



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 19-20, 2019, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Notification of Transfer Educational Document.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) approved a final draft of its educational document that outlines the notification of transfer process for student-athletes. SAAC noted that the document will help student-athletes be informed about the process and ensure accountability.
2. **Postgraduate Academic Enrollment Requirements.** SAAC reviewed data on Division I postgraduate student-athletes and provided feedback on concepts developed by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics in its ongoing review of postgraduate academic enrollment requirements. SAAC was supportive of concept number three that provided the most flexibility for student-athletes.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Reviewed and Approved SAAC Reports.** SAAC reviewed and approved its report from the July in-person meeting.
2. **Committee on Academics Update.** SAAC received an update from the Committee on Academics on the trends in graduation rates, an academic-athletic summit scheduled for January 2020, academic-based revenue distribution and new legislation regarding men's and women's basketball degree completion assistance.
3. **NCAA Federal and State Legislation Working Group Update.** SAAC received an update on the work of the Federal and State Legislation Working Group and provided feedback on the efforts of the Working Group.
4. **Update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** SAAC received an update on current litigation involving the Association.
5. **NCAA College Basketball Reform Updates.** SAAC received an update on the College Basketball Reform initiatives that are being implemented both immediately and in the future.

6. **Mental Health Waiver Think Tank.** SAAC received information regarding a mental health waiver think tank that will convene at the NCAA national office November 14-15, 2019, to review NCAA guidelines, directives and information standards for waivers involving mental health.
7. **SAAC Conference Advisors Joint Meeting.** SAAC discussed potential agenda items for its January 2020 in-person meeting with conference SAAC advisors.
8. **Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.** SAAC will partner with the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee on the second annual diversity and inclusion social media campaign October 22-26, 2019. The goal of the campaign is to create a dialogue on diversity and inclusion and to communicate the benefit of inclusive environments to the student-athlete experience.
9. **NCAA Drug-Testing Program.** SAAC received an update on changes to the NCAA Drug-Testing Program adopted by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports in June 2019.
10. **NCAA.org Refresh.** SAAC was asked to review content on the Division I SAAC webpage on the NCAA.org website and to provide feedback for the anticipated website refresh that launches in January 2020. SAAC's education and media project teams will collaborate to collect feedback from SAAC members and provide suggested content updates.
11. **Review of Division I Proposed Legislation.** SAAC reviewed select NCAA Division I Council-governance conference-submitted legislative concepts for the 2019-20 legislative cycle. SAAC members will gather student-athlete feedback from each Division I conference for discussion at its January 2020 in-person meeting. SAAC also reviewed the timeline for student-athletes to provide feedback on the proposed legislation in the 2019-20 legislative cycle.
12. **Nonpartisan Civic Engagement Activity.** SAAC discussed options for engagement to lead a nonpartisan voting awareness initiative with the primary goals to raise awareness, provide education on issues nationally and locally and encourage student-athletes to use their voice beyond athletics and take action.
13. **Division I and Association-Wide Committee Reports.** SAAC received updates from Division I and Association-wide committees on which SAAC members serve, as well as convention panels on which SAAC members participated.
14. **Project Team Updates.** SAAC reviewed a draft proposal to replace the SAAC media, student-athlete engagement and education project teams with a formal subcommittee structure. SAAC will present the proposal to Council at its April 2020 meeting.

## 15. Future Meeting Schedule.

- January 22-26, 2019, Anaheim, California (in conjunction with the NCAA Convention).

*Committee Chair:* Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.  
*Committee Vice Chairs:* Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.  
 Sam Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.  
*Staff Liaisons:* Stephanie Grace, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.  
 Sarah Hebbard, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.  
 Marissa Robinson, NCAA Leadership Development.  
 Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee October 19-20, 2019, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Ahmed Amaar, Lipscomb University; ASUN Conference.	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College; Northeast Conference.	
Anna Claire Atha, Wofford College; Southern Conference	
Hannah Buck, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Sophie Caplan, The College of William and Mary; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Morgan Chall, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Rutendo Chimbaru, DePaul University; Big East Conference	
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University; The Summit League.	
Natalie Couture, Chicago State University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Kiera Dalmass, University of Connecticut; American Athletic Conference.	
Celene Funke, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Ryan Gallagher, Rutgers University; Big Ten Conference.	
Alexis Garrett, Troy University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Darby Henthorn, The University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.	
Erik Janss, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Ava Lawson, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Halie Mariano, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Mackenzie McFeron, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.	

Grace McGuire, Utah State University; Mountain West Conference.
Jocelyne Mendoza, Eastern Illinois University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Jacob Milton, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Karen Paisley, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference, Faculty Athletics Representative.
Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.
Jameer Robinson, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.
Namilla Sanchez, Vanderbilt University; Southeastern Conference.
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League, NCAA Division I Council Representative.
Noah Steele, Sam Houston State University; Southland Conference.
Thomas Stuart, Manhattan College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Bjorn Thompson, Texas Tech University; Big 12 Conference.
Femcke Van Rensburg, Charleston Southern University; Big South Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Amanda Carroll, Florida Gulf Coast University; ASUN Conference.
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University; Big Ten Conference.
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University; Colonial Athletic Association.
Gabriel Boscardin Dias, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
Christian Ellsworth, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.
Romero Gill, Seton Hall University; Big East Conference.
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University; Western Athletic Conference.
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Southland Conference.
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Big Sky Conference.
Kailyn Myshrall, University of Vermont; America East Conference.
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Carl-Sylvester Thompson, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Elizabeth Conte, Stephanie Grace, Sarah Hebbard, Marissa Robinson and Quintin Wright.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby, Gina de Haan, PJ Hubert, Kevin Lennon, Binh Nguyen and Fran Rodriguez.