Bylaws of
The University of Southern Mississippi
Athletics Compliance Committee

ARTICLE I

Name
The name of this organization shall be The University of Southern Mississippi Athletics Compliance Committee.

ARTICLE II

Objectives
Section 1. The objective of the Committee shall be to serve as an advisory body to the University President on issues related to the compliance of intercollegiate athletics with University, conference, and NCAA policies and rules.

Section 2. Specifically, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

a. Consult and advise in the creation and implementation of policies and procedures to assist intercollegiate athletics' compliance with University, conference, and NCAA policies and rules as they relate to admission requirements, progress toward graduation standards, recruiting, financial aid, and the integrity of the course of study for students engaged in intercollegiate athletics.

b. Provide counsel to the President on decisions related to the allocation of institutional resources to intercollegiate athletics compliance.

c. Provide appropriate counsel to the President in cases in which it appears that faculty members or administrators have failed to comply with academic integrity in order to promote athletic programs.

d. Provide appropriate counsel to the President in cases in which it appears that faculty members or administrators have failed to observe University, conference, and NCAA policies and rules related to student-athletes.

e. Provide appropriate counsel to the President related to compliance with programs that protect the health and safety of student-athletes.
f. Support and promote unity among athletics, academics and the entire University community.

g. Help ensure the existence of a University-wide culture of shared responsibility regarding intercollegiate athletics.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Subject to appointment by the University President, the following shall be members of the Committee:

- The Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) selected by the President.
- One representative from the Office of the Provost.
- One representative from the Office of Financial Aid.
- The Director of Compliance and Ethics.
- One representative from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- One representative from the Office of the Registrar.
- The Senior Athletic Academic Officer.
- One Head Coach of an athletic sport.
- The Athletic Director.
- The Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services.
- One faculty member other than the FAR.
- The Senior Athletic Compliance Administrator.
- Assistant Vice President for International Programs or his/her designee.
- One additional member from the Office of Athletics Compliance.

ARTICLE IV

Organizational Structure

Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Chair and the Vice-Chair may be any member elected by the Committee members. The role of the Chair shall include but not be limited to the following:

- The Chair shall preside over meetings.
- The Chair shall serve as liaison between the Committee and the University President.

The Vice-Chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall monitor the taking and maintenance of the meeting minutes.
Section 2. The Committee is responsible for oversight and consultation regarding matters related to the Athletics Program’s compliance with University, conference, and NCAA rules and regulations.

Section 3. The Committee will be advised of the status of all active conference and NCAA rules violations and the implications to the University.

Section 4. The Committee will be kept apprised of all relevant new NCAA legislation.

ARTICLE V

Officers Term Limits

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected by the Committee at its first meeting of each new academic year and shall serve for a one-year term to begin immediately upon selection. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be eligible for reselection, limited only by their appointment to serve as a member of the Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. The Committee shall meet a minimum of quarterly throughout the academic year.

Section 2. The Senior Athletic Compliance Administrator and the Chair shall collaborate on setting the agenda and coordinating the place and timing of the meetings.

Section 3. A simple majority of Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 5. If a Committee member is unable to attend Committee meetings for an extended period of time (e.g., a semester), the University President may appoint an alternate member who will have voting privileges.

ARTICLE VII

Staff Support

Staff support will be provided by the Department of Athletics. Staff support will take the minutes of the Committee meetings and maintain Committee archives. The Director of Athletics' office will provide the agenda, meeting notification to members, and make copies needed for the meetings.
ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

If need arises for reference to a parliamentary authority, the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Committee may adopt. The Committee's intent is that informality, good manners, and good sense shall determine procedures at Committee meetings.

ARTICLE IX

Annual Report

Annual reports shall be organized and reported by the Chair to the Committee on Committees by July 1st of each year.

ARTICLE X

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. All amendments must be submitted to the University President for approval.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of May, 2015.