



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 17-19, 2018, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Guest Speakers.** NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA national office staff:
  - a. Mark Emmert, NCAA president, discussed the continued success in increasing the student-athlete voice throughout the association, including the NCAA Board of Governors' Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. He charged SAAC members to continue to provide input on their needs, concerns and aspirations as student-athletes, including work related to the NCAA Division I Council Transfer Working Group and the Commission on College Basketball.
  - b. Bud Peterson, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, discussed the Board's continued effort to engage student-athletes in the governance process and provided a timeline for how the Board of Governors will move forward when the Commission on College Basketball delivers their report and recommendations.
  - c. Donald Remy, NCAA chief legal officer, discussed current legal issues impacting the association.
  - d. Katrice Albert, NCAA executive vice president of inclusion and human resources, discussed her role with the NCAA and her plans for engaging with the membership.
2. **Other Guest Speakers.** Amy VanRyn and Seth Rosenzweig from Team IMPACT spoke with SAAC about team matches made during 2017 and the organization's five-year strategic plan, which includes new regional offices, re-branding efforts, and a focus on changing their service delivery model to better educate and train student-athletes and institutions participating in their program.
3. **Legislative Feedback.** SAAC reviewed its position on 2017-18 Division I council-governance proposals based on feedback provided by conference SAACs. Additionally, SAAC received an update on Division I autonomy legislative proposals.
4. **Early Recruiting.** SAAC discussed NCAA Division I Council's modification of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-112 to permit unofficial visits beginning September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, which aligns with the proposed start date for official visits. Additionally, SAAC supported NCAA Division I Student-Athlete

Experience Committee's approach of creating a comprehensive package of legislative proposals to address all facets of recruiting, rather than individual proposals specific to only one issue.

5. **Transfer Working Group.** SAAC received an update on the continued discussions of the Transfer Working Group, including the possible introduction of a one-time transfer exception proposal in April 2018, with a formal vote in June 2018. The committee supported a uniform transfer rule which requires all transfer student-athletes to serve an academic-year-in-residence with a one-time transfer exception for student-athletes meeting specific academic requirements. The committee noted the following three principles in their discussion of a new transfer rule: a) Uniformity; b) Academics; and c) Student-Athlete health and well-being. The committee also noted that the academic criteria identified should not adversely affect any demographic of student-athletes. Possible academic criteria can include grade-point average, credits earned at the previous institution, credits that will transfer to the applicant institution, progress-toward-degree and academic progress rate. A sliding scale model and tiered model based on grade level was also discussed.
6. **Student-Athlete Representation on NCAA Division I Council Standing Committees.** The committee discussed student-athlete representation on Council standing committees and ways to engage more student-athletes and obtain broader student-athlete voice and feedback. The committee discussed the following concepts:
  - a. Education and training at the conference level specific to committee etiquette, preparation and engagement;
  - b. Committee meeting preparation initiated by Division I SAAC chairs and vice chairs and student-athlete representatives serving on NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee;
  - c. Continue to improve the relationship between Division I SAAC representatives and student-athlete representatives from the five Autonomy conferences; and
  - d. Recommend the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee develop a pool of student-athlete representatives, in addition to the Division I SAAC representative, to increase student-athlete representation on that committee.
7. **SAAC Chair and Vice Chair.** SAAC elected the following student-athletes to serve as chair and co-vice-chairs, with terms beginning June 1, 2018:

- a. Chair: Noah Knight, University of Missouri - Kansas City; Western Athletic Conference.
  - b. Vice Chair: Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
  - c. Vice Chair: Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.
8. **Conference SAAC Advisor Meeting.** SAAC met with conference SAAC advisors and discussed ways to improve student-athlete engagement at the institutional and conference levels, conference office term limit policies for Division I SAAC representatives to provide increased continuity for SAAC representatives, the composition of Division I SAAC, and conference best practices related to SAAC initiatives and management.
9. **Division I and Association-Wide Committee Reports.** SAAC received updates from the Division I and Association-wide committees on which SAAC members serve. Additionally, SAAC appointed Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University; Atlantic Sun Conference, to serve as a representative on the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement committee.
10. **Forum Update.** SAAC members who participated in the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum, the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) annual meeting, the NCAA Mental Health Strategies Task Force, and the Common Ground II Forum provided updates.
11. **SAAC Policies and Procedures.** SAAC reviewed and approved their policies and procedures.
12. **SAAC Nominations Process and Timeline.** The committee reviewed the nominations and selection process for Division I SAAC representatives and the importance for SAAC members transitioning off the committee to assist their conference office in nominating representatives.
13. **Media Team Update.** The media team provided an update on expansion of their social media reach and their "Know Your Voice" campaign, which features different Division I SAAC members. Additionally, the media team discussed additional ways to engage student-athletes through social media.
14. **"Break the Stigma" Video contest.** SAAC discussed guidelines for its video contest focused on breaking the stigma surrounding mental health. The parameters for the video contest were outlined along with the video submission deadline of April 15, 2018, with the winning video announced May 1, 2018, in conjunction with the beginning of Mental Health Awareness month.

**15. Future Meeting Schedule.**

- a. April 2018, strategic planning meeting, Indianapolis.
- b. July 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*  
*Susan Peal, Law, Policy and Governance*  
*Danielle Ghiloni Walter, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 17-19, 2018, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Madison Arndt, Manhattan College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Brady Bramlett, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.	
Samantha Casarez, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Christine Copper, United States Naval Academy; FARA liaison.	
Tommy Doles, Northwestern University; Big Ten Conference.	
Connor Donnelly, Sacred Heart University; Northeast Conference.	
Lana Duke, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Jimmy Gehrels, Pepperdine University; West Coast Conference.	
Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Donovan Gilmore, University of North Carolina, Asheville; Big South Conference.	
Ross Hammond, Wofford University; Southern Conference.	
Ellie Ivancich, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Western Athletic Conference.	
Matthew Lavery, Drake University; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Ty Medd, Creighton University; Big East Conference.	
Millicent Micho, Duquesne University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Chase Pagani, Colgate University; Patriot League.	
Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.	
Taylor Ricci, Oregon State University; Pacific-12 Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; Council Representative.	
Enna Selmanovia, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.	
Nicole Sherwin, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.	
Mikalsh Skates, University of Wyoming; Mountain West Conference.	
Christopher Skelly, University of Massachusetts Lowell; America East Conference.	
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Tech University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Derek Trott, College of William and Mary; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Kelly Turner, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Karina Velez, Incarnate Word; Southland Conference.	
Kelsi White, Miami University (Ohio); Mid-American Conference.	
Carla Wilson, University of Missouri - Kansas City; Council Representative.	
Alex Woodward, University of Nebraska Omaha; The Summit League.	

<b>Absentees:</b>
Allazia Blockton, Marquette University; Big East Conference
Logan Hambrock, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Conference
Ainsley Pratt, Nicholls State University; Southland Conference
Andrew J. Robbins, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference
Kevin Vannatta, University of North Carolina Asheville; Big South Conference
<b>Guests in attendance:</b>
President Bud Peterson; Seth Rosenzweig; Amy VanRyn
<b>NCAA staff in attendance:</b>
Marcus Bishop, Stephanie Grace, Susan Peal, Danielle Ghiloni Walter and Quintin Wright
<b>Other NCAA staff in attendance for a portion of the meeting:</b>
Katrice Albert; Mark Emmert, Donald Remy; Cari van Senus; Kevin Lennon; Diane Dickman