



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Updates on 2023-24 Division II SAAC Goals and Priorities.** The committee finalized its goals and priorities for the 2023-24 academic year. This year's themes are the 3 E's.
 - a. **Empower student-athletes with resources.** SAAC will promote congressional engagement resources on their personal social media channels as well as Division II SAAC Instagram and X. The committee also discussed promoting Life After the Game resources on social media. These resources include materials such as creating resumes, tips for networking, interview practices and creating a LinkedIn profile.
 - b. **Empathize with student-athletes' concerns.** The committee plans to celebrate and recognize important days and months, such as Juneteenth and LGBTQ+ pride month and share diversity, equity and inclusion spotlights on social media. The committee plans to also promote mental health resources vetted by the NCAA Sport Science Institute on personal social media channels as well as the Division II SAAC Instagram and X. The committee will create and utilize a calendar for social content tracking and organization.
 - c. **Enhance student-athletes' voices and experiences.** The committee discussed the newly created Division II SAAC Instagram. The committee is working on establishing a content plan that the social media subcommittee will implement. The committee will also finalize its campus and conference SAAC guides.
2. **Division II's 50th Anniversary Celebration.** The committee received an update on the Division's 50th anniversary celebration, including the celebration launch and social blitz on August 7.
3. **NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program.** The committee received information regarding the NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program. Applications for the 2024-25 NCAA PGIP cohort close on Friday, September 8. The committee was encouraged to attend a webinar hosted by the NCAA leadership development team on Thursday, August 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time to receive more information on the internship program.
4. **Future Meetings.**
 - a. Fall 2023 videoconference, date to be determined.

- b. Nov. 16-19, 2023, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Atlanta, Georgia.
- c. Jan. 9-13, 2024, in conjunction with 2024 NCAA Convention; Phoenix, Arizona.
- d. April 13-14, 2024, SAAC meeting; videoconference.
- e. July 19-21, 2024, SAAC/Management Council Summit; Indianapolis.
- f. Nov. 23-24, 2024; videoconference.
- g. Jan. 14-18, 2025; in conjunction with 2025 NCAA Convention; Nashville, Tennessee.

Committee Chair: Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance
 Amanda Benzine, Women's Basketball
 Marcus Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Megan McDonald, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Becca Burchette Medel, Governance

NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee August 9, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University, East Coast Conference.	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Eddie Baker, The College of Saint Rose, At-Large.	
Scott Borgmann Jr., Wilmington University (Delaware), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.	
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Addison Courtney, Fairmont State University, Mountain East Conference.	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College, South Atlantic Conference.	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas.	
Haley Gilbert, Augusta University, Peach Belt Conference.	
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
DJ Guest Jr., California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo, Gulf South Conference.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State Conference.	
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University, Great American Conference.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman's University, Lone Star Conference.	
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Myles Jackson, Queens College (New York), At-Large.	
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.	

Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
David Mayser, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Pacific West Conference.
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
Alexis Montalvo, Ashland University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
Tanner Olson, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University, Northeast-10 Conference.
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas of Permian Basin, Lone Star Conference.
Justin Zavala, Bowie State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Absentees:
Michaela Boyd, Azusa Pacific University, At-Large.
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau, Kendee Hilliard, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Megan McDonald and Becca Burchette Medel.