



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 21, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Extension of COVID-19 Financial Aid Exemptions waiver.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee reviewed its prior discussion on a recommendation from the Southeastern Conference to extend a waiver of financial aid limitations to permit institutions to exempt the athletics aid of any student-athlete who has received a COVID-19 eligibility-extension waiver, provided the student-athlete has remained enrolled at the same institution. The committee did not support acting on the waiver at this time due to concerns surrounding the financial impact on institutions and agreement that other strategies can be implemented to assist with roster management. The committee is supportive of continuing this conversation on a term-by-term basis based on continuing developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **Impact of COVID-19 on the student-athlete experience.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed areas for modernization and sustainability related to the short and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on the student-athlete experience, including scheduling, the transfer environment, postgraduate education, life skills development and student-athlete mental health. The committee supported developing a “toolkit” of information related to these topics to provide to student-athletes on an annual basis. Committee members emphasized the need to communicate this information to student-athletes in an understandable and convenient way. The committee charged NCAA staff with developing a subcommittee to collaborate with NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on the development of this resource.
3. **Prize money – calendar year requirement.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed options related to the calendar year requirements to afford student-athletes in individual sports and beach volleyball additional time to incur actual and necessary expenses to offset prize money based on place finish or performance in an athletics event. The committee agreed that waivers related to this issue would best be resolved on a case-by-case basis and recognized that an increased number of requests may require additional discussion.
4. **Committee feedback on COVID-19 action items.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee received its recent feedback to the NCAA Division I Council related to COVID-19 action items including the eligibility of midyear enrollees, playing and practice season waivers, name, image and likeness proposals and the uniform transfer eligibility proposal. The committee also discussed recent decisions by the Council in light of the committee’s feedback.
5. **Report of the November 16 Council videoconference.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee approved the report of its November 16 videoconference.

**6. Future videoconferences.**

**a. Monthly videoconferences via Microsoft Teams.**

- (1) 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, February 15, 2021.
- (2) 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, March 15, 2021.

**b. Videoconferences as part of NCAA Division I Council meetings.**

- 1 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday January 5, 2021. *(Tentative)*

*Committee Chair: Justin Sell, South Dakota State University*  
*Staff Liaisons: D.J. Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee December 21, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College (Student-Athlete).	
Ross Bjork, Texas A&M University, College Station.	
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida).	
Chris May, St. Louis University.	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University.	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University (Student-Athlete).	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
D.J. Brown, Brandy Hataway, Karen Metzger and Quintin Wright.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Jenn Fraser, Marnae Mawdsley, Corbin McGuire and Alex Smith.	