

**Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association
Student Senate
Constitution and By-Laws**

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association (MAATA) Student Senate is to provide students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and prepare future leaders within the athletic training profession. This organization will give a voice to the students within the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association.

ARTICLE I - Student Membership

- Section 1: The MAATA Student Senate will be comprised of two student representatives from each state included in the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association. The District of Columbia will be included with the State of Maryland.
- Section 2: Students must be currently enrolled in an accredited Athletic Training Program, as determined by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, within the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association.
- Section 3: Students must be in good standing within his/her Athletic Training Program, as determined by the respective Athletic Training Program Director.
- Section 4: Students will be selected for this position during the Fall of his/ her first year in the Athletic Training Program. In the case of a replacement position, the MAATA Student Senate Faculty Advisors may waive this requirement to ensure appropriate state representation with staggered student terms.
- Section 5: Students will have been selected based upon the appropriate application procedures and selection process.
- Section 6: Students must be current members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association throughout his/her entire senate role.
- Section 7: An equal number of students from each state will remain on the Student Senate and come off of the Student Senate on an annual basis to allow for staggered terms.
- Section 8: Student members are voting members of the MAATA Student Senate.

ARTICLE II – Faculty Advisors

- Section 1: The Lead Faculty Advisor will be selected by the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association. This individual will also serve as the Chair of the student program which is part of the annual symposium, and as a member of the education planning committee .
- Section 2: The Co-Faculty Advisor will be selected by the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association after recommendation by the Lead Faculty Advisor
- Section 3: The Faculty Advisors must be Athletic Trainers in good standing with the Board of Certification, Inc.
- Section 4: Faculty Advisors must meet appropriate State Credentials for his/her respective states.

Section 5: Faculty Advisors must be current members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association throughout his/her entire senate role.

Section 6: Faculty Advisors are non-voting members of the Student Senate except in the case of senate selections.

ARTICLE III – Positions of Office

Section 1: The Senate Chair will be a second-year student member of the MAATA Student Senate. This position will be elected by the members of the student senate. This individual will represent the Student Senate in the MAATA District Council. The Senate Chair cannot represent the MAATA on the National Athletic Trainers' Association Student Leadership Committee (NATASLC).

Section 2: The Senate Vice- Chair will be a second year member of the MAATA Student Senate and will be elected by the members of the student senate. This individual will act in the place of the Senate Chair when he/she is unavailable.

ARTICLE IV- Voting

Section 1: Only voting members of the MAATA Student Senate are eligible.

Section 2: All votes will be tallied based upon the majority rule of those students submitting a vote.

Section 3: All ballots will be secret to the rest of the student senate, except for the Faculty Advisors.

Section 4: Students may only vote once in each election.

Section 5: The Faculty Advisors will vote in all elections; however, the votes will not count except in the case of a student tie. If a tie still exists following the use of the Faculty Advisors' votes, the MAATA District President will have the deciding vote.

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Section 1: Student Selection

1. Students interested in applying for vacant positions on the student senate must follow the application procedures.
 - a. Applications must be submitted in their entirety as directed by the due date.
 - b. Applications must be submitted electronically.
2. Selection Process:
 - a. The designated Faculty Advisor will advertise a vacancy(s) on the student senate.
 - b. Students will apply electronically to the designated Faculty Advisor of the Student Senate.
 - c. The designated Faculty Advisor will compile all applications and forward them to:
 - i. Each current Student Senator
 - ii. Each Student Senate Faculty Advisor
 - iii. The respective State President
 - d. An electronic survey will be distributed to the individuals listed under 2c above.
 - e. Selection of the student senator will be based upon eight (8) total votes:
 - i. Faculty Advisor
 - ii. Co-Faculty Advisor
 - iii. State President
 - iv. Current Student Senators (5)
 - f. In the case of a tie among the eight votes, the MAATA District President will have the final selection based upon a review of the student application.
 - g. In the case of a conflict of interest by a Faculty Advisor, the Faculty Advisor will not vote and the total votes possible will be decreased by one.
 - h. In the case of a conflict of interest by the State President, the President will defer his/her vote to that of the state Vice-President. Additional conflicts of interest will result in the State President choosing a member of his/her executive council to vote in his or her place.
3. Student Vacancy
 - a. In the event of an unscheduled vacancy on the student senate, the position will be filled as follows:
 - i. If the position occurs within the first year of the senate term (November 1st - January 1st), a call for applications will occur to complete the term of the senator that has resigned from his / her position.
 1. This student must complete the entire application and selection process.
 - ii. If the position occurs in the second half of the first year (January 2nd - May 31st), responsibilities will be absorbed by the current student senators.
 - iii. If the position vacancy occurs during the second year of the senate term (June 1st - May 31st), the responsibilities will be absorbed by the current student senators.

- b. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Senate Chair Position, the Senate Vice Chair will become the Senate Chair.
 - c. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Vice Chair position, a call for nominations will occur within the student senate and a Vice Chair will be selected by his/ her peers.
4. Reporting Procedures:
- a. All correspondence should include all senators and advisors unless otherwise requested.
5. Senate Chair Responsibilities:
- a. Senate Chair is elected as above to direct meetings.
 - b. Serve as primary contact to Faculty Advisors.
 - c. Represent the Student Senate at all MAATA District Council Meetings (if class schedule allows).
 - d. Create and maintain the current directory of all student organizations in District III to be available to all students.
 - e. Develop plans for the future student program portion of the MAATA District III Meeting.
 - f. Develop committee to serve as social contact at each District III meeting to facilitate student contact and interaction.
 - g. Update and maintain the procedures for future Student Senate members with the assistance of the student senate members.
6. Senate Vice Chair Responsibilities:
- a. Act in the place of the senate chair when the senate chair is unavailable.
 - b. Correspondence as required.
 - c. Determine guest speakers for monthly Senate meetings.
7. Senate Member Responsibilities:
- a. Confirm contact information with faculty advisor.
 - b. Contact the state president to discuss expectations.
 - c. Serve as the primary contact individual between the MAATA Student Senate and his/her respective state president in order to compile current information from each state.
 - d. Attend all State Board Meetings when applicable and permitted by the respective state president.
 - e. Compile current information from each ATP in respective states.
 - f. Compile current information from each ATP club in respective states.
 - g. Disseminate current information from the NATA and MAATA to the ATPs of each state.
 - h. Maintain committee responsibilities through contact with Faculty Advisors and Senate Chair.
 - i. Organization and administration of the Student Program at the MAATA District Symposium.