



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 13-14, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**
 - **None.**
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
 - **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Orientation.** The Division II National SAAC executive board, one Management Council representative and staff liaisons met in person with new committee members before the start of the meeting to provide an overview of Division II SAAC and the committee's responsibility in serving as the voice of Division II student-athletes.
2. **Time Demands Conversation.** The committee continued its April discussion on Division I time demands legislation and reviewed the process and outcomes of the Division I SAAC time demands survey. After the discussion ended, the committee was not in favor of recommending new time demands legislation in Division II at this time.
3. **Voluntold Discussion Follow-Up.** The committee continued to discuss voluntold activities in Division II. In April, SAAC offered to create a student-athlete survey to learn the most common voluntold activities. NCAA Research staff listened to the July discussion and offered feedback on the idea. The committee decided to not move forward with creating a survey as it would likely prove what the committee already knows about voluntold. Instead the committee established a goal to educate Division II student-athletes and athletics administrators on time demands using existing resources, such as the Division II Countable Athletically Related Activities (CARA) document and the time management document created by SAAC during the 2017-18 academic year.
4. **Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish discussion.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Make-A-Wish subcommittee's assessment of the division's Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT partnerships. The committee is excited to continue partnering with both organizations. SAAC agreed it will do all it can to support and facilitate engagement of Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish on Division II campuses but give institutions the autonomy to fundraise and volunteer through community engagement however they choose.
5. **Team IMPACT®.** Seth Rosenzweig provided an update on Team IMPACT since he last met with the committee in April. He discussed the organization's partnership with Division

II and the company's plans for its Student-Athlete Fellowship Program and marketing task force. Since Team IMPACT was founded in 2011, it has formed over 1,500 matches with 500-plus colleges and universities with the help of over 50,000 student-athletes. As of July, Division II had 371 total matches to date.

6. **Make-A-Wish®.** The committee received an update on Division II's partnership with Make-A-Wish from new account representative Devon Herlihy. SAAC was provided with a draft version of the new Make-A-Wish toolkit that includes examples of turnkey events and fundraising ideas. Beginning September 1, 2018, institutions and conferences fundraising for Make-A-Wish should send all donations to Make-A-Wish instead of the NCAA national office. The committee discussed the timing of Week of Wishes, which will be announced this fall. It also discussed the funding of Wish reveals for schools that fundraise less than the average cost of a Wish reveal (\$10,000) in the 2017-18 academic year. The committee agreed to use Division II's championship and enforcement fines to supplement institutions that fundraise at least \$5,000 to give them an opportunity to host a reveal.
7. **Referrals from Division II Legislation Committee.** The Division II Legislation Committee requested feedback from SAAC on two referrals. The first referral pertained to Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons). The legislative concept would permit, in individual sports, a coach to participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. Over half of the committee members in attendance were in support of this concept and believed it could benefit international student-athletes who are unable to return home. Those who opposed the concept were concerned that student-athletes could feel pressure from a coach to utilize vacation periods to work out more instead of taking time off. The second referral pertained Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition site). The legislative concept would eliminate the restriction of a coach contacting a prospective student-athlete at the site of competition during a multiday event until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. Over half of the committee present opposed this concept. Those student-athletes believe if a prospective student-athlete is aware that a coach is attending the event to recruit, it could create additional pressure and anxiety on the prospective student-athlete during competition. Those in support stated that the concept creates flexibility for a coach with limited budget dollars to recruit more and reach more potential student-athletes. They also believe this concept could benefit prospective student-athletes by giving them more opportunities to interact with coaches that are recruiting them.
8. **Review of 2019 Legislation and Legislative Process.** The committee received an overview of the proposed legislation for the 2019 NCAA Convention and developed pro-con lists for each proposal. It also reviewed the legislative timeline and legislative grid

process. Grids for the Convention proposals will be distributed by the committee to the schools in their respective conferences by September 24 and are to be returned to the conference's national SAAC representative no later than October 22.

