STUDENT ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose
The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), comprised of representatives from each team and the cheerleading squad, provides a communication link between these groups and the athletic administration. The Committee serves as a forum for education on departmental policies as well as an opportunity for discussion of issues or concerns pertinent to student-athletes. The Committee also exists to promote unity among student-athletes and to sponsor community service initiatives. Membership on the Committee fosters development of leadership skills by the representatives. Each representative is actively involved in creating a positive impact by the SAAC on the Athletic Department, the College and the local community.

Membership
The Committee is composed of two representatives from each team and the cheerleading squad. Selected athletic administrators are non-voting members of the committee. Each sport or representative group has one vote in all matters before the Committee.

Each year teams select their representatives for the upcoming year. Each member serves a one-year term. Individuals are permitted to serve multiple terms.

Any student-athlete is eligible for membership on the Committee. All interested students are encouraged to be involved, but each should carefully consider her/his academic and athletic responsibilities before making the additional commitment to membership on the Committee.

Officers
The Committee will elect (by majority vote or consensus) officers for the academic year. The officers and their respective duties are as follows:

- **President** - chair all Committee meetings and act as the official representative of the Committee.
- **Vice President** - assist President in all duties and serve as coordinator for special projects.
- **Secretary** - record and distribute the minutes of all meetings and maintain an accurate list serve for all committee members.
- **Finance Manager** – act as liaison to the administration regarding financial matters. Assist sponsors with oversight of record keeping with regard to Student Athlete Opportunity Fund disbursement. Oversee financial aspects of committee projects (e.g., collection of or disbursement of funds associated with projects). Present regular reports on finances to Committee.
- **CAA-SAAC Representative** – two representatives are selected each year to represent the W&M SAAC on the CAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The CAA-SAAC provides an opportunity for student-athletes to offer input to the Conference office regarding the policies that affect student-athletes, and to serve as a link to the NCAA SAAC. Representatives attend a two-day CAA meeting each fall.

Responsibilities
Each representative is expected to:

- attend all Committee meetings and activities;
- serve on a working committee within the committee structure;
- represent team views or concerns at Committee meetings;
• report to the team and coach relative to Committee discussions or decisions and distribute the minutes of the meeting when appropriate, and;
• organize team members to help with any special or service projects.

The Life Skills Coordinator is the liaison to the SAAC.