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**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS ATHLETICS COMMITTEE CHARTER**

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**PURPOSE**

The responsibilities of the Athletics Committee include considering, reviewing and making recommendations to the full Board on matters concerning intercollegiate athletics at the University of Massachusetts.

**COMPOSITION & INDEPENDENCE**

The Athletics Committee shall consist of four (4) or more University Trustees appointed by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Athletics Committee may also include two (2) non-trustee members who have demonstrated knowledge and interest in the role that intercollegiate athletics plays in lives of student-athletes, alumni, campus life, and community relations. Non-trustee members do not have voting rights per Board of Trustees By-laws (Doc. T91-100, as amended).

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following shall be the principal duties and responsibilities of the Athletics Committee:

- Considering, reviewing and making recommendations to the full Board on matters concerning master athletic plans, including athletic affiliations and overall athletic development.
- Policies involving athletic departments, activities and services.

Responsibilities of University Campus Management include:

- Management of athletic departments, their staff, and teams; ensuring athletic department compliance with NCAA rules and the rules of the conferences within which their teams compete.

The Committee may seek semi-annual updates from campuses on these matters.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- The Committee shall annually review and, if necessary, revise and approve this Athletics Committee Charter as conditions dictate. Any amendments to this Athletics Committee Charter must be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel.
- The Committee Chair shall receive briefings on any potential violation of law, Board policy,

NCAA regulation, or conference regulation. The Chair shall provide a briefing to the full Committee on any such violation.

- The Committee may periodically review with University Campus Management the University campus processes used to comply with applicable laws, regulations and policies. It is the responsibility of University Campus Management to ensure compliance with laws, regulations and policies.
- Perform any other activities consistent with University Board of Trustees By-laws that are customarily addressed by a Board-appointed Athletics Committee.

## **MEETINGS**

- The Committee shall meet as needed, but not less than three (3) times a year. The Committee may ask University officers or others to attend meetings, and provide pertinent information as necessary.
- Executive sessions may be held at the end of each Committee meeting as needed.

## **REPORTING**

- The Committee shall report to the Board at least annually.