NEW ENTRY IN FACULTY HANDBOOK COVERING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS GOVERNANCE

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Report to GIT Executive Board
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CHARGE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Executive Board in its June 15, 2004 meeting asked the Statutes Committee to prepare material in the Faculty Handbook to cover:
  - Publish information re Georgia Tech Athletic Association (GTAA)
  - Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) will make an annual presentation to the Academic Senate
  - President will consult with the EB re appointment of the FAR
  - President will consult with the EB Officers re appointment of faculty members of the GTAA Board of Trustees.
INPUTS TO COMMITTEE

• Charge from the Executive Board per the minutes of the June 15, 2004 meeting
  • Attachment 4: Briefing given by the chair
  • Attachment 5: “Campus Athletics Governance, the Faculty Role…” by Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics
  • Attachment 6: “Charter of the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics”
• Bylaws of the Georgia Tech Athletic Association
• The NCAA’s Faculty Athletics Representative Handbook
  • With annotations and comments provided by George Nemhauser, Georgia Tech’s Faculty Athletics Representative
• Other faculty resources on the web were looked at (see below) but were not as pertinent as those of the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics.
  • “The Faculty Role in the Reform of Intercollegiate Athletics” by the American Association of University Professors
  • “Guidelines: Institutional Governance and Intercollegiate Athletics” by Scott Kretchmar and George Bugyi (Penn State)
  • Other university policies
STRATEGY

• Draft begins with a brief statement of purpose for faculty involvement and oversight.
• Then follows the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics guidelines:
  • Key roles are played by GT administrations and by faculty members of GTAA Board of Trustees, Faculty Athletics Representative, & the Academic Senate
  • Administration: Presidential commitment, appointments, admin infrastructure
  • Description of GTAA Board of Trustees role based on their Bylaws
    • Extract the essential governance points. Don’t use whole Bylaws.
      • The GTAA Bylaws belong to that separate corporation.
    • Insert meaningful consultation by President with the EB on faculty appointments.
  • Description of FAR role based on the NCAA handbook for FARs
    • With nuances supplied by George Nemhauser (our existing FAR).
    • We substituted GIT organizational names for generic names in original NCAA language.
  • Specify reporting to and follow up by the Senate.
JUST CHECKING:

- Have tentatively put this material in a new Section 2.12, just past the Bylaws but in an area suggesting vital interest.
  - Should it instead be in catch-all Section 5 on General Institute Policy?
- Statutes Committee recommends that the President consult with the EB on the appointment of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) and the remaining faculty reps to the GTAA Board of Trustees.
  - Original request from the EB asked that the President consult with just the officers of the EB on faculty reps other than the FAR.
  - But “Officers of the Executive Board” not spelled out by the Faculty Handbook
    - Presumably this is the Chair and the Secretary. Maybe others not mentioned?
  - Statutes Committee felt it is cleaner and stronger to consult whole EB.
- Concerning GIT’s expectations of the FAR in cases of major infractions:
  - NCAA FAR Handbooks says “He or she should play a major and direct role in matters that potentially involve major violations of NCAA rules.”
  - Does GIT wish to be more specific, or shall we leave the charge to the FAR as written in the NCAA guidelines, broad, yet substantial?
ACTION

• Statutes Committee welcomes any feedback on what we have presented.

• Subject to our addressing any feedback, we ask for your endorsement to take the new section to the faculty to get their approval to add it to the Faculty Handbook.
  • Since it would not be in the Statutes or Bylaws it only requires one reading and a vote.
  • If possible, we would like to do this at the Sep. 14 meeting.