

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JULY 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

### KEY ITEMS.

1. NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Priorities for 2020-21. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed and finalized its priorities for the 2020-21 academic year. These priorities focus on student-athlete health and well-being, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and maintaining and enhancing student-athlete voice in legislative and policy issues. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee identified areas of opportunity to create educational resources that enhance the student-athlete experience and noted the importance of collaborating with other Division I committees and governance bodies as well as the NCAA national office staff to achieve success in the stated priorities.

## 2. Civic Engagement.

- a. <u>Legislative Action Plan.</u> The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is recommending the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited during Election Day. Before sending the official recommendation to Council, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has requested the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee review the concept and provide feedback prior to the September Council meeting. Once feedback is received, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will review and make an official recommendation to Council.
- b. <u>Education</u>. As part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee civic engagement initiative, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is working on gathering educational resources for both institutions and student-athletes. Educational materials will be distributed once finalized.

### ACTION ITEMS.

None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. Dialogue with National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee engaged in a dialogue with administrators from the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals regarding opportunities to collaborate on future initiatives that impact student-athlete health and well-being.

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- 2. Approval of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 22-24 and April 22, 2020, Meeting Reports. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the reports from its January 22-24 and April 22, 2020, meetings.
- 3. NCAA Division I Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the work of the Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group.
- 4. NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the work of the Working Group on Transfers. The three principles of uniformity, academics and student-athlete health and well-being remain a key priority for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee when it comes to the review of the transfer landscape overall. While the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted that academics is important and critical to the success of student-athletes, they also noted that if an academic criterion is identified it should not adversely affect any demographic of student-athlete's ability to have access to being able to transfer. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted that the legislation currently has academic parameters in place for student-athletes that wish to transfer, and any additional requirements would be overly punitive.
- 5. Anomaly Sports Group. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed a presentation from Anomaly Sports Group and discussed opportunities for individual institutions and conferences to engage with the group on student-athlete education and professional development. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee then provided Anomaly Sports Group with feedback as to what topic areas may be most beneficial to student-athletes.
- 6. Student-Athlete Experience Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Collaboration. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed opportunities to collaborate with the Student-Athlete Experience Committee on issues that impact student-athlete health and well-being.
- 7. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Legislation Feedback Process Updates. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed updates to the legislation feedback process.
- **8. 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 social justice, student-athlete mental health and well-being and COVID-19 related initiatives.

- 9. 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.
- 10. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Subcommittees. Members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee subcommittees provided background on, and updates from, their respective subcommittees. Members not currently assigned to a subcommittee or those wishing to reassign will be assigned to a subcommittee by the next Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting.
- 11. Future Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meetings and Teleconferences.
  - a. August 2020; Microsoft Teams Videoconference.
  - b. September 2020; Microsoft Teams Videoconference.
  - c. October 2020; Microsoft Teams 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 Hebberd, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

Marissa Robinson, NCAA Leadership Development.

Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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#### **Attendees:**

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.

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.

Jordan Schmid, Marquette University; Big East Conference.

Natalie Robinson, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.

Liz Wood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.

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## **Absentees:**

Davy van Geerke, Hampton University; Big South Conference.

Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.

## **NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**

Sarah Hebberd, Marissa Robinson and Quintin Wright.

## **Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

Jenn Fraser, Marnae Mawdsley, Bri Rigney and Zack Teats.