

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

West Virginia State University and the West Virginia State Community and Technical College

BOG Policy #37

Title: Fiscal Responsibility and Oversight of Intercollegiate Athletics

Section 1. General

1.1 Scope: This policy establishes guidelines for the oversight of intercollegiate athletics by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors.

1.2 Application: This rule shall apply to the West Virginia State University Department of Athletics.

1.3 Authority: West Virginia Code §18B-2A-4 and 18B-1-6.

1.4 Effective Date: January 21, 2005

Section 2. Statement of Philosophy

2.1 West Virginia State University Department of Athletics is an integral part of the University. Through its competitive programs, the Department offers students an opportunity to develop athletic skills and compete with opponents throughout the state and region. The Department of Athletics fosters school spirit throughout the academic year, complementing the academic, cultural, and social aspects of college life. As the most publicly visible activity of the University, the Department recognizes its responsibility to promote an image which reflects favorably on both the athletic program and the University. To this end, the Department's standards, goals, and ideals must all support the mission of the University.

2.2 The West Virginia State University Department of Athletics strives to afford both male and female students the opportunity to participate in a competitive intercollegiate athletics program as well as the opportunity to obtain a quality education leading to recognized academic achievement. A primary goal of the Department is to promote the personal, academic, and athletic growth and well being of all student athletes, and to foster the development of leadership and citizenship, both on and off the field of athletic competition. The Department strives to field teams which exemplify good sportsmanship, and which will represent the University with honor and distinction.

2.3 The Department of Athletics is firmly committed to conducting an athletics program beyond reproach in terms of integrity and compliance consistent with the spirit of the University, West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and National Collegiate Athletic Association rules and regulations, and strives to communicate and underscore that commitment to alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of West Virginia State University athletics.

2.4 West Virginia State University provides equal employment opportunities for individuals regardless of age, sex, religion, or national origin, and endeavors to provide all employees with opportunities for personal and professional growth.

2.5 West Virginia State University is firmly committed to gender equity and providing competitive opportunities to both male and female student athletes. General policies are: an equal amount of practice time will be made available for male and female sports; athletic related financial aid will be made available to both male and female athletes; a minimum of ten sports will be sponsored (per NCAA Division II Bylaws), either five varsity male sports and five varsity female sports or four varsity male sports and six varsity female sports; and, the athletic budget will accommodate basic requirements (travel, meals, lodging, equipment) for male and female sports teams.

Section 3. Oversight Responsibilities

3.1 The Department of Athletics shall embody the proper tone, direction, and values consistent with the academic mission of the University and Community College. The Board may utilize an existing committee to receive information regarding budgets and expenditures, and/or utilize an ad hoc committee appointed by the Chair of the Board of Governors.

Section 4. Presidential Authority

4.1 The Board of Governors shall delegate the authority and responsibility for the conduct and control of the Department of Athletics to the President of the University. This authority shall be expressly set forth in a Board resolution.

Section 5. Fiscal Responsibility

5.1 Funding for intercollegiate athletics shall include a student athletic fee and revenues generated by the Department of Athletics.

5.2 Student Athletic Fees:

5.2.1 WVSU and WVSCTC may impose a Student Athletic Fee. The Student Athletic Fee shall not exceed 10% of the total tuition and fees charged to students for that year.

5.2.2 Each year the Student Activity Fee Committee shall review the requests for student activity fees and shall develop a recommendation and forward to the respective Presidents student activity fees for the coming academic year to support student activities.

5.2.3 Each President shall recommend a Student Athletic Fee for approval by the WVSU Board of Governors. Each President's recommendation to the Board shall be developed after receiving a recommendation and consulting with the Student Activity Fee Committee.

5.3 Revenues Generated or Received by the Department of Athletics.

5.3.1 Funds generated or received by the Department of Athletics may be used to support intercollegiate athletics including: revenues from game receipts; concessions; program sales; game guarantees; tournaments and post season income; foundations; booster clubs; private gifts; sports camps; and other revenue-producing activities related to intercollegiate athletics.

5.4 State Appropriated Funds

5.4.1 The amount of state appropriated funds expended for intercollegiate athletics shall be reduced from 2% of the state appropriation for WVSU to no state appropriated funds expended for intercollegiate athletics by Fiscal Year 2007.

5.4.2 The salary and benefit cost for each employee whose responsibilities are split between the intercollegiate athletic program and the academic or general institutional support programs shall be paid on a pro-rated basis with the percentage of the employee's work devoted to athletics.

5.4.3 For coaches or athletic administrators who also have teaching responsibilities as a portion of their jobs, the annual pro-rated share paid from non-athletic funds shall be 1/8 for each course taught for those on an academic-year basis and 1/10 for each three-hour course taught for those on a twelve-month basis.

5.5 Tuition waivers designated for students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be determined each year by April 15th based on the Fall enrollment data in accordance with the WVSU Board of Governor's policy for the awarding of Tuition Waivers.

5.6 The Board of Governors shall receive an annual report that addresses the status of the athletic program which shall include a listing of reports filed with the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the West Virginia Council for Community College and Technical Education, and West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Section 6. Academics and Student-Athlete Welfare

6.1 The Board of Governors shall receive assurances that student-athletes are held to the same academic and social standards as other students, and that they have an opportunity to enjoy a well-balanced academic, social, and athletic experience as well as earn a degree.

Section 7. Compliance

7.1 The Board of Governors shall receive assurances that University, Policy Commission, Community College, conference, and NCAA rules and regulations are routinely followed.