Mission Statement

The Friends of Skidmore Athletics (FOSA) initiative promotes the ongoing improvement of the College's athletics program through financial and programmatic support. Under the guidance of the Athletic Director and the Office of Advancement, a committee of alumni, parents, coaches and friends are committed to enhancing the athletics experience at Skidmore for current student-athletes ensuring they can compete and succeed at the highest level.

FOSA Membership:

All alumni who participated in Athletics during their time at Skidmore are considered members of FOSA.

FOSA Chair Responsibilities:

The Chair will serve for two years and will be responsible to set and advance goals for FOSA for the year, with priority given to the Thoroughbred Cup. The Chair will work with committee chairs on the Thoroughbred Cup and prepare and present the yearly report to the committee. The Chair will meet twice a year with the Advisory Board and have monthly calls with the Athletic Director, Advancement Office Representative and others as needed to review FOSA Activities.

FOSA Advisory Board:

The FOSA Advisory Board will be made up of the FOSA Chair/Co-Chairs, FOSA Representative on the Alumni Board, the Athletic director, members from the Advancement Office and Athletic Department, five FOSA committee members, sub-committee chairs, two parent representatives, three coaches, and other ad-hoc members as deemed necessary.

FOSA Committee Members:

The FOSA Committee will consist of all Team Alumni Representatives, Parent Representatives, members of the Athletic Department, and other members deemed appropriate. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Possess a strong personal commitment to the success of Skidmore athletics
2. Be an advocate for their respective program
3. Commit to serve a two-year term
4. Help identify new members for the Committee

FOSA Alumni Representative Responsibilities:

1. Make an effort to attend in the Hall of Fame weekend, Thoroughbred Cup and other regional events when possible
2. Participate in the two FOSA Committee meetings (one on campus, one via conference call)
3. Engage in fiscal yearend fundraising via emails, letters, phone calls and social media
4. Promote regional FOSA events, Hall of Fame and Thoroughbred Cup
5. Contribute to the Thoroughbred Cup in some capacity: be a player, donate, or recruit via social media outlets, email and phone calls
6. Play a role in current student-athletes and alumni career development and networking
**FOSA Parent Representative Responsibilities:**

1. Make an effort to participate in the Hall of Fame weekend, Thoroughbred Cup and other regional events when possible
2. Participate in the two FOSA Committee meetings (one on campus, one via conference call)
3. Engage in fiscal yearend fundraising via emails, letters, phone calls and social media
4. Act as a liaison between other team parents and Skidmore – update parents on events, sponsorship opportunities and other Skidmore news

**Sub committees and other Volunteer Roles:**

A) **Thoroughbred Cup Subcommittee (4 to 6 Members minimum)**

This Subcommittee will collaborate closely with the Office of Donor Relations to put on the annual golf and tennis event. Members will:

1. Set goals for the event.
2. Identify potential event locations and timing.
3. Identify contributors of prize items.
4. Identify contributors of auction items and corporate sponsors.
5. Utilize their networks to encourage event attendance.
6. Report on these activities to the FOSA Committee as appropriate.

B) **Facilities Subcommittee (2 to 4 Members)**

The Athletics Facilities Committee is chaired by the Director of Athletics. A subset of this committee is comprised of the FOSA Committee’s Facilities Subcommittee, whose members will:

1. Review current athletics facilities and help assess their adequacy relative to peers.
2. Analyze future athletic needs and help plan for new facilities.
3. Coordinate with Advancement staff to help find funding for the objectives above.
4. Report on these activities to the FOSA Committee as appropriate.