Skyline College
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
(Skyline College-SAAC)

RATIONALE: In 1989 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) adopted a nationwide Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The purpose of the SAAC was to ensure that “the student-athlete voice accounted for the myriad of educational and athletics experiences both female and male student-athletes at a variety of NCAA member institutions.” While the needs and resources between the NCAA and the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) certainly differ, the experience and input of the student-athlete should be the same. The majority of students participating at Skyline College identify as students of color. While administration, faculty and coaches have the best of intentions, it’s important to have diverse student voices be able to more directly participate in the operational and policy decisions that form their athletic experience.

PURPOSE: The Skyline-SAAC will serve as a representative of the between 150-170 student-athletes that participate at Skyline College each academic year. The Skyline College-SAAC will bring forth suggestions and concerns regarding the student-athlete experience at Skyline College that will be incorporated into planning, policy and operational documents and, when necessary, brought to the attention of senior campus and district leadership.

MAKE-UP: The Skyline College-SAAC will be a student-athlete centered committee, made up of one student-athlete from each Skyline College sponsored sport. The teams will nominate their representative. Along with the one student-athlete from each team, there shall be one coach, one athletic trainer and the Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance that will serve in an advisory role.

ROLES: The Skyline College-SAAC will be a student-athlete run committee. It should be formed through the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC). The student-athletes should drive the processes and discussions at each meeting. The representatives from Skyline College athletic staff shall serve in an advisory capacity, answering questions related to their various fields of expertise, as well as report back with suggestions and concerns of the Skyline College-SAAC.

MEETINGS: The Skyline College-SAAC shall meet monthly. The Skyline College-SAAC student-athlete members shall nominate one male and one female athlete to serve as the representatives for the Skyline College-SAAC, making periodic appearances at division meetings and other campus-wide functions as necessary.