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## BY-LAWS

### Gulf Coast Athletic Conference

#### ARTICLE I

##### Name

The name of this organization shall be the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

#### ARTICLE II

##### Purpose

The purpose of the conference will be to regulate and promote all recognized activities of intercollegiate athletics sponsored by member institutions through the maintenance of high standards of honor, integrity, and fair play. All member institutions agree to pursue the highest standards of ethical conduct and personal integrity in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Membership

Section 1. The following institutions are charter members of this conference:

Belhaven College  
Dillard University  
Louisiana College  
Spring Hill College  
Tougaloo College  
William Carey College  
Xavier University

Additional members are:

Mobile College/University of Mobile added on October 1, 1985;

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) added on October 8, 1986;

Loyola University, added on April 3, 1995;

Talledega College, added April 29, 1999, withdrew August 12, 2002;

Louisiana State University-Shreveport, added on April 25, 2000;

Louisiana College, withdrew May 31, 2000.

Belhaven College, withdrew May 31, 1999, rejoined April 30, 2002;

Section 2. Any four-year private college or university in the Gulf Coast area which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and which has the sponsorship of a member school may apply for membership. Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is excepted from the provision that all member schools must be private.

Section 3. New members may be admitted by a two-thirds vote of the entire conference at a regular or special meeting of the conference, provided that application has been made by the president of the applying institution or his representative to the Commissioner at least thirty days prior to the meeting and notice sent to all conference members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A letter of sponsorship from the president of the sponsoring institution, or his representative, must accompany the application.

Section 4. Member institutions may be dismissed from the conference by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting.

Thirty days written notice of intent to make a motion of dismissal shall be given to the president of the institution subjected to such a motion. Such institution shall be given the opportunity to state its case at the meeting considering the motion to dismiss.

Section 5. Any member institution may resign from the conference after giving thirty days written notice of intent to do so to all other members. Such resignation shall not be accepted after April 1 for the next school year and shall not release the institution from playing all scheduled athletic contests with member schools for the year following the resignation, except by the consent of each individual school.

#### ARTICLE IV Representation

Section 1. Each member of the conference shall be represented by one delegate who shall be entitled to cast the vote of his or her institution at conference meetings. This vote shall be cast by the president of the institution or, in his or her absence, by the faculty athletic representative, or, in the absence of both, by that institution's delegate, as designated by its president. Faculty athletic representatives, athletic directors and coaches of the member institutions may attend all meetings of the conference and participate in discussions whether entitled to vote or not.

Section 2. Only paid-up members may exercise their voting privileges.

Section 3. Any member of the conference failing twice in succession to be represented at the regular meetings of the conference may be dropped from membership.

#### ARTICLE V Officers

The officers of the conference shall be a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and commissioner, conference faculty athletic representative, and conference registrar. All officers shall be elected at the regular spring meeting.













