

GLATA STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Chair: Student Senate Chair

Selection: Selected by GLATA Student Senate

Chair Term: Appointed for one-year term, renewable for additional terms while still serving on the student senate.

Chair Evaluation: President and President-Elect, with consult from the GSS.

Committee Composition: 2 Student senators from each state as selected by individual state process.

Board Liaisons: President and President-Elect

Student senate will operate according to GSS Bylaws:

I. Mission Statement

The Mission of the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association (GLATA) Student Senate (GSS) is to organize educational programs and opportunities to meet the needs of the GLATA students, and to develop the athletic training leaders of tomorrow.

II. Definition of a Student

- A. A Student is defined as a current GLATA member who is currently attending either an undergraduate or entry level masters accredited Athletic Training Education Program, or a student who has graduated from an undergraduate accredited Athletic Training program and is enrolled at an institute of higher education on a full or part-time basis (defined by the institutions hourly policy). A student may not be employed as a full-time Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) or state Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT), unless as a Graduate Assistant.

III. Number of GLATA Student Senators

- A. The GSS will include two Student Representatives from each state, comprising a 12 member rotating GSS.
- B. The GSS will include one at large non-voting member that will serve as a district liaison to the NATA. This individual will also assume the NATA position on the National Athletic Trainers' Student Committee (NATSC) for the fourth district of NATA.
- C. Each undergraduate Student Senator will serve a two-year term with the potential for a two-year renewal depending on the individual state associations' selection process. Students in entry-level masters Athletic Training Education Programs should not be discouraged to apply if they have one year remaining in their Athletic Training Education Program; they must state that they are interested in

serving a 12 month term. These cases will be reviewed on an individual basis. Each Student Senator must be a student in either an undergraduate accredited Athletic Training Education Program, entry level masters accredited Athletic Training Education Program, or enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education at the completion of their term.

IV. Selection of Student Senators

- A. Each year, the second year voting senators will be replaced by a new student senator from their respective state. The remaining six voting student senators will remain for leadership continuity and mentorship for the incoming Student Senators.
- B. The At-Large GSS member can be from any state in District 4 and must be a student. This GSS member will be selected through the process established by the NATSC. The GSS will receive applications for this position by February 4th of the selection year. The top three candidates will be ranked and forwarded to the NATSC Chair and the District Director by February 18th. The District Director will announce a final selection for this position no later than March 15th. The term of this GSS member is concurrent with their term on the NATSC and will be filled accordingly.
- C. Student Senators are to be recommended by the State Representative, through means determined by the individual state, and confirmed by the GLATA Executive Council at the GLATA Winter Meeting.
- D. Each state will have until February 1 to interview and select one Student Senator and provide the GLATA Student Senate Chair with the name and contact information of the nominated student that will be presented for approval by a majority vote of the GLATA Executive Council at the GLATA Winter Meeting each year.
- E. Student Senators must reside in the state they represent for at least the first 12 months of their term and must be a member of their state organization for the entirety of their term.
- F. If for any reason a Student Senator does not fulfill their complete term, the GLATA State Representative will present an interim Student Senator candidate for approval by the GLATA Executive Council if more than 12 months remain of the term. If less than one-year remains of the term, the Senate seat will remain vacant until regular appointment of a replacement takes place. The GLATA Student Senate Chair will be responsible for communicating any vacancies to the GLATA State Representatives.

V. Selection of GLATA Student Senate Advisors

- A. The Student Senate Advisors must be individuals currently associated with an athletic training education program within District IV (may be an Approved Clinical Instructor, ACI).

- B. Each GLATA Student Senate Advisor candidate will submit a GLATA Student Senate Advisor application to the GLATA Student Senate Secretary by December 1st. A vote on the candidates will occur during the December GLATA Student Senate Conference Call. The recommendation of the GLATA Student Senate will be sent by the Chair to the GLATA President.
- C. GLATA Student Senate will submit their candidate to the GLATA Executive Council for final approval by February 1st. The GLATA Executive Council must approve all Student Senate Advisor candidate nominations. Upon approval the new GSS Advisor will be contacted by GSS Chair to notify of their appointment.
- D. The GLATA Student Senate Chair will nominate a Student Senate Advisor each applicable year to the Executive Council for approval, upon the recommendations of the Student Senate.
- E. The two Student Senate Advisors' terms will be staggered to provide an annual rotation. Each appointed Student Senate Advisor will serve a three-year term.

VI. Election of GLATA Student Senate Executives

- A. The Student Senate Executives will consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Nominations for Executives will be taken by the Chair throughout the Winter Meeting and elected by a majority vote of the Student Senate.
- C. The ranking system of candidates, as delineated in the GLATA Student Senate Policies and Procedures Manual, will be used if there is a tie vote for any of the four executive officers.

VII. Organizational Structure

- A. The GSS reports to the GLATA Executive Council via the GSS Chair.
- B. The GSS Chair will appoint a first year Student Senator to the positions of Winter Meeting Co-Coordinator, Quiz Bowl Co-Coordinator, Sponsorship and Donations Co-Coordinator to serve two years.
- C. The GSS Chair will appoint a Webmaster and BOC Exam Coordinator to serve one year. These appointments will be made following the election of new officers and prior to the end of the GLATA Winter Meeting.
- D. All elected and appointed GSS positions will report directly to the GSS Chair who will report directly to the GLATA President and President-Elect.
- E. The GSS Winter Meeting Co-Coordination report to the GLATA Winter Meeting Co-Coordination for all communications pertaining to the GLATA Winter

Meeting. All financial reporting regarding the GLATA Winter Meeting will be communicated through the GLATA Winter Meeting Co-Coordiators.

- F. The GSS Treasurer will report to the GSS Chair who will report all budgetary information to the GLATA Executive Council via the Finance Committee.
- G. The GSS Webmaster will work directly with the GLATA Webmaster/Website Manager to update and keep current the GSS page(s) of the GLATA website.

VIII. Amendments

- A. The Student Senate will present by-law revisions after consultation with the GSS Advisors and a $2/3$ vote of the GSS. The GLATA Executive Council must then approve, by a vote, all changes to the by-laws.
- B. All changes to the GSS Policies and Procedures must be approved with a majority vote of the GSS. These changes must then be presented to the GLATA Executive Board for review.