9. **2019 SAAC Super Region Convention Update.** The 2019 SAAC Super Region will include institutions from the following conferences in the South/Southeast Regions: Conference Carolinas, Gulf South Conference, Peach Belt Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference. The three independent institutions in Puerto Rico will also be invited: University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon; University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez; and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. The super region convention is April 12-14, 2019, in Orlando, Florida, and will be held in conjunction with the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum. The committee also discussed the 2020 SAAC Super Region Conventions and recommended that the division continue hosting the super region convention in conjunction with the leadership forum.
10. **Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The committee reviewed the nominations process and timeline for the award. It was suggested that the nominations process and timeline be added to the agendas for conference and campus SAAC meetings. Entries must be submitted by October 15. The honoree will be selected by the Honors, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee at the November SAAC meeting. The award will be presented at the 2019 NCAA Convention.
11. **2019 Award of Excellence.** The committee received information on the 2019 Division II Award of Excellence. The 2019 flyer will be disseminated to the membership, with a nominations deadline of Friday, November 16.
12. **SAAC Network.** The committee discussed the need to update contact information for campus advisors and campus SAAC presidents in the SAAC Network. The committee agreed to a September 15 deadline for the information to be updated for future communication with campus and conference SAACs.
13. **Division II National SAAC Goals.** All five task forces discussed their goals and the timeline for those goals to be completed. The five areas of focus are: sexual assault, mental health, CPR/AED, Love2Play, and Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT.
14. **Social Media Diversity Campaign.** The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee is planning to partner with the national SAAC from each division on a diversity and inclusion social media campaign October 1-5. The committee was provided with a draft version of a toolkit that will help institutions and conferences participate in the campaign. The feedback from the group was positive and in support of the initiative. The committee agreed to assist distributing the information among the membership after it is ready.

15. **Review of Student-Athlete Day of Action.** The committee provided feedback on the Student-Athlete Day of Action and expressed support in collaborating with Division I and Division III SAACs on the initiative again.
16. **Internal Communications Platform.** The committee discussed the onboarding process of its new internal communications platform, Slack. It will be utilized for future communication between committee members.
17. **Commission on College Basketball Update.** The committee was provided an overview on the status of the Commission on College Basketball's recommendations. Since the recommendations were provided to the NCAA Board of Governors and the Division I Board of Directors in April working groups were formed internally and externally. An Association-wide working group was charged with the recommendation to add five independent voting members to the NCAA Board of Governors. This requires a change to Association-wide legislation and it must be approved by all three divisions. This proposal will be voted on at an Association-wide business session at the 2019 NCAA Convention.
18. **Recap Division II 2017-18 Priorities.** The committee received a final update on Division II's 2017-18 priorities. The priorities cover coaches education, inclusion initiatives, Membership Census, academics, Make It Yours activation, health and safety, SAAC initiatives, culture of compliance and championships.
19. **Membership Census Review.** The committee reviewed the results of the Division II Membership Census. SAAC received an overview of the census and summaries on the division's demographics, athletics operations, strategic positioning, branding and communication, campus SAACs, championships, and diversity and inclusion.
20. **New Division II National SAAC Representatives.** The committee welcomed three new members to national SAAC:
 - a. **Gulf South Conference** - Grant Foley, Delta State University.
 - b. **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** - Austin Jeter, Morehouse College.
 - c. **Independent** - Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College.
21. **April 2018 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The April 2018 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
22. **Future Meeting Schedule.**
 - a. Fall 2018 conference call, date to be determined.
 - b. November 16-18, 2018, Indianapolis.
 - c. January 22-26, 2019, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Orlando, Florida.
 - d. April 11-14, 2019, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Orlando.

- e. July 19-21, 2019; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
- f. Fall 2019 conference call; date to be determined.
- g. November 22-24, 2019; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

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

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Attendees	Absentees
Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University, At-Large	Austin Acosta, Southwest Baptist University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Gabrielle Cabanero, Dixie State University, At-Large	Austin Jeter, Morehouse College, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College, Independent	Casey Monaghan, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Sayaka Carpenter, California State University, Monterey Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association	Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Father John Denning, Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference	Tayler Stover, Rogers State University, Heartland Conference
Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH), Mountain East Conference	
Grant Foley, Delta State University, Gulf South Conference	
Aja Grant, Winston-Salem State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
Bailey Koch, Augustana University (SD), Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	

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Sarissa Lammers, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Great Northwest Athletic Conference	
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	
Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference	
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference	
Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference	
Hannah Peevy, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference	
Jake Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference	
Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference	
Sarah Rodgers, Saint Michael's College, Northeast-10 Conference	
Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California, Pacific West Conference	
Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference	
Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	
Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference	
Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas	

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Other Participants:
Madison Arndt, NCAA
Lydia Bell, NCAA
Geoff Bentzel, NCAA
Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA
Devon Herlihy, Make-A-Wish
Maritza Jones, NCAA
Pennie Parker, Rollins College
Lisa Rogers, NCAA
Seth Rosenzweig, Team IMPACT
Stephanie Quigg Smith, NCAA
Gregg Summers, NCAA
Karen Wolf, NCAA
Quintin Wright, NCAA