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Governance and Administration: 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.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Narrative

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Angelo State University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Division II Lone Star Conference and abides by the rules and regulations of both organizations. The NCAA Constitution, Article 2.1.1, requires the chief executive officer of the institution to be “responsible for all aspects of athletics program administration, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.”

ASU OP 20.02, Intercollegiate Athletics, states that the “President of the University shall provide direction to the athletic department to ensure compliance with all applicable rules, regulations, bylaws and laws governing intercollegiate athletics.” Additionally, as written in ASU OP 01.03, Organization of Angelo State University, and as indicated in the ASU Organization Chart, the athletic director reports directly to the president, indicating that the president has oversight of the athletics program.

The Athletics Department also publishes the Angelo State Athletic Department Policies and Procedures manual, which is updated annually. The manual clearly describes the president’s oversight of the Athletic Council (Section 2.0) and delineates policies for ensuring compliance with all NCAA and Lone Star Conference rules and regulations (Section 8.0). Appendix A includes an organizational chart illustrating the reporting relationships between the president and the athletics staff. As shown, the athletic director reports directly to the president, and the director of athletics compliance reports to the athletic director (Athletics Department Organization Chart). Appendix B of the manual includes position descriptions for all athletics department staff, including the athletics director and the director of athletics compliance.

Athletics development and fundraising is addressed in Section 5.0 of the manual. The Angelo State Athletic Foundation (ASAF), a separate 501(c)(3) entity, is designated as the only fundraising organization for athletics, and all funds raised by the ASAF are reported through the ASU Development Office. All athletics development and fundraising activities must be approved by the athletic director and reported to the vice president for development and alumni relations, who in turn reports to the ASU president.

In accordance with ASU OP 20.02, the president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletic compliance, and athletics director meet annually with all athletics department personnel to discuss new rules, interpretations of rules, the need for strict adherence to the rules, and the consequences of noncompliance. A representative agenda and presentation on athletic program compliance from the August 2011 meeting are attached.