Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance

Evaluation and Plan for Improvement

1.1 Mission of the Athletics Program and the Institution

a. Does the institution demonstrate that the mission and goals of the athletics program:

   (1) Relate clearly to the mission and goals of the institution?
   ✔

   (2) Support the educational objectives, academic progress and general welfare of student-athletes?
   ✔

   (3) Support equitable opportunity for all students and staff, including women?
   ✔

   (4) Support equitable opportunity for all students and staff who are minorities?
   ✔

   (5) Embrace the Association’s principles of sportsmanship and ethical conduct?
   ✔

   (6) Are widely circulated among the institution’s internal and external constituencies?
   ✔

b. Does the institution demonstrate that the actual practices of the institution’s athletics program are consistent with the athletics program mission and goals?

On the basis of the yes/no answers above and the plans for correcting deficiencies below, is the institution in substantial conformity with Operating Principle 1.1. (Mission of the Athletics Program and the Institution)?

Yes

1.2 Institutional Control, Presidential Authority and Shared Responsibilities

Does the institution demonstrate that:

a. The institution’s governing board provides oversight and broad policy formulation for intercollegiate athletics in a manner consistent with other units of the institution?
   ✔

b. The chief executive officer is assigned ultimate responsibility and authority for the operation and personnel of the athletics program?
   ✔

c. Appropriate campus constituencies have the opportunity, under the purview of the chief executive officer, to provide input into the formulation of policies relating to the conduct of the athletics program and to review periodically the implementation of such policies?
   ✔ 1

On the basis of the yes/no answers above, is the institution in substantial conformity with Operating Principle 1.2 (Institutional Control, Presidential Authority and Shared Responsibilities)?

Yes
**1.2 Institutional Control, Presidential Authority and Shared Responsibilities**

**Plan for Improvement #1**

The Athletics Department is in a period of transition from its longstanding participation in NCAA Division III and several years of Division II affiliation to fully establishing itself as an NCAA Division I institution. In its new status, “shared responsibility” assumes greater prominence and, therefore, requires more attention than in the past. Some irregularity and minor lapses in the governance process during part of the self-study period have been corrected in the past year (2000-2001). To assure consistent, effective oversight of the athletics program by the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board, certain additional changes appear to be essential.

**Issue/Problem:**

1. Insufficient external monitoring and support of Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board (IAAB).
2. IAAB bylaws may not be current and in full compliance with NCAA Division I requirements.
3. IAAB bylaws need to be amended to respond to items 1 and 2 and to the Academic Integrity Plan for Improvement.

**Measurable goals to address the issues/problems:** Review and revision of IAAB bylaws to address external monitoring and support, academic integrity, and any additional issues identified through the proposed review. Implementation of bylaws changes by the IAAB.

**Step(s) to achieve the goal(s):** The Vice President for Student Affairs will select a designee and formally assign the responsibility for reviewing existing IAAB bylaws to assure they are appropriately aligned with the current mission of the Department of Athletics and are congruent with NCAA regulations and the Policies of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

The IAAB bylaws will be reviewed, and the results, including specific recommendations for bylaws amendments, will be reported to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

A bylaws amendment will be drafted to include a representative of the Vice President for Student Affairs as an *ex officio* member of the IAAB to provide staff support to the IAAB and to monitor the Board’s activities to assure conformity with its bylaws and NCAA requirements.

A bylaws amendment will be drafted to address the Academic Integrity Plan for Improvement.

Additional amendments will be drafted to respond to other issues identified through the review of the bylaws.

The proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the President, and other pertinent stakeholders.

The amendments will be presented to the IAAB for review and adoption.

Changes will be incorporated into the written IAAB bylaws; appropriate Board members will assume responsibility for implementing specific changes.

**Specific timetable for completing the work:** By the conclusion of the Fall 2001 semester.

**Individuals/offices responsible for carrying out the action:** The Vice President for Student Affairs and the Chair of the IAAB.
### 1.3 Rules Compliance

**Does the institution demonstrate that:**

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**On the basis of the yes/no answers above, is the institution in substantial conformity with Operating Principle 1.3 (Rules Compliance)?**

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