

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 4-5, 2024, 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, president of the NCAA, engaged in an open conversation with the committee on various topics pertaining to the membership and the student-athlete experience.
 - b. Greg Pottorff, managing director of legal affairs, provided a litigation update.
 - c. Danielle Day, associate director of academic membership & affairs, provided an update on name, image and likeness technology.
- 2. Division I SAAC priorities. The committee discussed its priorities for the remainder of the academic year. Among priorities discussed were continued engagement with Congress on their position that student-athletes should not be employees, communication with conference and campus SAAC, civic engagement, student-athlete involvement in conference and national governance, and engagement with comprehensive student-athlete eligibility review. The committee will continue to discuss the priorities at future meetings.
- 3. Issues related to the Division I transfer landscape. The committee received an update on the latest discussions and recommendations related to transfer legislation and policies, including the duration of the notification of transfer windows related to NCAA Division I Proposal 2024-46. The proposal would only modify the notification of transfer window for men's and women's basketball and football from 45 days to 30 days. The committee agreed that notification of transfer windows should continue open seven days after championship selection for sports other than football and basketball. The committee also noted that sports that have a traditional and nontraditional segment should continue to have two windows. The committee supported maintaining notification of transfer window duration of 45 days for sports other than football and basketball but open to examination in the future with more data necessity to change for sports other than football and basketball. The committee also supports and understands the position of the sport-specific student-athlete groups and their role to represent their sport on this topic.
- 4. Student-athlete survey and Team Works pilot. The committee discussed developments regarding the student-athlete survey and the Team Works pilot for the survey. The confidential survey will be conducted in October 2024 and request information based on social media abuse, engagement with the NIL Assist platform, factors leading to transfer,

and intentions to vote in the 2024 presidential election. The committee will continue to discuss the survey at future meetings.

- 5. Selection of philanthropic organization for NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy. The committee discussed the nonprofit organization that would receive the fines from non-attesting institutions. During its April videoconference, the NCAA Board of Governors approved a new penalty structure for the NCAA Policy on Campus Sexual Violence. The board agreed to eliminate the penalty prohibiting non-attesting schools from hosting NCAA championship competitions and instead, if a school does not attest its compliance with the policy, the school will be fined \$5000 to be distributed to a divisional identified philanthropic organization focusing on efforts on campus sexual violence prevention. After the Board of Governor's decision, it was determined that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committees would identify and select the nonprofit organization that would receive the fines. The committee will continue discussions at a future video conference and select the organization.
- **6. Legislative update.** The committee received an update on current legislative proposals in the October 2024 legislative cycle that will be discussed at the October 2024 NCAA Division I Council meeting.
- 7. **2024-25** Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest update. The committee received an update on the 2024-25 NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee video contest and the future steps necessary.
- 8. NCAA Association-wide committees and NCAA Division I Council and standing committee updates. The committee received various updates from NCAA Association-wide committees, NCAA Division I Council, and NCAA Division I ctanding Committees. Updates included discussions of topics identified by the reports of the committees.
- **9. Subcommittees updates.** The committee discussed the three subcommittee groups developments and updates for Education, Media and Communications, and Strategic Vision and Planning.
- **10. Approval of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee July report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its July 9-11, 2024, in-person meeting.
- 11. Future Meeting Schedule.
 - a. January 15-17, 2025 Nashville, Tennessee.
 - b. April 2025 videoconference (strategic planning meeting for executive team) to be scheduled.
 - c. July 8-10 Indianapolis.

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Meredith Page, Big South Conference

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Shelby Sonnefeldt, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs

Asia Thompson, NCAA Championships

Quintin Wright, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:

Leah Carey, Brown University; The Ivy League.

Ashley Cozad, University of North Florida; ASUN Conference.

Rhiannon Davies; Big Sky Conference.

Diego Diaz, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus; Northeast Conference.

Riley Donahue, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.

Anthony Egbo, Abilene Christian University; Western Athletic Conference.

Josh Emmanuel, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference.

Hannah Hartley, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.

Daniel Jekov, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.

Roshan Kalikasingh, Marist University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Olivia Lipari, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.

Abby Lynch, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.

Madison Mathews, Northern Illinois University; Mid-American Conference.

Dr. Marion McClary, Fairleigh Dickenson University, Faculty Athletics Representative.

Jennifer McMillan, Oregon State University; Pac-12 Conference.

Meredith Page, Radford University; Big South Conference.

Thomas Pennimpede, Drexel University; Coastal Athletic Association.

Keeley Rasmussen, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.

Caemon Scott, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference.

Braedon Pratt, St. John's University (New York); Big East Conference.

Betsey Walkowiak, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Horizon League.

Claire Woods, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.

Ad Hoc Representatives:

Scott McKenzie.

Absentees:

D'Ante Bass, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.

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Charles Brown, Jr., Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.

Madelyn Fox, Temple University; American Athletic Conference.

Matthew Fox, University of Arkansas, Little Rock; Ohio Valley Conference.

Tyler Johnson, Boston University; Patriot League.

Patrick McQuaide, Nicholls State University; Southland Conference.

Quinn Millerd, Drake University; Missouri Valley Conference.

Eden Mittelsdorf, Pepperdine University; West Coast Conference.

Taurus Simmons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.

Kennedy Todd-Williams, University of Mississippi, Southeastern Conference.

Other Guests in Attendance:

Bryan Ahouman, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference.

Brenna Blume, Belmont University; Missouri Valley Conference.

McKenna Braegelmann, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.

Zyyare Brown, Houston Christian University; Southland Conference.

Anna Economon, University of Houston; Big 12 Conference.

Sydney Morgan, Rice University; American Athletic Conference.

Ellie Rinehart, Loyola University Maryland; Patriot League.

Jake Serra, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.

Duru Sibik, University of Arkansas, Little Rock; Ohio Valley Conference.

James Woody II, Grambling State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Russell Register, Shelby Sonnefeldt, Asia Thompson and Quintin Wright.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Charlie Baker, Lydia Bell, Michael Cioroianu, Danielle Day, Judy Delp, Jenn Fraser, Ethan Hite, Susan Peal, Greg Pottorff and Stephanie Quigg.