



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 26, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Name, image and likeness update.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update from Scott Bearby regarding a holistic background and timeline surrounding the interim NIL policy. The committee reviewed the current NIL educational resources that can be accessed on ncaa.org.
2. **NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee logo.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee received an update on the creation of a universal SAAC logo for all three divisions. The committee provided its final feedback on the look of the new logo.
3. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory priorities for 2021-22.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed and finalized its priorities for the 2021-22 academic year. These priorities focus on: (1) Student-athlete physical and mental health and well-being; (2) Enhancement of the student-athlete voice; and (3) Name, image and likeness awareness.
4. **Update on Division I SAAC structure.** The committee reviewed the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee secondary representative policy for the upcoming academic year. Each conference will select the secondary representative that will serve as a substitute in the event that the primary representative is unable to attend a meeting. This will ensure that conferences continue to receive up to date information from the national level. The committee also introduced the 2021-22 subcommittee chairs. The executive team presented the idea to have the executive team attend one virtual conference meeting this year.
5. **NCAA Division I SAAC newsletter.** The committee will be creating a newsletter that will be a collaborative project between all three subcommittees. This newsletter will be distributed to the conference and institutional SAACs. The committee discussed a video format versus online format for the newsletter.
6. **Student-athlete involvement in Title IX at 50 celebration.** The committee received an update on the upcoming celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX. The NCAA Division I National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be involved with the celebration. Additional information will be shared as plans continue to develop.
7. **Gender equity review.** The committee was notified of the expected release of the gender equity review by the law firm of Kaplan, Hecker & Fink, LLP. The review will be made public once final.

- 8. Other business.** The committee discussed two potential national initiatives by two representatives. The first initiative was involving the topic of mental health; specifically, the idea of student-athletes being granted mental health days that could be used periodically during the year. The second topic surrounded the NCAA drug-testing policy. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have NCAA staff present about the current policy and to then discuss whether potential change is needed.
- 9. Approval of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee May 18 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its May 18 meeting.

Committee Chair: Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Big Ten Conference.

*Committee Vice Chairs: Brynn Carlson, University of Missouri.
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University; The Summit League.*

*Staff Liaisons: Sarah Hebbard, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs
Russell Register, NCAA Enforcement
Jeremy Villanueva, NCAA Communications
Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee July 26, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Ahmed Amaar, Lipscomb University; ASUN Conference.	
Brynn Carlson, University of Missouri.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Big Ten Conference.	
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University; The Summit League.	
Asia Goins, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Turner Dirrigl, Canisius College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Alec Dominguez, Florida International University; Conference USA.	
Quinn Eaton V, Murray State University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Dominic Franklin, Texas Southern University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Alexis Garrett, Troy University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Ami Gianchandani, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Katherine Harston, New Mexico State University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Maddie Hommey, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Leon Krapf, North Carolina State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	

Hannah Lee, University of Wyoming; Mountain West Conference.
Nicole Leishman, University of the Pacific; West Coast Conference.
Isaiah Marable, California State University, Sacramento; Big Sky Conference.
Mackenzie McFeron, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.
Connor McMahon, Mount St. Mary's University; Northeast Conference.
Christopher Paul, The University of Tulsa; American Athletic Conference.
Natalie Robinson, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.
Cody Shimp, St. Bonaventure University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Lainey Stephenson, Wright State University; Horizon League.
Marissa Watters, University of the Incarnate Word; Southland Conference.
Nia Wattlely, Stony Brook; American East Conference.
Malcolm Wilson, Georgetown University; Big East Conference.
Liz Wood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.
Jamie Zamrin, Lehigh University; Patriot League (substitute).
Absentees:
Julia Gray, Loyola University; Patriot League.
Other Guests in Attendance:
Karen Paisley, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics liaison.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Sarah Heberd, Russell Register and Jeremy Villanueva.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Judy Delp and Corbin McGuire.