



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23-25, 2019, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Academic Requirements for Post-Graduate Student-Athletes.** NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed guiding principles developed by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics to guide its comprehensive review of the postgraduate student-athletes and academic expectations. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported the concept of providing student-athletes additional options to pursue postgraduate academic opportunities beyond graduate degrees, noting that in some professional industries an academic certificate is more beneficial than a graduate degree. Further, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the access to additional educational options while pursuing athletic endeavors provides student-athletes increased flexibility in their academic paths to meet the needs and aspirations in their postgraduate careers.
2. **Update on Sports Wagering.** Randy Burr and Naima Stevenson provided an update to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee regarding the national landscape related to sports wagering and NCAA national office efforts to better educate student-athletes regarding sports wagering activities. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted it is not supportive of requiring institutions to provide injury reports and/or report other suspensions that would render a student-athlete ineligible to compete in a specific competition given the additional pressure that it would place on the identified student-athletes related to personal issues.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **September 2018 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Report.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the report from its September 29-30, 2018, meeting.
2. **NCAA Guest Speakers.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA national office staff:
 - a. Mark Emmert, NCAA president, provided an update on priorities for the association, including the importance of the student-athlete voice in all association matters.
 - b. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer, discussed current projects and initiatives of the NCAA Sports Science Institute.
 - c. Donald Remy, NCAA chief legal officer, discussed current legal issues impacting the association.

- d. Stan Wilcox, NCAA executive vice president of regulatory affairs, discussed goals in his new role within the NCAA national office as well as issues currently impacting the association.
- 3. Update on Exceptions to the Use of a Season of Competition.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update regarding exceptions to the use of a season of competition and a potential comprehensive review of legislation governing a student-athlete's period of eligibility and use of a season of competition given the recent adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2017-17. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) requested data from NCAA research staff to better inform the discussion. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee encourages continued dialogue and collaboration with other committees in the governance as this topic is examined.
- 4. Legislative Feedback.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed its position on 2018-19 NCAA Division I Council-governance proposals based on feedback provided by conference student-athlete advisory committees.
- 5. Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Updates.** Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members provided updates from conference meetings and new conference initiatives.
- 6. National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Priorities.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee identified the following priorities for 2019-20 academic year: diversity and inclusion; student-athlete health and welfare; and the collegiate model in the twenty-first century. The executive team will continue to vet and refine these priorities at their strategic planning meeting in April.
- 7. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee elected the following student-athletes to serve as chair and co-vice-chairs, with terms beginning June 1, 2019:
 - a. Chair: Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.
 - b. Vice Chair: Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.
 - c. Vice Chair: Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.
- 8. Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Advisor Meeting.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee met with conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee advisors and discussed ways to improve student-athlete engagement at the institutional and

conference levels, mental health and well-being best practices and general campus and conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee best practices. The group also received a presentation from the One Love Foundation on ways to prevent and bring awareness to relationship violence.

- 9. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representatives to Division I Committees.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed upcoming vacancies for Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives serving on Division I and NCAA Association-wide committees. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the importance of committee service to growing and sharing the student-athlete voice. The executive committee will appoint committee members during their strategic planning meeting in April.
- 10. Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE).** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee participated in a workshop facilitated by RISE to provide student-athletes with an opportunity to reflect on their ability to be leaders in conversations regarding race and diversity.
- 11. Future Meeting Schedule.**
 - a. April 17, 2019, strategic planning in-person meeting – Indianapolis.
 - b. July 12-14, 2019, full committee in-person meeting – Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Committee Vice Chairs: Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University

Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati

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

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Attendees:	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College; Northeast Conference.	
Hannah Buck, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University; ASUN Conference.	
Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Elizabeth Conte, University of North Carolina Asheville; Big South Conference.	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Christine Copper, United States Naval Academy; faculty athletics representative.	
Tommy Doles, Northwestern University; Big Ten Conference.	
Christian Ellsworth, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Ross Hammond, Wofford College; Southern Conference.	
Ellie Ivancich, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.	
Erin Keaveny, Villanova University; Big East Conference.	
Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Western Athletic Conference.	
Ava Lawson, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Southland Conference.	
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Big Sky Conference.	
Blake Ferguson, Louisiana State University; Southeastern Conference.	
Grace McGuire, Utah State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Nicole Mendes, University of Oklahoma; Big 12 Conference.	
Millie Micho, Duquesne University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Jacob Milton, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Chase Pagani, Colgate University; Patriot League.	
Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League, Council representative.	
Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.	
Christopher Skelly, University of Massachusetts Lowell; America East Conference.	
Thomas Stuart, Manhattan College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Tech University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Alex Woodward, University of Nebraska Omaha; The Summit League.	

Absentees:
Allazia Blockton, Marquette University; Big East Conference.
Harrison Martingayle, Louisiana State University; Southeastern Conference.
Guests in attendance:
Andrew MacIntosh (RISE) and Kim Miller (RISE).
NCAA staff in attendance:
Stephanie Grace, Marissa Robinson, Adam Replogle, Danielle Ghiloni Walter and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA staff in attendance for a portion of the meeting:
Randy Burr, Mark Emmert, Brian Hainline, Binh Nguyen, Donald Remy, Cari Van Senus, Naima Stevenson and Stan Wilcox.