

3. Statement on Interuniversity Athletics - Laurentian University

It was

Moved: K. Millar

Seconded: J.S. Daniel

that Senate adopt the following objectives, principles and policies on interuniversity athletics as described in the June 1986 Statement on Interuniversity Athletics at Laurentian University, subject to the availability of financial resources:

OBJECTIVES

The following objectives provide a direction for inter-university athletics at Laurentian University. They reflect the philosophy of competitive sport within the academic community. There has been no intention to indicate a priority by the order in which they are listed.

- a) To provide students with the means to develop athletic excellence while striving to attain academic goals.
- b) To promote Laurentian University.

- c) To provide an exemplary sports phenomenon with which Canadians and Sudburians can identify.
- d) To promote a positive relationship between the Community at large and Laurentian University.
- e) To provide an opportunity for all associated with interuniversity sport at Laurentian University to develop through competition an awareness and appreciation of the diversities of Canada and also of its people.
- f) To contribute to the total development of the students at Laurentian University.
- g) To promote a healthy life style and enhance student life at Laurentian.
- h) To contribute to the educational experience of students in the School of Human Movement, the Sports Administration Programme and other related disciplines by providing the opportunity for field experience in coaching, promotion and event organization.

PRINCIPLES

The Principles listed below provide the ground rules and parameters which the Department of Interuniversity Athletics will use in attaining the stated objectives.

- a) The academic integrity of the student athlete is of paramount importance.
- b) Student athletes should be treated no differently than any other students but should not be penalized for representing Laurentian University in interuniversity athletics.
- c) The University, the Division of Physical Education and the Department of Interuniversity Athletics are committed to providing the best possible atmosphere in which to pursue athletic excellence.
- d) Equality of opportunity shall exist for men and women in all aspects of the interuniversity athletic programme.
- e) Experience at Laurentian University and other institutions has demonstrated that academic/athletic pursuit is best when the coach is a full-time employee of the institution. The essential link between academics and athletics is best provided when the coach is a faculty

appointment. Provision should be made to retain such links whenever possible.

- f) The health and well being of the student athlete are of prime importance and essential services including athletic therapy must be provided through Health Services.
- g) The Sport Canada/CIAU policy on banned drugs shall apply to student athletes at Laurentian University.

POLICIES

The procedure for the implementation of the principle statements is provided in the policies which follow.

- a) Tutoring and academic counselling should be available to all students and is especially important to student athletes whose commitment to university athletics reduces the amount of time available for study.
- b) The academic eligibility requirement for participation in interuniversity athletics shall be the minimum requirements for acceptance and/or continuation in a programme, as defined by the Academic Senate for the programme in which the student athlete is registered.
- c) For the purpose of athletic eligibility the acceptable definition of full-time student shall be that which is determined by the Academic Senate of the institution for all students in all programmes.
- d) The eligibility of student athletes shall comply with the rules of the Interuniversity Athletic Conferences and/or Associations of which Laurentian is a member.
- e) The administrative structure of the Department of Athletics shall provide for positions which function in support of both the men's and women's programmes. The co-ordinators of men's and women's athletics shall be equal in their responsibilities and authority as it relates to their specific programmes. Both shall be accountable to the Chairperson of Athletics.
- f) Financial support should be coincident with a programme of athletic excellence and shall be provided by the university, with assistance from student fees.
- g) Publicity and promotion of interuniversity sport is a responsibility of the Department of Interuniversity Athletics.

- h) An Athletic Council with representation from the community, alumni, faculty, students and the athletic department shall function in support of both men's and women's interuniversity athletic programmes.
- i) The university recognizes the need for the continued education and upgrading of coaches, who request assistance for such activities.
- j) The Department of Athletics shall make adequate provision for assistant coaches where required.
- k) Recruitment of student athletes is an essential aspect of coaching responsibilities.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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