



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 12 AND 15, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee October 22, 2020, meeting report.** The Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the report from its October 22 meeting.
2. **NCAA guest speakers.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee welcomed several guest speakers:
  - a. Mark Emmert, NCAA president, provided an update and answered questions regarding key issues impacting the Association.
  - b. Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer, provided an update on issues related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including the impact of vaccine rollout on NCAA championships.
  - c. Jack DeGioia, president of Georgetown University and incoming chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, and Donald Remy, NCAA chief operating officer/ chief legal officer, provided updates on the actions of the Board of Governors and issues impacting the Association.
3. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee structure.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed potential improvements to the Student-Athlete Experience Committee's structure. The committee highlighted several potential areas of improvement, including a standardized onboarding/ transition process for new national SAAC members, improved communication with conference and institutional SAACs, using subcommittees to better educate all student-athletes on key issues and rebranding SAAC to better reflect the committee's role within the governance structure. These, along with other areas of improvement, will be discussed further at the next SAAC meeting on March 3.
4. **Leadership and committee vacancies.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed the leadership and committee vacancies within the committee's executive team and the NCAA Division I Council standing committees. Members interested in executive team positions will present to the committee at an upcoming meeting, followed by an online vote.

5. **Council, Council standing committees and Association-wide committee updates.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received updates on recent activities and decisions made by Council, Council's seven standing committees and Association-wide committees. Specifically, the committee reviewed the outcomes of the January 11 Council meeting, including the Council's decision to delay consideration of the name, image and likeness and transfer legislative proposals. These decisions were made in response to concerns from the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division regarding aspects of the legislative proposals.
6. **Division I proposed legislation.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an overview of legislation adopted during the January 11 Council meeting, as well as the legislative proposals slated for consideration in April.
7. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Conference updates.** Each conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative reported on any conference initiatives or updates. These reports demonstrated that many conferences are focusing on diversity and inclusion, student-athlete mental health and virtual/ remote community service initiatives.
8. **Future Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meetings and videoconferences.**
  - a. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, February 10; Videoconference.
  - b. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, March 3; Videoconference.
  - c. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, April 8; Videoconference.
  - d. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, May 18; Videoconference.

*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  
Russell Register, NCAA Enforcement  
Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jeremy Villanueva, NCAA Communications

<b>NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 12 and 15, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
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.	
Maddie Hommey, Longwood University; Big South 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.	
Christopher Paul, The University of Tulsa; American Athletic Conference.	
Natalie Robinson, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.	
Malcolm Wilson, Georgetown University; Big East Conference.	
Liz Wood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.	

<b>Absentees:</b>
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Sarah Hebbard, Russell Register, Jeremy Villanueva and Quintin Wright.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Jenn Fraser, Marnae Mawdsley and Zack Teats.