



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 18, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Feedback on Fall Playing Seasons.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provided feedback related to the 2020 fall playing season and agreed that student-athletes need clear guidance before the Division can adopt a comprehensive playing season model for the remainder of the fall. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also acknowledged that institutions and conferences may have different needs based on the status (e.g., continuing, postponed, cancelled) of their fall seasons. Therefore, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee generally supported providing flexibility to allow institutions and conferences to determine appropriate playing and practice options for their student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee was generally supportive of allowing institutions to continue athletics participation up to the 20 hours/week. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee was also supportive of fall sports having a full nonchampionship segment, regardless of the timing (e.g., fall versus spring).

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also reviewed initial concepts for alternative fall playing seasons and agreed that options allowing significant flexibility should be discussed. Specifically, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported a flexible approach for the fall playing season (September-December) that provides conferences with the discretion to determine if fall sports in their membership should be considered "in-season" or "out-of-season."

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Civic Engagement.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation that specifies that all countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
 - (2) Effective Date. Immediate; not applicable to contests scheduled before July 17, 2020.
 - (3) Rationale. This proposal is designed to provide more opportunities for student-athletes to participate in civic engagement (e.g., voting, volunteering, community service). By requiring a day off from countable athletically related activities each year, student-athletes will have focused

time to civically engage, including time to vote in presidential and congressional, state and local elections. In conjunction with this proposal, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is dedicated to providing the membership with educational tools that may be used on this day and throughout the academic year. The proposal would not impact competitive or recruiting equity, since the legislation would impact all institutions in the same manner. The proposal is effective immediately to allow student-athletes to engage during the 2020 election while allowing contests that have already been scheduled to occur as scheduled. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Provides a day off from countable athletically related activities and the opportunity for civic engagement.

2. Nonlegislative.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Civic Engagement Education Update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is continuing to gather educational resources as part of its civic engagement initiative. Educational materials will be distributed to the membership when finalized.
- 2. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**
 - a. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, September 11; Videoconference.
 - b. October 2020; Videoconference.

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Committee Chair: Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.

*Committee Vice Chairs: Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Southland Conference.
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Big Sky Conference.*

*Staff Liaisons: Sarah Hebbard, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.
Marissa Robinson, NCAA Leadership Development.
Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.*

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee August 18, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Ahmed Amaar, Lipscomb University; ASUN Conference.	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College; Northeast Conference.	
Brynn Carlson, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Big Ten Conference.	
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University; The Summit League.	
Kaylah Clark, Howard; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Turner Dirrigl, Canisius College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Alec Dominguez, Florida International University; Conference USA.	
Dominic Franklin, Texas Southern University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Davy van Geerke, Hampton University; Big South Conference.	
Alexis Garrett, Troy University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Ami Gianchandani, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Jake Gibbons, Texas A&M University, College Station; Southeastern Conference.	
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Oceana Haaland, University of California, Davis; Big West Conference.	
Erik Janss, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Leon Krapf, North Carolina State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Ava Lawson, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Southland Conference.	
Hannah Lee, University of Wyoming; Mountain West Conference.	
Nicole Leishman, University of the Pacific; West Coast Conference.	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Big Sky Conference.	

Halie Mariano, Bucknell University; Patriot League.
Mackenzie McFeron, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.
Kailyn Myshrall, University of Vermont; America East Conference.
Karen Paisley, faculty athletics representative; University of Utah.
Christopher Paul, The University of Tulsa; American Athletic Conference.
Natalie Robinson, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.
Justin Sell, director of athletics; South Dakota State University, Division I Council representative.
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Liz Wood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Sarah Heberd, Marissa Robinson and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jenn Fraser and Marnae Mawdsley.