



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 12-14, 2019, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Priorities for 2019-20.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed its 2019-20 strategic priorities. The priorities focus on examining the collegiate model, diversity and inclusion initiatives, student-athlete health and well-being, and the importance of the student-athlete voice beyond athletics. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee identified areas of opportunity to create educational resources that enhance the student-athlete experience and noted the importance of collaborating with other Division I committees and governance bodies as well as the NCAA national office staff to achieve success in the stated priorities.
2. **Early Recruitment.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee continued discussion related to the early recruiting review. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on recently adopted NCAA Proposal Nos. 2018-93 and 2018-94, which changed the recruiting process for a majority of prospective student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also provided feedback on various legislative concepts at the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee regarding sport specific recruiting models:
 - a. American Baseball Coaches Association Proposal. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported this model and noted that baseball prospective student-athletes can professionalize earlier in their careers as compared to other sports. This model allows prospective student-athletes more time to make informed decisions. This model aligns with ice hockey model. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the similarities and uniqueness of when baseball and ice hockey professional opportunities arise for prospective student-athletes. Specifically, the timing of when communication and visits can occur.
 - (1) Tier 1: January 1 During Sophomore Year.
 - (a) Correspondence/Private Messages.
 - (b) Incoming Telephone Calls.
 - (c) Outgoing Telephone Calls.
 - (d) Verbal Offers (Not Legislated).
 - (e) Unofficial Visits.
 - (2) Tier 2: August 1 Before Junior Year.

- (a) Official Visits.
 - (b) Off-Campus Contact.
- b. College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America Proposal. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee neither supported nor opposed this model and noted that based on information from the coaches association, the majority of swimming and diving student-athletes were in opposition to Proposal No. 2018-93. Those in opposition noted that prospective student-athletes in this sport generally do not reach their peak athletically until their junior and senior years of high school. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also reiterated the importance of uniformity in early recruiting and the importance of a phased approach to allow a permissible communication period when prospective student-athletes can communicate with coaches prior to the time for permissible visits to member institution campuses.
 - (1) Tier 1: January 1 During Junior Year.
 - (a) Correspondence/Private Messages.
 - (b) Incoming Telephone Calls.
 - (c) Outgoing Telephone Calls.
 - (2) Tier 2: April 1 During Junior Year.
 - (a) Official Visits.
 - (b) Unofficial Visits.
 - (c) Off-Campus Contact.
 - (d) Verbal Offers.
- c. U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association Proposal. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee opposed this model and noted that this model does not allow enough time for prospective student-athletes to make an informed decision. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee suggested that prospective student-athletes would benefit from a longer gap between communication and visits. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reiterated the importance of uniformity in early recruiting and noted the importance of a phased approach to allow a permissible communication period when prospective student-athletes can communicate with coaches prior to the time for permissible visits to member institution campuses.

- (1) Tier 1: June 15 After Sophomore Year.
 - (a) Incoming Telephone Calls.
 - (b) Unofficial Visits.
 - (c) Verbal Offers (Not Legislated).
- (2) Tier 2: September 1 During Junior Year.
 - (a) Correspondence/Private Messages.
- (3) Tier 3: July 1 After Junior Year.
 - (a) Outgoing Telephone Calls.
 - (b) Off-Campus Contact.
- (4) Tier 4: August 1 After Junior Year.
 - (a) Official Visits.

3. **Notification of Transfer Educational Document Review.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the [notification of transfer educational document](#) that outlines the transfer process for student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee identified areas where edits are necessary to ensure clarity for student-athletes and noted that the document will help student-athletes be informed about the process and ensure accountability. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will finalize the edits at the October in-person meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Guest Speakers.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA national office staff:
- a. Dave Schnase, vice president of NCAA academic and membership affairs, provided an update on the work of the NCAA Federal and State Legislation Working Group.

