Tufts Athletics Faculty Liaison Program

Tufts Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) worked with the Athletics Department and the AS&E Athletics Committee to create this program as a way of more deeply involving faculty members in the overall pursuits of student-athletes at Tufts University. The Faculty Liaison can be a resource, friend, and fan of the team. The support that the liaison provides can help teams attain their goals while providing the liaison with more insight into the lives of student-athletes at Tufts. Mutual respect is developed while the bridge between academics and athletics is strengthened.

Each liaison will work out his or her role in conjunction with the team’s coaches and the captains. Among the potential tasks of the liaison are:

- Serve as pre-major advisor to incoming recruits
- Observe practice and/or games
- Have a meal in a dining hall with the team, captains, and/or coaches
- Get to know names, positions, and academic interests of each team member
- Partner with the team on their community service projects
- Invite team members or visiting recruits to sit in on one of their classes
- Meet parents of the athletes on your team at a game or a postgame tailgate
- Bring their family to a team function
- Wear the teams’ gear around campus on game days (as a perk the liaison will get some swag from the coach)
- Participate in team dinners, banquets or other activities in a less structured setting
- Stay involved and connected out of season
- Support team members in an informal way and help team members to have an open line of communication with a faculty member

This list is not meant to be exhaustive. Each partnership will find the role that works best for the liaison.