



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 26, 2021 VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **NCAA Division I Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee duties and composition.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee recommended that the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation as follows: (1) Modify the name of the Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee to the NCAA Division I Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee; (2) Expand the Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee's legislated duties to include establishing preenrollment amateurism certification policies and procedures, subject to the review of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee; and (3) Modify the Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee composition to include a representative from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee's current legislated duties are to make factual determinations as part of the amateurism certification process when there is conflicting information necessary for completing the prospective student-athlete's certification. The Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee plays a critical role in the amateurism certification process, however, has historically had a low volume of work (e.g., five cases in three years). This legislative change would expand the committee's role to provide critical guidance to NCAA Eligibility Center staff on preenrollment amateurism certification policies and education. Further, modifying the name of the committee provides clarity to the committee's duties and role in the governance process.

The Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee's current composition has seven Division I administrator members. Student-athletes have not historically been represented because of the limited scope of only reviewing fact-finding appeals. The inclusion of a student-athlete representative allows the student-athlete perspective to be considered in preenrollment amateurism certification process discussions; however, the student-athlete would continue to be precluded from participation in fact-finding appeals.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Provides representation of the student-athlete perspective in preenrollment amateurism certification process discussions and development of policies.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Student-Athlete Experience Committee composition.

- (1) Recommendation. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee recommended the Division I Council modify the Student-Athlete Experience Committee composition to include the chair of the Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The addition of the chair of the Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee to the Student-Athlete Experience Committee allows for an increased connection between the two committees and represents a similar structure to other standing committees within the governance process (e.g., chairs of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief and NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee serving on the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee).
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

- b. Blanket waiver request – USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee reviewed a blanket waiver request from USA Baseball to permit student-athletes to participate in the 2021 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine. The committee indicated support of a blanket waiver permitting student-athlete participation in the 2021 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine for a period that exceeds 48 hours. Further, the committee also indicated support for a waiver of such participation being considered the one tryout with a professional sports organization currently permitted by the legislation after initial full-time enrollment. The committee noted that the waiver request would only be applicable for the 2021 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine and provides baseball with similar relief that exists legislatively in basketball and ice hockey.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Future videoconferences.**
 - 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, May 17.

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NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee April 26, 2021 Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida).	
Chris May, St. Louis University.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University.	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	
Absentees:	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College (Student-Athlete).	
Ross Bjork, Texas A&M University, College Station.	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University (Student-Athlete).	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
D.J. Brown, Brandy Hataway, Karen Metzger and Quintin Wright.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Mike Massa, Ty Medd and Ashley Thornburg.	