- b. Scott Bearby, vice president and general counsel, provided an update regarding current litigation involving the Association.
 - c. Randy Burr, director of NCAA championships, and Naima Stevenson, vice president, NCAA law, policy and governance, provided an update regarding the national landscape related to sports wagering and NCAA national office efforts to better educate student-athletes regarding sports wagering activities.
 - d. Chantee Eldridge, director of strategic communications provided an update on national office initiatives related to ongoing student-athlete engagement. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and provided feedback on a new, free career assessment tool for student-athletes.
 - e. Dr. Paul Roetert, director of the NCAA Sport Science Institute shared information regarding the strategic priorities of the Sport Science Institute, including an update on the [latest resources](#) available for the membership to support student-athletes.
2. **NCAA Transfer Portal Updates.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the transfer portal. The transfer portal is the compliance function that informs other institutions that a student-athlete has provided notification of transfer to the current institution.
 3. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Priorities for 2019-20 Academic Year.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed its priorities for the 2019-20 academic year, as identified at the [April 2019](#) strategic planning meeting.
 4. **Division I and Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received updates from Division I and Association-wide committees on which Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members serve, as well as convention panels on which Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members participated.
 5. **Review of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Policies and Procedures.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed its policies and procedures.
 6. **Review Student-Athlete Legislative Feedback Process.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed the timeline for student-athletes to provide feedback on the proposed legislation in the 2019-20 legislative cycle. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will review the publication of proposed concepts during a teleconference in August and provide initial feedback to the conferences.
 7. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Project Teams.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed the initiatives for each of the project teams for the academic year. The current project teams are media, education and engagement. Further, the Student-

Athlete Advisory Committee identified specific Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members who will serve on each project team.

8. **Managers on a Mission.** Drew Boe and Mickey Carpenter from Managers on a Mission spoke with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee about efforts of their community service organization and extended an invitation to partner with individual institution and conferences.
9. **Other Business.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed topics that would be beneficial for engagement at the joint meeting with the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the NCAA Division I Council and the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum at the NCAA Convention in January 2020.
10. **Future Meeting Schedule.**
 - a. October 19-20, 2019 – Indianapolis.
 - b. January 20-24, 2020 – Anaheim, California (In conjunction with NCAA Convention).

Committee Chair: Morgan Chall, Cornell University

Committee Vice Chairs: Ethan Good, Bowling Green University

Sam Perelman, Old Dominion University

Staff Liaisons: Stephanie Grace, Academic and Membership Affairs

Marissa Robinson, Leadership Development

Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College.	
Hannah Buck, Santa Clara University.	
Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.	
Morgan Chall, Cornell University.	
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University.	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University.	
Christine Copper, Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Kierra Dalmass, University of Connecticut.	
Gabriel Boscardin Dias, Winthrop University.	
Alec Dominguez, Florida International University (Alternate).	
Christian Ellsworth, University of Northern Iowa.	
Alexis Garrett, Troy University.	
Jake Gibbons, Texas A&M University (Alternate).	
Romaro Gill, Seton Hall University.	
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University.	
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon.	
Erik Janss, LaSalle University.	
Jaci Jones, Oklahoma State University (Alternate).	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
Ava Lawson, Northern Kentucky University.	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University.	
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine.	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado.	
Halie Mariano, Bucknell University.	
Grace McGuire, Utah State University.	
Kailyn Myshrall, University of Vermont.	
Karen Paisley, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics representative.	
Justin Sell, NCAA Division I Council representative.	
Jamie Smith, Iona College (Alternate).	
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University.	
Carl-Sylvester Thompson, Alabama State University.	
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Tech University.	
Steven Whitley, Norfolk State University (Alternate).	

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Absentees:
Anna Claire Atha, Wofford College.
Harrison Martingayle, Louisiana State University.
Nicole Mendes, University of Oklahoma.
Jacob Milton, Norfolk State University.
Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University.
Thomas Stuart, Manhattan College.
Guests in Attendance:
Drew Boe, Managers on a Mission.
Mickey Carpenter, Managers on a Mission.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Elizabeth Conte, Marissa Robinson and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Randy Buhr, Ryan Bermudez, Emily Capehart, Chantee Eldridge, Jennifer Fraser, Barrington Huntley, Kevin Lennon, Susan Peal, Bri Rigney, Dr. Paul Roetert, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson and Khalil Wilkes