



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 16, 2018, STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- 1. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Strategic Areas of Emphasis.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Board of Directors future areas of emphasis for 2018-2023. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the following:

- a. Foundational Goal No. 1 – The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the goal should also include a focus on maintaining and sustaining the academic success of all student-athletes, including those who are excelling in academics.
- b. Foundational Goal No. 3 – The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee requested any policy and/or legislative changes be the least restrictive and most beneficial for student-athletes.
- c. Foundational Goal No. 4 – The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee recommended the focus area specific to addressing recommendations of the Commission on College Basketball be removed and added as a stand-alone foundational goal.
- d. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee recommended the Board of Directors create an additional foundational goal to enhance diversity, inclusion and equity in hiring practices, provide broader engagement and inclusion of diverse candidates for committee vacancies, and create a safe and inclusive environment for all student-athletes and administrators to allow for more active participation in all areas of intercollegiate athletics.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the highest priority area should be Foundational Goal No. 2, focusing on student-athlete well-being and the student-athlete athletic experience, and the additional recommended foundational goal specific to diversity and inclusion.

- 2. Commission on College Basketball.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the creation of an ad-hoc student-athlete working group to assist in operationalizing potential recommendations from the Commission on College Basketball. Specifically, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the following:

- a. Whether the working group should be comprised of both current and recently former student-athletes.
- b. Whether the working group should include both men's basketball and women's basketball student-athletes.

- c. Whether the working group should include at least one current member of Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and all Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee men's basketball student-athletes.
- d. Whether the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member who serves as liaison to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee should serve as chair of the working group.
- e. Whether Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, conference offices, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee should assist in identifying and nominating student-athletes to serve as members of the working group.
- f. Whether the working group should engage in both in-person and teleconference meetings.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the importance of the student-athlete voice in addressing potential recommendations from the Commission on College Basketball while recognizing the potential sensitivity of the issues discussed.

### **ACTION ITEMS.**

#### **1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

#### **2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Exhibition Game Referral from Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and provided feedback on legislative relief waiver requests across all sports to conduct an additional exhibition or scrimmage during the 2018-19 academic year to raise funds for relief efforts related to catastrophic events. While the committee supported use of the current waiver process and established guidelines to support these types of benevolent and charitable acts for catastrophic events, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is not supportive of a legislative change for an additional exhibition or scrimmage given the potential time demands impact for student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee emphasized that approved waivers include the

requirement that no relief from playing and practice seasons rules be provided, including no relief from the first permissible date of practice.

2. **Early Recruiting.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update regarding the work of the Early Recruiting subgroup of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee including two potential models for recruiting communications, official visits, unofficial visits, camps and clinics, and financial aid offers.
3. **NCAA Division I Council and Standing Committees Update.** Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members provided information regarding upcoming Division I Council and standing committee meeting materials and discussion topics.
4. **Transfer Working Group Update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on concepts and models discussed by the transfer working group and provided the following feedback:
  - a. Notification of Intent to Transfer and Athletics Aid. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed and provided feedback regarding a model proposed by the autonomy conferences, which would provide student-athletes a 21 to 30 calendar-day window to remove their names from the national transfer database with no opportunity for institutions to reduce, cancel, or non-renew their athletics aid during that timeframe. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee did not support the model proposed by the autonomy conferences; rather, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported a model proposed by the transfer working group, which would permit an institution, at its discretion, to notify the student-athlete of athletics aid consequences immediately after the student-athlete provides written notification of the intent to transfer and would allow an institution to reduce, cancel or nonrenew athletics aid at the end of the term in which notification is provided. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted that initial discussions regarding transfer focused on the need to make the transfer process easier, while maintaining the seriousness and importance of education throughout the transfer process. While the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed concerns related to the transfer working group model regarding potential tampering during the recruiting process, the committee noted that the autonomy conference proposal would create a period of potential free agency for student-athletes considering transfer and open the process to third party influencers.
  - b. Transfer Portal. Susan Peal, Director of the National Letter of Intent, provided the committee with a demo of a potential NCAA Student-Athlete Transfer Portal and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported continued development of the portal.

**5. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Division I Committee Appointments.** Student-Athlete Advisory Committee appointed the following student-athletes to serve as representatives on Division I committees:

- a. NCAA Division I Committee on Academics: Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.
- b. NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee: To be determined.
- c. NCAA Division I Legislative Committee: Ellie Ivancich, Belmont University.
- d. Men's Basketball Oversight Committee: To be determined.
- e. NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee: Shelby Grace Lee, University of California, Irvine.
- f. NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee: Sam Perelman, Old Dominion University and Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
- g. NCAA Division I Committee on Legislative Relief: Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University.
- h. NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee: Ross Hammond, Wofford College.

**6. Association Wide Appointments.** Student-Athlete Advisory Committee appointed the following student-athletes to serve as representatives on association-wide committees:

- a. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport: Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
- b. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics: Millie Micho, Duquesne University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
- c. NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee: Chase Pagani, Colgate University; Patriot League.
- d. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee: Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- e. NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct: To be determined.

**7. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Initiatives.**

- a. **SAAC video contest.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will continue to review videos for the SAAC Mental Health: Break the Stigma video contest and announce a winner May 1, 2018, to recognize with the start of Mental Health Awareness Month.
- b. **Sexual Assault Awareness Day.** Student-athletes will assist in driving a social media campaign to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Day April 17, 2018.
- c. **Team IMPACT.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will receive an update on Team IMPACT at its July in-person meeting.

**8. Upcoming Teleconference Calls.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will discuss the following items during upcoming teleconference calls:

- a. Community engagement initiatives including Team Works and Play Works;
- b. Activity trackers; and
- c. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee education modules

**9. Upcoming Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meetings.**

- a. July 13-15, 2018, Indianapolis.
- b. October, 2018, Indianapolis.

*Committee Co-Chairs: Brady Bramlett, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference  
Connor Donnelly, Sacred Heart University; Northeast Conference.*

*Staff Liaisons: Stephanie Grace, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Marissa Robinson, Leadership Development  
Danielle Ghiloni Walter, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Strategic Planning Meeting April 16, 2018</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Madison Arndt, Manhattan College.	
Brady Bramlett, University of Mississippi.	
Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University.	
Connor Donnelly, Sacred Heart University.	
Jimmy Gehrels, Pepperdine University.	
Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City.	
Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati.	
Nicole Sherwin, Northern Arizona University.	
Kevin Vannatta, University of North Carolina at Asheville.	
Kelsi White, Miami University (Ohio).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA staff in attendance:</b>	
Marcus Bishop, Stephanie Grace, Danielle Ghiloni Walter and Quintin Wright.	
<b>Other NCAA staff members in attendance for a portion of the meeting:</b>	
None.	