**3356-6-03 Ensuring board oversight on intercollegiate athletics.**

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Responsible Division/Office: Intercollegiate Athletics

Responsible Officer: President

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(A) Policy statement. The board of trustees will properly oversee athletics at Youngstown state university. Steps to ensure such oversight will be enumerated and followed.

(B) Action steps. The board of trustees carries out its oversight through the following actions:

(1) Delegating administrative responsibility for intercollegiate athletics and its management to the office of the president and lending its full and public support to the president in the execution of his/her duties.

(2) Approving, with the president, standards of accountability and benchmarks against which to measure the success of the intercollegiate athletics program, in particular, those related to the academic performance and progress of the student-athletes and reviewing the same at least annually.

(3) Holding the president responsible for the appropriate execution of those responsibilities, assessing presidential performance during periodic reviews.

(4) Reviewing and approving the intercollegiate athletics budget as part of the regular institutional budget process, including revenue, expenditures, compensation procedures for athletic director and coaches, debt capacity, and gift policies, in keeping with the board of trustees’ overall responsibility as financial stewards of the institution.

(5) Reviewing and approving the intercollegiate athletics’ mission statement that reflects the university’s mission and academic values.

(6) Including in new board member orientation an overview of the intercollegiate athletics department and review of all policies.

(7) Ensuring the full integration of the intercollegiate athletics department into the administrative structure of the university.

(8) Periodically conducting a review of governance policies related to intercollegiate athletics.

(9) Ensuring the proper independent oversight of all funds raised and expended by booster clubs and affiliated organizations.

(10) Monitoring the compensation packages and contract terms of the athletic director and head coaches of major sports and ensuring compensation policies are consistent with the university’s overall standards.