6. Describe the process by which the institution makes major decisions regarding intercollegiate athletics. In so doing, describe the role and authority of the institution's governing board, the president or chancellor, the athletics board or committee (if one exists), the faculty athletics representative(s), the director of athletics, and any other appropriate campus constituencies (e.g., faculty, students, institutional personnel involved in rules-compliance activities) in this process.

While many Troy University employees have roles to play in major athletics decisions made by the University, the final responsibility for all major decisions rests with the Chancellor. In 2001, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the Chancellor's role through passage of a resolution giving the Chancellor "full responsibility for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program."

The Director of Athletics reports directly to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration. The Director of Athletics submits proposed initiatives and changes in policies/procedures to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration for review. These proposals are forwarded to the Chancellor for final review. In addition, the Faculty Athletics Representative participates in the process by meeting regularly with the Director of Athletics and Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration to provide input. Examples of some of the major decisions that received final review/approval from the Chancellor include budget approval, football game contracts, conference affiliation, hiring of all professional, full-time athletic staff, the decision to compete at the NCAA Division I-A level, and the decision to add new programs or sports.

Troy University has several groups or individuals external to the Department of Athletics who provide meaningful input in formulation of policies and are charged with periodic review of policy implementation:

- The Troy University Board of Trustees appoints an Athletics Policy Committee that meets with the Director of Athletics 2-4 times each year and plays a key role in formulating policy for the department.

- The Director of Athletics is a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet that meets twice monthly. Other members of the cabinet include senior vice chancellors and the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. The Cabinet exercises input into the operations of the Department of Athletics, especially regarding how it relates to other areas of the University, such as academics and student services.

- The Director of Athletics meets regularly with the Council of Deans to monitor the relationship between academics and athletics at Troy University.

- The University Registrar monitors the eligibility of student-athletes.

- The Associate Registrar for the Troy Campus certifies the academic standing and satisfactory progress of each student-athlete.
- The Dean of Enrollment Services is responsible for admitting all students, including student-athletes, and is responsible for the special admittance program.

- The Director of Financial Aid is responsible for awards of all athletics grants-in-aid.

In addition to the previously cited roles of the Board of Trustees and its Athletics Policy Committee and the Chancellor, meaningful contributions to the formulation of policies and the periodic review of policy implementation include the Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration, the Faculty Athletics Representative, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Athletics Advisory Committee, the Faculty Council, as well as various standing and ad hoc committees involved in the cycle of institutional effectiveness and re-accreditation.

7. Please provide the composition of the athletics board or committee, if one exists, including titles and positions.

Appointed representatives (9)
Ms. Wini Morgan, Student
Mr. Jonathan Stinson, Student
Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Faculty at-large
Dr. Lance Tatum, Faculty Athletics Representative
Dr. Janet Pate, Faculty Advisory Council representative
Dr. Edith Smith, Faculty at-large
Mr. Sherrill Crowe, Alumnus/Athletics contributor
Mr. Jason Reeves, Alumnus/Athletics contributor
Mr. Walter Hennigan, Alumnus/Athletics contributor

Members by Position (3):
Dr. Doug Patterson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration
Dr. John Schmidt, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Services
Mr. James Bookout, Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs

Resource Persons (3):
Mr. Steve Dennis, Director of Athletics
Mr. Scott Farmer, Senior Associate Director of Athletics
Ms. Sandy Atkins, Senior Woman Administrator

Information to be available for review by the peer-review team, if requested:

- Minutes of athletics board or committee meetings.
- Composition of the institution’s governing board (including titles and positions).
- Minutes of the institution’s governing board meetings. (Please flag those that relate to the athletics program or athletics interests.)
- Published policies of the institution’s governing board. (Please flag those that relate to the athletics program or athletics interests.)
- An institutional organizational chart and an athletics department organizational chart.

Evaluation

1. Does the institution demonstrate that the institution’s governing board provides oversight and broad policy formulation for intercollegiate athletics in a manner consistent with other units of the institution? Currently Yes

2. Does the institution demonstrate that the president or chancellor is assigned ultimate responsibility and authority for the operation and personnel of the athletics program? Currently Yes