



# SAAC

## STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### **What is SAAC?**

The student-athlete advisory committee is a group of student-athletes comprised of one representative from each sport at Eastern Illinois University. The committee meets periodically throughout the semester and is responsible for things such as voting on behalf of EIU student-athletes on legislation, community service projects, etc. EIU SAAC is a registered student organization.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the student athlete advisory council is to represent the student athletes on campus by addressing the issues affecting our education and athletic performance. It is our goal to enhance the athletic experience through active participation in policymaking and community outreach while delivering academic support to our athletes.

### **The Panther Oath**

#### **As Panther Student-athletes, we pledge to:**

- Pursue excellence in the classroom and in competition;
- Hold ourselves to the highest standards of sportsmanship;
- Demonstrate strong character and accountability for our conduct;
- Take pride in our university
- Honor and uphold the traditions of what it means to be a PANTHER!
- Appreciate the privilege of wearing Blue and Gray
- Support our fellow student-athletes in their pursuit of excellence;

- Be a Positive role model for our community;
- LEAD WITH INTEGRITY IN ALL OF YOUR ACTIONS

## **I am a Panther!**

### **SAAC Purpose**

**Tradition:** Uphold the traditions of the University and value the significance and privilege of being a PANTHER!

**Leadership:** Lead the way in the classroom, on the field, and in life.

**Communication:** Act as a vehicle to promote communication between the student-athletes and administration, coaches, and student body

**Integration:** Enhance the representation of SAAC in the University in order to develop the image of student-athletes and advance the relationship between student-athletes and the campus community.

### **SAAC By-Laws**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Composition – The membership of the SAAC will consist of one member from each varsity team.

Selection – Each academic year, coaches will be asked to select once individual to represent their respective teams on the SAAC. Consistency of membership is strongly encouraged and coaches should only replace individuals that are either graduating, have exhausted all eligibility or have exhibited behavior not consistent with representation of their team.

Duties and Responsibilities – Members will attend all meetings and functions of the SAAC Committee. The committee will meet monthly, with a provision for additional meetings as needed. SAAC members will serve as a liaison between the committee and his or her individual team. Each SAAC member is required

#### **GOVERNING RULE**

Guided by ethics, integrity, fairness, and a respect for diversity, we, as the EIU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will attend committee meetings fully prepared to represent the student-athletes of our respected teams honestly and fairly.



**President-** Leads all meetings and is the official contact for SAAC

**Vice President-** Assumes President Responsibilities as needed. Coordinates all special events or projects

**Secretary-**Records key points discussed at meetings & disseminates minutes to members

### **2009-2010 BOARD MEMEBERS**

PRESIDENT-Maggie Kloak Women's Basketball

Vice President- Megan Nelson Softball

Secretary- Rachel Hamilton Women's Soccer

### **Team Representatives**

Cam Strang Jr. - Baseball

Zavier Sanders-Men's Basketball

Maggie Kloak-Women's Basketball

\*Matt Dettloff-Men's Cross Country\*

\*Erin O'Grady-Women's Cross Country\*

Cory Leman-Football

Sean Dozier-Men's Golf

Veronica Bernier-Women's Golf

Coartney McKinney-Women's Rugby

Ian McCausland-Men's Soccer

Rachel Hamilton-Women's Soccer

Megan Nelson-Softball

Jamie Firth –Men's Tennis

Cara Huck-Women's Tennis

Preston Smith-Men's Track

Anci Borozan-Women's Track

Alex Zwettler-Volleyball

**\*\*OVC SAAC Representative\*\***