

**THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA  
ATHLETICS BOARD**

WHEREAS, intercollegiate athletics have been an important student activity and institutional program of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), dating back many years into the history of The University of Chattanooga before it merged with the University of Tennessee (UT) and became the University's Chattanooga campus in 1969; and

WHEREAS, intercollegiate athletics, as well as other programs conducted on campuses of the University system, are under the governance of the Board of Trustees, which establishes the board policies that are administered by the President of the University and through him by the Chancellor of each campus engaged in intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that intercollegiate athletics, with intense public interest and a large amount of funds involved, place a heavy responsibility upon the Chancellor of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, it is highly desirable for the Chancellor to have a special advisory organization which can assist him in determining the direction, management and supervision of athletics and in recommending athletic policies and programs consistent with the overall policies established by the Board of Trustees and the President of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is authorized to establish an Athletics Board similar to corresponding boards on other campuses of the University system, which shall be constituted and shall function as follows:

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is an engaged, metropolitan university committed to excellence in teaching, research and service, and dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of the region through strategic partnerships and community involvement. As such, the university places a priority on an Athletics Department which exhibits the highest level of student academic success, integrity and competitiveness.

The mission of the UTC Athletics Department is to guide, encourage and support our student-athletes in their quest for comprehensive excellence – academically, athletically and socially. Above all else, the department prepares its students for productive and meaningful lives. Six core values guide and govern our actions at all times: integrity, respect, positive attitude, premier service, accountability and continuous improvement.

## **I. PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE ATHLETICS BOARD**

The UTC Athletics Board is established by the UT Board of Trustees for the following purposes:

1. To advise the Chancellor and President, who are members of the Athletics Board; the Board of Trustees, through the BOT members of the Athletics Board; and the University administration on the status and needs of intercollegiate athletics at UTC;
2. To expand the base of financial and public support among our constituents, which include, but are not limited to: Trustees, System and University administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, parents, legislators, and the general public;
3. To periodically review and advise the Chancellor and VC and Director of Athletics as deemed necessary by the Chancellor, President, and/or members of the Board of Trustees.

## **II. COMPOSITION OF THE ATHLETICS BOARD**

- A. The Athletics Board shall be composed primarily of representatives from the following constituencies: Board of Trustees, UT administration, UTC administration, UTC faculty, UTC student body, UTC alumni, and UTC department of intercollegiate athletics. The Chancellor, as appointing authority, shall ensure diversity and inclusion when constructing the Athletics Board. NCAA Regulations (6.1.2.1) require that administration and/or faculty and staff members shall constitute at least a majority of the Athletics Board. Specifically, the Board shall include the following representatives:

### Ex Officio Members

President, The University of Tennessee  
 Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 Executive Vice President, The University of Tennessee  
 Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)  
 Faculty Committee on Athletics Chair  
 Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics  
 Senior Woman Administrator (SWA)  
 Associate Athletics Director for Internal Operations and Finance  
 Vice Chancellor for Student Development  
 Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance, Operations, and Information Technology  
 Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs  
 Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Provost  
 Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing  
 Chief of Staff  
 Assistant General Counsel assigned to UTC  
 Faculty Senate Chair  
 President of the SGA

Alumni Board President  
 Director of Alumni  
 Affairs

Appointed Members

Two members of the Board of Trustees residing in the Chattanooga area (appointed by the Board of Trustees)

Four active faculty distributed, insofar as possible, to represent the various colleges, divisions and departments

Two Alumni

Two Members of the Community

Student-Athlete Advisory Council

President Three Student-Athletes

Employee Relations Council

representative Employee Staff Council

representative

- B. Each member of the Athletics Board shall have one vote. To transact business, at least twelve members must be in attendance at a regularly called meeting.

### **III. COMMITTEES OF THE ATHLETICS BOARD**

The Athletics Board is authorized to establish appropriate special and standing committees to carry out functions of the UTC Athletics Board.

### **IV. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ATHLETICS BOARD**

- A. The Executive Committee of the Athletics Board shall be composed of the President, the Chancellor, the VC and Director of Athletics, the Chair of the Athletics Board, the Executive Vice President, the two Trustee members of the Athletics Board, Provost and Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Provost, Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance, Operations, and Information Technology, Vice Chancellor for Student Development, SAAC President, Faculty Senate President, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing, Chief of Staff, Assistant General Counsel assigned to UTC, Associate Athletics Director for Internal Operations and Finance, Senior Woman Administrator, Faculty Athletics Representative.

- B. The Executive Committee of the Athletics Board shall have authority to act for the Athletics Board between regular meetings of the Board and shall be limited to advising the Chancellor in athletics matters. In order to transact business, at least seven members of the Executive Committee must be present in a meeting regularly called. The Executive Committee shall keep full and complete records of its business and proceedings and shall file these records with the Athletics Board.

## **V. OFFICERS**

- A. The Chancellor shall appoint the Faculty Athletics Representative who shall chair the Athletics Board and who shall also serve as Chair of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Faculty and Staff Relations, and the Committee on NCAA Rules Compliance Oversight.
- B. The Chancellor shall also appoint a Vice Chair from among the members of the Executive Committee who shall serve as Chair of the Athletics Board or as Chair of the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair.
- C. It shall be the duty of the Chair of the Athletics Board to preside at the meetings of the Athletics Board, the Executive Committee, the Committee on Faculty and Staff Relations, and the Committee on NCAA Rules Compliance Oversight. The Chair shall act as faculty representative for the Board in promoting athletics relations with other colleges and universities.
- D. The Chair of the Athletics Board shall also be responsible for appointing a recording secretary who will see that records are made and kept of all meetings of the Board.

## **VI. TERM OF OFFICE**

All appointed members (except the Trustee members) shall be appointed by the Chancellor for a maximum initial three-year term. The terms shall be staggered so all will not end at the same time. At the expiration of a full three-year term, appointed members shall not be eligible for immediate reappointment. Board of Trustee members shall be appointed in the same manner as Trustees are appointed to standing committees of the Board of Trustees. Ex-officio members shall serve during the respective periods in which they hold the offices that entitle them to membership on this Board.

## **VII. MEETINGS**

- A. The Athletics Board shall meet at the call of the Chair or Chancellor of the Chattanooga campus as the activities and affairs of intercollegiate athletics shall require. There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Board during each academic year. The VC and Director of Athletics with the Chair of the Athletics

Board shall prepare and submit to each member of the Athletics Board a tentative agenda at least five days in advance of the time fixed for its consideration by the Athletics Board.

- B. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair or the Chancellor as needs may require.

### **VIII. VACANCIES**

Any vacancy in the appointed membership of the Athletics Board or the Executive Committee shall be filled by the appropriate appointive authority from the group in which the vacancy occurs. Appointments shall be for the unexpired term of the former members, where such a provision is relevant.

### **IX. CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION**

Any change in the structure or function of the Athletics Board shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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