

**Faculty Senate Committee
Reporting Instructions**

Adopted by VSU Faculty Senate, 2/16/2017

1. Each Standing Committee chair will submit an annual report to the Senate Executive Committee two weeks prior to the final Senate meeting of the academic year. Sub-committee reports will be included as part of its Standing Committee Report.
2. The Standing Committee annual report will include a completed Reporting Form. The Reporting Form will summarize all activities undertaken by the Committee and its Sub-committee(s) during the academic year. If no activities were undertaken, the chair must submit the report and record “No activities” in the Issue/Topics column and a recommendation to maintain or dissolve the committee in the Committee Recommendation column. Recommendation should include a supporting reason.

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Athletic Committee

Academic Year: 2017-2018

Committee Members: Heidi Gonzalez (CC), Napoleon Bamfo (co-chair), Bill Truby, Sterlin Sanders, Ben Harper, Ilke Kardes Andrew Black, Daniel Baracskey, Steven Scheuler, Gary Hackbarth, Dean Duncan, David Boyd, Jessica Graves, Joy Ihedioha, Serina McEntire, Mike Bochenko, Lorna Alvarez-Rivera, Deb Van Petten

Ex-Officio: Herb Reinhard (Present), David Kuhlmeier (Present); Guest: Jennifer Grubbs (Present)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Athletic Committee bylaws were reviewed by members 9/25/2017	No changes to bylaws were recommended by members.	N/A	N/A
Discussed the process for calling for nominees, deliberating, and awarding our Student Athletes; Committee reviewed the criteria for VSU’s Student Athlete Academic Spotlight (SAAS) award.	The committee sent out requests to faculty/staff for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 SAAS nominations via a Qualtrics survey link. We received 15 nominations for Fall 2017 athletes and 12 for Spring 2018. All nominated athletes were awarded: Fall – BB game; Spring – Athletic Banquet. Athletic Committee members and Faculty/Staff who nominated athletes served as escorts.	Committee revised the Student Athlete Academic Spotlight (SAAS) nomination criteria 3/28/18.	N/A

	Small changes to the SAAS nomination criteria were made to simplify the process for upcoming nominations.		
Athletic Committee received periodic updates from the Athletic Department.	<p>Mr. Reinhard and Ms. Jennifer Grubbs gave Athletic dept and sport team updates during the 2017-2018 committee meetings.</p> <p><u>9/25/17</u>: Response rate for Grades First program; process of reporting NCAA graduation rates, new NCAA grant allowing for a new administrator.</p> <p><u>11/29/17</u>: Faculty Athletic Representative, Dr. David Kuhlmeier reported a proposed change to VSU's excused absence policy. Mr. Reinhard informed committee of a new aggressive academic mentoring program for student athletes.</p> <p><u>1/31/2018</u>: Mentoring program for freshman athletes discussed, previous participation from athletes was poor – high-risk athletes are now being required to meet with mentors. Ms. Grubbs gave an update on VSU's prevention strategies and training in progress to prevent sexual assault.</p> <p><u>3/28/18</u>: Ms. Grubbs gave an update on the bystander sexual assault prevention training, Grades First Program, end of year Athletic Banquet, new Volleyball coach, and football position coaches are now meeting weekly with players at high-risk of academic failure.</p>	<p>Oct. 2017 & Feb. 2018 Senate meetings - Dr. Gonzalez requested Senate members to encourage faculty to respond to Grades First program.</p> <p>Jan. & April 2018 Senate meetings – Dr. Gonzalez gave Senate an update on SAAS awards.</p>	N/A

¹ Indicate whether the Issue/Topic was remanded by the Senate or Committee generated.

² If a Sub-committee indicates "No Activity," the Standing Committee must recommend to maintain or dissolve the Sub-committee.

³ If the committee is not ready to make a recommendation, indicate "In progress" and discuss the stage of review.