

CS 3.2.11 - Control of Intercollegiate Athletics

The institution's chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate administrative and fiscal control over, the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

In January 2007, the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) officially applied and was accepted to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) by the NAIA Council of Presidents [i]. The long-held mission of the NAIA is to promote the education and development of well-rounded students and productive citizens through intercollegiate athletics.

In the spring of 2007, the Director of Athletics Development submitted a five-year plan that was vetted by the entire institution as well as appropriate community leaders. The plan was reviewed by administrative council and approved by the USC President. The Board of Trustees approved USC Beaufort initiating an intercollegiate athletics program in March 2007.

The plan outlines the development of athletics as budget and growth allows:

- Year 1 (2007-2008) Golf and Cross Country
- Year 2 (2008-2009) Baseball and Distance Track
- Year 3 (2009-2010) Softball
- Year 4 (2010-2011) Volleyball
- Year 5 (2011-2012) Men and Women's Soccer

After USC Board of Trustees approval, USC Beaufort announced the addition of varsity athletics. The first season of competition began in Fall 2007, with the first men's golf team and individuals in men and women's cross country. In addition, in August 2007, USC Beaufort hired a baseball coach to start the first baseball team and hired a student administrative assistant. Currently the USC Beaufort athletics department employs four staff members: the Director of Athletics Development who also serves as the Director of Athletics, the Assistant Athletics Director/Cross Country Coach, the Assistant Athletics Director/Baseball Coach, and a student administrative assistant.

The Director of Athletics Development is the Compliance Officer [ii] for Athletics. A USC Beaufort faculty member serves in the capacity of Faculty Athletics Representative as required by NAIA. The Director of Athletics Development serving as the Athletics Director has the responsibility for implementing USC Beaufort Athletics Policies and Procedures [iii].

The Chancellor of USC Beaufort has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate administrative and fiscal control over, the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. As detailed in the Board of Trustees Bylaws [iv], the Chancellor will "bear responsibility for fund raising, intercollegiate athletics, auxiliary enterprises, and alumni activities."

The Director of Athletics Development reports directly to the Chancellor [v]. The Athletics

budget is developed by the Director of Athletics Development in concert with the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations. The budget is approved by the Chancellor, and ultimately by the President of the USC System and the USC Board of Trustees as part of the budget process.

Supporting Documentation

- [i National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics](#)
- [ii National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Rules](#)
- [iii USC Beaufort Athletics Policies and Procedures](#)
- [iv Board of Trustees Bylaws Article II, Section 3, G.](#)
- [v USC Beaufort Organizational Chart](#)