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*The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C.) and You*

***What is (or what should be) the SAAC?***

\*The student athletic advisory committee is a group of student-athletes representing each of the programs within your athletic department. These student leaders are committed to making your athletic department more efficient by serving as liaisons with the athletic administration. In addition, the SAAC should be the driving force in the department for campus or community service projects and charitable contributions to worthy causes.

***Why should the SID be involved in SAAC?***

\*For student-athletes, the SID is seen as a positive influence within the athletic department and one who can have an objective viewpoint. At times, student-athletes may be less willing to communicate issues to athletic administrators and/or coaches due to antagonistic stereotyping. By fostering productive relationships with student-athletes on the SAAC, the SID can be a non-threatening, bipartisan resource. The SID can often aid in helping students solve departmental or team issues by offering professional solutions and/or explaining the administrative viewpoint of an athletic department rule, regulation or practice.

\*The SID can help educate all student-athletes by funneling information through the SAAC representatives on potentially controversial topics including, but not limited to, hazing/initiation activities, alcohol/tobacco use, Facebook.com or Webshots.com. By helping to educate student-athletes in these areas, the SID could be saved from having to deal with the negative media attention that can come with issues revolving around these topics.

\*The SID can remain informed about the community service and charitable contribution projects that the SAAC is involved with and can use that information to generate positive publicity regarding your athletic teams and program.

\*The SID can use members of the SAAC as a resource to help publicize upcoming contests and/or promotions around campus and the community.

***Opportunities for developing the SID/SAAC relationship***

\*Attend the SAAC meetings on a regular basis to stay informed on what is happening outside the playing field. Get to know the leaders on each team.

\*Attend SAAC sponsored events such as community service projects or educational speakers.

\*Use your professional writing skills to help the SAAC develop a mission statement and code of conduct to help guide them in their endeavors.

\*Volunteer to be involved as a SAAC Advisor. Each campus should have one or two staff members dedicated to helping the members of the SAAC organize projects and solve campus issues.