sport. The Committee may also consider team GPA and APR as an indicator of the program's (coaches', administrators', and students') commitment to and success with academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of the Head Coach to document these areas, especially for academically at-risk PSAs, and to make a strong and convincing case to the Committee by providing credible written documentation.

Endorsed unanimously by members of the AAOC on April 9, 2018.