



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 8-10, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Guest speakers.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA national office staff.
 - a. Charlie Baker, NCAA president.
 - b. Niya Blair Hackworth, director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
 - c. Stephannnie Harvey-Vandenberg, managing director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
 - d. Kevin Lennon, senior vice president of governance and policy.
 - e. Dr. Ashlesha Lokhande, assistant director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
 - f. Leilyn Miles, associate director of legal affairs.
 - g. Gretchen Miron, director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
 - h. Tyler Noragon, assistant director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
 - i. Greg Pottorff, managing director of legal affairs.
 - j. Dave Schnase, vice president of academic and membership affairs.
 - k. Matt White, director of inclusion, education and community engagement.
2. **NCAA national office updates.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received updates from NCAA staff on the current state of Division I which included an update from the NCAA president regarding the *House* settlement implementation and sports wagering.

3. **Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign updates.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign and provided feedback on future campaigns.
4. **NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the recent work of the Decision-Making Working Group. The committee offered feedback on how the proposed streamlined Division I governance structure would affect the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and student-athlete experience overall.
5. **Legal affairs update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the settlement and student-athlete eligibility related issues and litigation.
6. **House Settlement implementation update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the implementation of the *House* settlement and its effects on the college athletics landscape.
7. **2025-26 Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest update.** The committee received an update on the 2025-26 NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest. The committee approved a title for the 2025-26 competition and the future steps necessary to inform the membership of the video contest.
8. **2025-26 Division I Student-Athlete Advisory committee priorities.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and updated the committee's strategic priorities for the new academic year. Among priorities discussed were the *House* settlement implementation and its effects on the student-athlete experience. In addition, SAAC chairs plan to meet with conference SAAC leaders to promote conference engagement.
9. **Legislative updates.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the following current legislative proposals:
 - a. Elimination of the Prohibition on Wagering on Professional Sports. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported the proposal to eliminate the prohibition on wagering on professional sports introduced by the Division I Council during their June meeting. The committee expressed concern regarding potential promotion and incentivization of professional sports wagering if adopted. SAAC advocated for educational and student-athlete support resources related to wagering on professional sports.
 - b. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics on the women's wrestling recommendation.

The committee offered feedback on how concepts could potentially affect the student-athlete experience.

10. **Emerging women's sports update.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on emerging women's sports.
11. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 15-17, 2025, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its January 15-17, 2025, in-person meeting.
12. **Future meeting schedule. (Monthly videoconferences to be scheduled as needed.)**
 - a. January 14-16, 2026; NCAA Convention; Washington D.C.
 - b. April 2026 – TBD; Executive team meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - c. July 2026 – TBD; Indianapolis, Indiana.

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
Russell Register, NCAA Enforcement
Shelby Sonnefeldt, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs
Asia Thompson, NCAA Championships
Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Kyla Bruhn, University of California, San Diego; Big West Conference.	
Alexis Bull, University of Texas at Arlington; Western Athletic Conference.	
Grace Clark, Eastern Kentucky University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Luke Davidson, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic 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.	
Riley Donahue, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.	
Daniella Henderson, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Daniel Jekov, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Abby Lynch, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	

Marion McClary, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus. .
Jahi McDonald, Wright State University; Horizon League.
Jennifer McMillan, Oregon State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Quinn Millerd, Drake University; Missouri Valley Conference.
Emily Moon, Lamar University; Southland Conference.
Meredith Page, Radford University; Big South Conference.
Jaylen Philips, Sam Houston State University; Conference USA.
Braeden Pratt, St. John's University, New York; Big East Conference.
Paige Sayler, 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.
Kennedy Todd-Williams, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.
Ad Hoc Representatives:
Scott McKenzie and Betsey Walkowiak.
Absentees:
Elizabeth Galvin, Eastern Illinois University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Joy Graziano, University of North Texas; American Conference.
Tyler Johnson, Boston University; Patriot League.
Eloise McGibben, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Amaya Andrews, Jackson State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Caden Carlson, Wichita State University; American Conference.
Ally Cordes, Samford University; Southern Conference.
Cassidy Garcia, Loyola University, Maryland; Patriot League.
Clay Green, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference.
Jasmine Harris; University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Olivia Malinowski, Hofstra University; Coastal Athletic Association.
Duru Sibik, University of Arkansas, Little Rock; Ohio Valley Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Haydyn Makins, Russell Register, Shelby Sonnefeldt, Asia Thompson and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Charlie Baker, Michael Cioroianu, Judy Delp, Jenn Fraser, Niya Blair Hackworth, Stephannnie Harvey-Vandenberg, Kevin Lennon, Gretchen Miron, Tyler Noragon, Emma Potter, Dave Schnase and Matt White.