

## **MCSG - B0010**

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A bill to amend the MCSG bylaws to create a Student Athlete Advisory Committee

- Whereas, The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has previously existed as a chartered student organization ratified and recognized by the Macalester College Student Government, and
- Whereas, The purpose of a Macalester Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is twofold: 1) the NCAA mandates that all member institutions have SAACs on their campuses and 2) SAAC advocates to the Athletic Department and MCSG on issues on the behalf of all student-athletes (varsity, club, and intramural), and
- Whereas, The original intent with chartering SAAC as a student organization was to support its relationship with MCSG; however, their membership and leadership requirements are not in compliance with MCSG student organization guidelines (i.e. all leadership and voting roles are only open to varsity athletes as required by the NCAA); therefore,

*Be it enacted by 2/3rds majority of the Macalester College Student Government Legislative Body*

The MCSG by-laws, Article V, shall add and include the following “Section 7” to read as follows, effective immediately:

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### **Section 7: Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)**

1. Voting membership to SAAC:
  - a. shall include two individuals from each of the 19 varsity sports.
  - b. shall be nominated by previous SAAC voting members or by coaching staff.
  - c. shall be compiled into a roster for each academic year and sent to the MCSG Chief of Staff (mcs@macalester.edu) by the end of the second full week of classes in the Fall and made available on the MCSG website.
  - d. may change as long as a update roster is sent to the MCSG Chief of Staff within 48 hours of the change.
2. Leadership to SAAC shall include:
  - a. a seven person executive board that consists of the following members and their respective responsibilities:
    - i. **President** - The president is responsible for presiding over all SAAC meetings (setting meeting dates, reserving space, creating each meeting

- agenda, and leading meetings). The president will act as liaison to the Athletic Department.
- ii. **Vice-President** - The vice-president is responsible for assisting in all presidential responsibilities and serving a president in an absence.
  - iii. **Secretary** - The secretary is responsible for maintaining the SAAC roster, keeping meeting minutes, and tracking attendance. The secretary will send each meeting minutes to the MCSG secretary within 48 hours of the meeting to be posted on the MCSG website.
  - iv. **Treasurer** - The treasurer is responsible for creating and maintaining the SAAC budget the received from the Athletic Department on our student organization management system.
  - v. **Communications Liaison** - The communications liaison is responsible for organizing and sending weekly sports updates to the athletic community.
  - vi. **Publicity Officer** - The publicity officer is responsible for advertising for all SAAC events in coordination with the communications liaison.
  - vii. **Kofi Cup Facilitator** - The Kofi Cup facilitator is responsible for arranging and Kofi Cup competition between the different teams.
- b. Each executive board member is responsible for hosting one SAAC event each semester as determined by the entire executive board (i.e. Dig Pink/Kick Cancer, National Student Athlete Day, Strike Out Heart Disease, etc.).
  - c. The SAAC Executive Board will be elected at least two weeks before the previous academic semester ends by the current voting members.
  - d. At least one SAAC member will be required to present to the MCSG Legislative Body at least once a month. This presentation shall be focused on areas of concern identified by the student athlete community. At the time of the presentation, SAAC will provide an updated, short, written summary of past, ongoing, and upcoming events for the year. This report shall be published on the MCSG website.
3. Meetings for SAAC will be held at least once per month but may meet more often as needed. Specific meeting times will be set by the SAAC President and communicated to the MCSG Chief of Staff promptly. The voting members of SAAC and the MCSG Executive Board must be notified of the upcoming meeting agenda at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
  4. A non-student athlete representative from the Legislative Body shall be appointed to attend every SAAC meeting as a non-voting member.