



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 11, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2019 SAAC Goals Discussion.** The committee was presented with possible goals to accomplish this year, as established by the group at its January meeting. It was decided to establish goals in a restructured format, with the overarching goal being labeled “Total Package Student-Athlete.” The committee decided to divide the overall goal into four sub-goals: Love2Play, encouraging sport diversification; mental health; diversity and inclusion; and professional development. A task force was created for each sub-goal to allow progress to be made on each goal throughout the year. The task forces will report out to the committee throughout the year on their progress.
2. **Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received an update about the Make-A-Wish donation numbers for this academic year within Division II. There has been a total of 13 completed wish reveals, four reveals are currently scheduled and five are in the planning process. The committee was reminded of the new donation process and was encouraged to continue communicating the new process with their respective conferences and schools.
3. **Team IMPACT® Update.** The committee was informed that the division has reached a new benchmark for Team IMPACT matches. Each Division II conference has at least one institution with a Team IMPACT match.
4. **Division II Yearbook.** The 2020 Division II Yearbook will have a section dedicated to the SAAC and celebrating the role it plays in the division. This issue will feature each committee member, as 2019 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of an Association-wide national student-athlete advisory committee within the NCAA governance structure.
5. **Division II National SAAC LinkedIn update.** The committee received an update on the status of the Division II National SAAC LinkedIn page, titled “DII National SAAC Alumni Network,” and discussed how it can be used as a tool to connect with current and former national SAAC members. The committee is interested in growing the network by inviting former national SAAC members to join the page using previous committee rosters.

6. **SAAC Super Region Convention preparation.** The committee reviewed its materials in preparation for hosting the second Division II SAAC Super Region Convention April 12-14 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate.
7. **Division II Committee Reports.** Members representing Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Management Council and Legislation Committee. Additionally, a preview of the Management Council agenda was given. Committee members serving on these committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.
8. **Feedback on Legislation Committee Referral.** During the Legislation Committee update, the committee discussed a referral on whether to permit a student-athlete, who has either exhausted eligibility or graduated and exhausted eligibility after the fall term, to work an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break immediately after the fall term. The committee expressed support for the student-athlete who has exhausted their eligibility to work an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break following the fall term. The committee believes student-athletes should have the opportunity to work an institutional camp or clinic after they exhaust their eligibility and their participation in working the event should be a decision they make on their own.
9. **Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various Association-wide committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics.
10. **Division II Championships Festival Working Group.** The committee was provided an update on the February teleconference and March in-person meeting of the Championships Festival Working Group. The working group was charged with developing recommendations to ensure that the Festivals continue to provide memorable experiences for participants and remain a unique marquee event for the division overall. The working group will finalize its recommendations in May, and they will be reviewed by the Championships Committee in June.
11. **NCAA Summit on Sports Wagering and Well-Being.** The committee received a report from a member that attended the NCAA Summit on Sports Wagering and Well-Being.
12. **2019 Division II APPLE Training Institute.** The committee was provided a report from the members that attended the 2019 Division II APPLE Training Institute March 22-24 in Dallas.

13. **2019 Postgraduate Opportunities.** The committee was informed of the postgraduate scholarships and internships available to student-athletes, including the application for the 2020-21 NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program, which opens in August 2019.
14. **Conference Updates.** Each committee member provided an update on their conference SAAC meetings.
15. **SAAC Policies and Procedures.** The committee approved the updated SAAC Policies and Procedures document.
16. **January 2019 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The January 2019 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
17. **New Members.** The committee welcomed the following new members to the Division II SAAC:
  - a. **Conference Carolinas** – Alexia Autrey, King University.
  - b. **Great Northwest Athletic Conference** – Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University.
  - c. **Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association** – Mackenzie O’Neill, Missouri Western State University.
  - d. **Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference** – Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth.
  - e. **Pacific West Conference** – Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University.
  - f. **Peach Belt Conference** – Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern State University.
  - g. **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference** – Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania.
  - h. **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** – John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University.
  - i. **At-Large** – Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College.
18. **Future Meetings.**
  - a. July 19-21; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
  - b. Fall 2019 conference call; Date to be determined.
  - c. November 22-24; Indianapolis.

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- d. Jan. 21-25, 2020, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Anaheim, California.
- e. April 16-19, 2020, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention, Los Angeles.
- f. July 17-19, 2020; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
- g. Fall 2020 conference call; Date to be determined.
- h. Nov. 19-22, 2020, in conjunction with the SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
- i. Jan. 12-16, 2021, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

*Committee Chair: Alex Shillow, Texas A&M-Commerce, Lone Star Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance  
Amanda Benzine, Championships and Alliances  
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b><i>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting, April 11, 2019</i></b>	
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Absentees</b>
Alexia Autrey, King University (TN), Conference Carolinas	Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College, Independents	John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Jessica Chapin, American International College, Northeast-10 Conference	Olivia Faught, Southern Arkansas University, Great American Conference
Father John Denning, Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference	Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH), Mountain East Conference	Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference
Grant Foley, Delta State University, Gulf South Conference	Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern State University, Peach Belt Conference
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference	Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

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Attendees	Absentees
Madeline McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (MI), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference	
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference	
Mackenzie O’Neill, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	
Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College, At-Large	
Kate Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference	
Jacob Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference	
Madison Schiller, California State University, East Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association	
Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference	
Tayler Stover, Rogers State University, Heartland Conference	
Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference	
Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference	
Other Participants: Madison Arndt, NCAA Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA Maritza Jones, NCAA Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (chair, Management Council) Lisa Rogers, NCAA	