

**SIMPSON COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**(S.A.A.C.)**  
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**Article I. Purpose**

- A. To act as a liaison between the Simpson College athletic department and the Simpson student-athletes regarding the needs and concerns that impact on their academic performance, athletic concerns, and personal well-being. To act as a liaison to the Iowa Conference and Simpson community by providing information and suggestions on the unique needs and accomplishments of the student-athletes.

**Article II. Objectives**

- A. To become aware of how the Simpson College athletic department operates institutionally, as well as how it interacts with the Iowa Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association rules and regulations.
- B. To become more knowledgeable about Simpson College, IIAC, and NCAA rules and regulations.
- C. To communicate information to respective team members.
- D. To share ideas and suggestions in order to enhance Simpson College athletic department policies.
- E. To increase knowledge and communication in order to enhance student-athlete, as well as campus and community awareness of all intercollegiate athletics sponsored by Simpson College.

**Article III. Membership**

- A. The membership shall be made up of active Simpson College student-athletes.
  - 1. It is recommended that each of Simpson's intercollegiate sports have two individual representatives.
  - 2. Student-athletes must be listed on an official varsity sport's roster and have attended Simpson College for a minimum of one year shall be eligible for active membership.
    - A. Members shall be nominated by respective Simpson College varsity coaches. Nominations must be juniors who will serve two year terms. One senior student-athlete and one junior student-athlete shall serve per year for each sport.
  - 3. Nominees must have junior or senior academic standing when they are selected, with the understanding he or she will continue to serve on the committee his or her senior season.
  - 4. Two unexcused absences by a member and the advisor will notify the respective coach of the sport and the coach will decide whether or not to continue with the representative or select a new nominee. The replacement should have the same academic standing if possible.

**Article IV. Officers**

- A. The officers shall be selected from the active members.
- B. Offices
  - 1. President: Serves as spokesman for the organization. The president organizes and presides at all meetings. The president appoints the chairs of the standing committees and must also have served one year prior to taking over the position.
  - 2. Vice-President: Serves as president when the president is unable to do so. The vice president shall be responsible for the publication aspects of the committee.
  - 3. Secretary: Shall take minutes at each meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for disseminating all information and communications to S.A.A.C. members, coaches and athletic administrators.
- C. Officer Terms
  - 1. Members of the eligible for officers must have served one year on the S.A.A.C.
  - 2. All officers shall serve for a term of one year, beginning the school year following elections.
- D. Filling Unexpired Vacancies
  - 1. A simple majority vote is required to select a new officer. If a majority is not obtained by one of the candidates, the candidate receiving the least number of votes is eliminated and the active members will vote again.
  - 2. The majority is derived from the active members present at the meeting.
  - 3. When nominations are being taken to fill unexpired terms, any member of the organization may nominate another member of the organization by simply raising his/her hand and indicating when recognized.

**Article V. Meetings**

- A. General
  - 1. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall meet *at least* once a month during the college's regular semesters.
  - 2. The first meeting shall occur no later than the third week of the academic semester.
  - 3. A monthly meeting date shall be selected at the first meeting of that semester and shall stand for one semester only.
- B. Committees
  - 1. Active committees shall meet as needed during the college's regular semester.
- C. Members will be given advanced notification of the meetings and/or meeting date via their mailboxes in the student center or local addresses or via telephone.
- D. All general meetings will be open meetings unless otherwise specified.

**Article VI. Voting**

- A. Only members may vote.
- B. A simple majority is required for any vote to be passes.
- C. The majority is derived from the members present at the meeting.

**Article VII. Finances**

- A. All funds are to be deposited and handled through the Simpson College athletic department.
- B. No dues shall be collected.
- C. All expenditures will need approval from either the athletic director or the assistant athletic director.

**Article VIII. Advisor**

- A. The advisor to the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee must be a member of the Simpson College athletic department.
  1. The athletic director and/or assistant athletic director assume this position, unless otherwise appointed by the athletic director.

**Article IX. Elections**

- A. Nominations and elections shall take place during the last meeting of the spring semester.
- B. Elections Codes
  1. The majority to elect shall be a simple majority.
  2. The majority is derived from the members present during the election.
  3. Any member may nominate an eligible member for any office by raising his/her hand at the appropriate time and being recognized by the presiding official. Next, the presiding official will call for a vote for each candidate.
  4. If a simple majority cannot be obtained, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from consideration and the members shall vote again.

**Article X. Constitution**

- A. Any member may introduce a constitutional amendment at the conclusion of a meeting. At the following meeting, the members vote on the amendment. An amendment requires two-third of the active members votes to pass. If the amendment passes, it shall be sent to the athletic director for final approval.
- B. Copies of this constitution shall be made available to anyone upon request.
- C. Copies of this constitution shall be on file in the athletic department.