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1. 2020-2021 Committee Members

Gord Hopper (Curtis Atkinson and Sandy Slavin departed): Canada West; Brian Burque: OUA; Joey Sabo: RSEQ; Jeff Speedy: AUS; Tara Hahto: U SPORTS

2. Mandate

The Committee's role is to assist management in fulfilling its responsibilities related to the Athletic Financial Awards that are provided to U SPORTS student-athletes.

The Committee is an advisor to management, the Board and the Members on all matters related to Athletic Financial Awards. The Committee may establish sub-committees or task forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee.

3. Responsibilities

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- a) Assist management in the administration, interpretation and monitoring for compliance of Athletic Financial Awards (AFA) Policies and Procedures.
- b) Recommend changes to Athletic Financial Awards (AFA) Policies and Procedures for consideration of management, the Membership, and ultimate review and approval by the Board.
- c) Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management

4. Year in Review

The AFA Committee was responsible for several key issues during the 2020-2021 academic year:

- U SPORTS COVID Bridge Transfer Policy (joint with the Eligibility Committee)
- Academic All-Canadian Criteria, particularly with respect to changes in athletic opportunities and grading scheme changes
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- Academic requirements for AFA qualification / requalification

These changes required significant attention from the Committee, as they largely dealt with changes due to COVID,



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whether those be academic – for example, grading scales – or athletic – student-athlete circumstances changing due to the pandemic. In addition to the bridge policy changes, the AFA Committee acted as resources to the U SPORTS membership when assisting with interpreting policies in this landscape.