Constitution of the Manhattanville College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Article 1 - Name
It is hereby set forth that the name of this organization shall be the Manhattanville College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Article 2 - Purpose
The purpose of the Manhattanville Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (hereafter known as "SAAC") shall be to increase recognition of sports in the student body, administration, alumni and community, foster unity among all student-athletes and address the overall wants and needs of all student-athletes.

Article 3 - Functions
1. The Committee shall have the power to discuss and make recommendations on all subjects relating to intercollegiate activities.
2. The Committee shall delegate authority to special committees appointed by the President to work on special issues; these committees shall be responsible to the Advisory Committee as a whole. These committees may include areas of interest such as, but not limited to: Community Service, NCAA News, In-House Rules & Regulations, and Student-Athlete Support.
3. The Committee may recommend to the Officers to deny or terminate membership for what they perceive to be failure to participate, attend meetings and contribute to the activities of the committee.
4. The Committee shall have the power to act upon matters brought before it by its own representatives. Recommendations on these matters, voted on by the majority of members at a meeting shall be carried to the Athletic Advisory Committee by the President.

Article 4 - Membership
The SAAC shall consist of two members of each athletic team represented by the Committee, a faculty member, and members representing the Athletic Department.

Other persons may attend the Committee meetings at the discretion of the President and the Advisory Committee but will be considered visitors with no vote. The Committee shall not deny membership, or discriminate on the basis of one's race, creed, color, or sex.

Article 5 - Officers
1. The officers of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. The President shall call and preside over all meetings, appoint special committees, and interpret the Constitution.
3. The President will be the SAAC’s representative on the NCAA / MAC Freedom / ECAC East & West Athletic Advisory Committees.
4. The representatives of the Department of Athletics shall be responsible for maintaining adequate records of all Committee activities.
Article 6 - Voting and Election of Officers

1. Each team represented in the SAAC shall have one vote.

2. A quorum shall consist of one more than half of voting members.

3. All matters, except constitutional amendments, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

4. Election of officers shall take place at the meeting of the Committee in the Spring. Each officer shall be elected on secret ballot as prescribed below. All captains are eligible for office. Nominations are made from the floor and discussion of the candidates will follow. In the event that no nominee receives a majority, the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes are considered the only candidates for the second ballot, the same general procedure is followed with the number of the candidates being reduced by one each time, until someone receives a majority. The faculty member and representatives for the Department of Athletics shall act as tellers.

Article 7 - Meetings

1. The SAAC will meet on a monthly basis starting in the Fall.

2. Meetings shall be conducted by the President in an orderly manner.

3. Special meetings of the Committee may be called at any time, at the discretion of the President or representatives from the Department of Athletics.

Article 8 - Amendments

An amendment to the Constitution may be passed, at any time, by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the total vote of the Committee.