Article I  NAME
The name of this organization shall be The Garnet Club Advancement Council (“GCAC”).

Article II  PURPOSE
An extension of the Garnet Club, the Garnet Club Advancement Council is a volunteer group comprised of alumni, parents, and friends of Swarthmore College who promotes the interests and wellbeing of Garnet athletics at Swarthmore – including varsity athletics, club sports, intramural athletics, physical education, and recreation. Specifically, this group is tasked with supporting athletics through advice, counsel, and volunteer activity and programming. The group will advance the student-athlete experience by adhering and furthering Swarthmore’s mission and goals as it relates to the Garnet.

The GCAC will accomplish their purpose by:
- Raising funds for Garnet Athletics teams;
- Assisting with student athletics events on campus;
- Increasing the local and national visibility of Swarthmore College athletics;
- Sponsoring special events, including campus, regional, and national activities.

Article III  MEMBERSHIP
Membership is open to all, without restriction, upon receipt of a leadership contribution, $1,864 or more, to Swarthmore—a portion of which must be designated to athletics. Young Alumni (1-14 years out) will be contributing at Rose Garden Associates level based on their class year. The membership year shall conform to the Swarthmore College fiscal year, July 1 – June 30.

Article IV  ORGANIZATION
A. Chair and Co-Chairs – GCAC shall have one chair and two co-chairs, at least one alumni and one parent. The members shall be appointed by the Marian Ware Director of Athletics in conjunction with the Advancement representative based on recommendations from the existing committee. The chair and co-chairs shall serve one term of three years. The chair and co-chairs may be selected to serve a second three-year term at the discretion of the Advancement Office and the Marian Ware
Director of Athletics. As a matter of practice no member of the College’s Board of Managers will simultaneously serve as GCAC Chair or Co-Chair.

B. National Committee

a. Responsibilities – The primary responsibility of the National Committee, chaired by the co-chairs, is to increase resources (particularly financial) for programs under the auspices of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics; to approve the GCAC annual budget; to establish and select co-chairs for standing and ad hoc committees; and to designate from among its membership individuals to coordinate specific projects as the need arises. It is also expected that each member will make an annual donation to athletics. The Committee normally meets twice a year, fall and spring.

b. Composition—The GCAC National Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of 18-25 members, including at least one alumnus/a, one parent, and one member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), with the balance made up of additional Swarthmore constituents. The committee, and specifically the alumni representatives, shall be diverse in sport, geographic location, gender representation, and matriculation era.

c. At-large Members – to enhance diversity of sports and decades or to fill specific needs.

d. Terms—Standing committee appointments will be for a term of three years and, ordinarily, no member serves more than three consecutive terms. All terms ordinarily start on July 1st.

C. Standing Committees—Will initially include membership, publicity, development, and project and event planning. Ad hoc committees may be established as the need arises as determined by the National Committee.

Article V  MEETINGS

A. The National Committee shall meet at least twice a year, the frequency and dates of which will be determined by the committee. A quorum shall be 50 percent of the committee present, plus one.

B. The other committees shall meet as often as determined necessary by each chair in order to carry out the business of the committee, but no less than once per year.

C. All decisions will be reached by consensus.

Article VI  AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS
The bylaws may be amended at any time by consensus of the National Committee, provided notice of a proposed change is given in writing to all National Committee members at least ten days prior to the date at which such vote is to be taken so proxy votes may be taken from absent members. The requirements for a ten-day notice period may be waived by unanimous consent of the National Committee.