



SAAC Mission Statement

"The mission of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the student-athlete college experience, promote community involvement, and maintain a positive image among the student-athletes."

UAFS SAAC STRATEGIC PLAN

Goals

The goals are outcome-oriented statements that provide direction and identify priorities the UAFS SAAC hopes to address in the immediate future. The achievement of each goal aids the group in supporting its mission statement. Each goal is accompanied by a set of key objectives that will help move the UAFS SAAC towards its desired future state which includes the following:

1. To improve communication at the national, conference, and institutional levels.

- Enhance student-athlete communication and awareness of the mission of SAAC.
- Find a way to create awareness and enthusiasm through SAAC using appropriate measures for our institution.
- Establish methods for inter-SAAC communication (i.e. list-serve, monthly minutes, job descriptions/responsibilities, etc...).
- Encourage greater involvement with national issues & legislation.

2. Promote an understanding of the role of the Division II student-athlete.

- Encourage campus and conference SAACs to establish mentoring as a priority that provides academic support to student-athletes and future student-athletes.
- Participate in the NCAA National SAAC Initiative.
- Present SAACs mission statement and summary of activities it promotes to all student-athletes.
- Distribute informational flyers to campus and community organizations and create and/or maintain a website that provides information related to SAAC.

3. Promote an atmosphere within SAAC that encourages and welcomes unity among all student-athletes.

- Strive to ensure that each sport is represented and has an equal voice on the campus SAAC.
- Actively engage our faculty athletic representative, coaching staff and athletic administrators in the workings of the campus SAAC.

4. Ensure student-athletes are active participants in the governance of Division II intercollegiate athletics at the conference and national level.

- Encourage student-athlete understanding of and involvement in legislation at the conference level.
- Include a student-athlete representative at Heartland Conference business sessions.