



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 14-16, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA National Office updates.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received updates from NCAA staff on the current state of Division I which included an update from the NCAA president, and an update on NCAA congressional engagement, leadership development opportunities and current litigation. The committee provided feedback to each national office member on the position of the committee, including the importance of protecting and promoting the student-athlete voice in decision-making.
2. **2025-26 Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee priorities.** The committee reviewed and updated the committee's strategic priorities for the remainder of the 2025-26 academic year.
3. **Legislative updates.** The committee received an update on the current and anticipated legislative proposals, including Proposal No. 2025-35, which permits the use of commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel. The committee offered feedback on concepts, including the importance of protecting the integrity of the jersey and permitting sport committees to make sport-specific decisions on which logos are represented.
4. **Update on NCAA research surveys.** The committee discussed developments regarding recent transfer portal trends and the NCAA SNAP (student-athlete needs, aspirations and perspectives) study. The committee engaged in a conversation following the presentation, discussing and highlighting themes within the surveys including the importance of preparing student-athletes for life after collegiate athletics.
5. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee conference updates.** The committee received reports from each Division I conference representative outlining current initiatives and other notable highlights.
6. **HEADstrong update.** The committee received an update from HEADstrong Foundation chief development officer, Pat Colleluori, regarding HEADstrong's mission. The committee also discussed future collaboration opportunities.
7. **Team IMPACT update.** The committee received an update from Team IMPACT chief program officer, Amy VanRyn.
8. **College Sports Commission update.** The committee received an update on the recent work of the College Sports Commission. The committee provided feedback from a student-athlete perspective within breakout groups.

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9. **2025-26 Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest update.** The committee received an update on the 2026 NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest and selected the University of North Florida as this year's winner.
10. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee subcommittee breakout.** Division I SAAC subcommittees discussed priorities and action items to support Division I SAAC's initiatives for the coming months.
11. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed the draft policies and procedures developed by the Strategic Vision and Planning Subcommittee. The committee provided feedback to the subcommittee, specifically surrounding the appointment process of committee chair and vice chair positions.
12. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee July 8-10, 2025, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its July 8-10, 2025, in-person meeting.
13. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. 8 to 9:40 p.m. ET, Sunday, February 15; videoconference.
 - b. 8 to 9:30 p.m., ET, Sunday, March 15; videoconference.
 - c. 8 to 9:30 p.m., ET, Sunday, April 12; videoconference.
 - d. 8 to 9:30 p.m., ET, Sunday, May 17; videoconference.
 - e. 8 to 9:30 p.m., ET, Sunday, June 14; videoconference.
 - f. Tuesday, July 7 to Thursday, July 9; in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

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Committee Chair: Meredith Page, Big South Conference
Committee Vice Chair(s): Scott McKenzie, Ad hoc member
Braedon Pratt, Big East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Haydyn Makins, NCAA Governance and Member Services
Shelby Sonnefeldt, NCAA Governance and Member Services
Asia Thompson, NCAA Championships
Quintin Wright, NCAA Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 14-16, 2026, Meeting
Attendees:
Amaya Andrews, Jackson State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Youssef Bahgat, Drexel University; Coastal Athletic Association.
Brendan Belz, University of Utah; Big 12 Conference.
Grace Clark, Eastern Kentucky University; Atlantic Sun Conference.
Ally Cordes, Samford University; Southern Conference.
Rhiannon Davies, Eastern Washington University; Big Sky Conference.
Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Diego Diaz, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus; Northeast Conference.
Barry Evans, University of Alabama; Southeastern Conference.
Elizabeth Galvin, Eastern Illinois University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Cassidy Garcia, Loyola University, Maryland; Patriot League.
Clay Green, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference.
Daniella Henderson, Yale University; The Ivy League.
Abby Lynch, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.
Jahi McDonald, Wright State University; Horizon League.
Eloise McGibben, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.
Quinn Millerd, Drake University; Missouri Valley Conference.
Emily Moon, Lamar University; Southland Conference.
Meredith Page, Radford University; Big South Conference.
Braeden Pratt, St. John's University, New York; Big East Conference.
Paige Saylor, Central Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.
Caemon Scott, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference.
Matthew Carson Sorbe, University of South Dakota; The Summit League.
Ad Hoc Representatives:
Scott McKenzie and Betsey Walkowiak.
Absentees:
Alexis Bull, University of Texas at Arlington; Western Athletic Conference
Luke Davidson, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Riley Donahue, University of Maryland Baltimore County; America East Conference.
Joy Graziano, University of North Texas; American Conference.
Jasmine Harris, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Daniel Jekov, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Jenifer McMillan, Oregon State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Jaylen Phillips, Sam Houston State University; Conference USA.

Other Guests in Attendance:
Caden Carlson, Wichita State University; American Conference.
Emmanouela Christodoulou, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Pat Colleluori, HEADstrong Foundation.
Brody Crouch, University of California, Davis; Southern Conference.
Samuel Edwards, NCAA Board of Directors student-athlete representative.
Madeline Hickey, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Chase Kappeler, College Sports Commission.
Ellie Lang, University of Wyoming; Mountain West Conference.
Aidan O'Brien, Mount St. Mary's University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Lindsey Reina, College Sports Commission.
Jared Sharp, Southern Utah University; Western Athletic Conference.
Cory Spera, College Sports Commission.
Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT.
John Vitucci, University at Albany; America East Conference.
Claire Woods, University of Delaware; Conference USA.
Morgyn Wynne, NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee representative.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Haydyn Makins, Shelby Sonnefeldt, Asia Thompson and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Lydia Bell, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Michael Gioroianu, Judy Delp, Kaylen Overway, Mariah Polk, Emma Potter, Geoff Silver, Jared Tidemann and Mark Trumbo.

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