



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 19-21, 2019, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of 2020 NCAA Division II Legislation and Legislative Process.** The committee received an overview of the proposed Division II legislation for the 2020 NCAA Convention and developed pro-con lists for each proposal. The legislative timeline and legislative grid process were reviewed. Grids for the Convention proposals will be distributed by the committee to the schools in their respective conferences by September 23 and are to be returned to the conference’s national SAAC representative no later than October 21.
2. **Division II National SAAC Goals.** At its April meeting, the committee decided to set one overarching goal for 2019, “Total Package Student-Athlete.” The overarching goal branches into four objectives: Love2Play, encouraging sport diversification; mental health; diversity and inclusion; and professional development. A task force was created for each objective to allow progress to be made throughout the year. The task forces continued their discussions and reported on progress made to date.
3. **2020 SAAC Super Region Convention Update.** The 2020 SAAC Super Region will include institutions from the South Central and West Regions. Institutions in the following five conferences will be invited to participate: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Lone Star Conference, Pacific West Conference and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The super region convention is scheduled for April 16-19, 2020, in Los Angeles, California, and will be held in conjunction with the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum. The committee also discussed the survey results from the 2019 SAAC Super Region Convention, held April 12-14 in ChampionsGate, Florida.
4. **Neutrality in the Postseason Discussion.** The committee engaged in conversation around neutrality in the postseason with a focus on season ticket holders, pregame promotions and in-game promotions. The committee expressed support for giving season ticket holders of the preliminary round hosts first right of refusal for their seats. The committee also expressed support for preliminary round hosts being permitted to run regular-season promotions. The committee stated if a school earns the right to host, it should have the opportunity to provide the same game experience as during the regular season. Providing the same game experience would further enhance the student-athlete experience for the

home and away teams. The committee reinforced the need for preliminary round hosts to offer a good game experience for all games that don't involve the host team. The committee's feedback will be shared with the Division II Championships Committee at its next meeting.

5. **Regular-Season Media Agreement Discussion.** The committee was presented with information regarding the division's current regular-season media agreement and the funds allocated for the initiative. Discussion revolved around the intent of the regular-season media agreement, if the initiative should continue and how the funds could be used to promote the Division II brand. The committee shared a few initial ideas for the regular-season media agreement budget dollars that included social media ads and targeted marketing toward high school coaches and prospective student-athletes. The topic was discussed further with the Management Council at the SAAC/Management Council Summit and will be discussed again with SAAC at its November meeting.
6. **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 online at NCAA.org 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 2020 Convention.
7. **Team IMPACT®.** The committee received an update from Team IMPACT. The partnership with Division II, the important role the organization plays in children's lives and the success of the organization were discussed. Division II recorded 57 matches with Team IMPACT in the 2018-19 academic year and it has 427 total matches since Team IMPACT's inception in 2011.
8. **Make-A-Wish®.** The committee received an update on the partnership with Make-A-Wish. The new Make-A-Wish toolkit, which includes examples of turnkey events and fundraising ideas, was highlighted. The committee was reminded of the donation process, changed last year. Totals from the 2018-19 academic year are still being processed and will be announced this fall. The committee was informed that it will host a wish reveal during the July 21 Summit at the NCAA.
9. **NCAA After the Game Career Assessment Tool.** The committee received information on NCAA After the Game and its purpose. The Virgil Career Assessment Tool was also introduced. Feedback was requested from the committee on the beta version of the assessment tool. The committee was asked to share information on the tool with their peers and their peers are asked to provide feedback as well.
10. **NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group Update.** The committee was provided an update on the work of the Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group. The primary focus of the group is name, image and

likeness issues. The working group is scheduled to deliver a report to the Board of Governors in October.

11. **Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering Update.** The committee was provided information regarding the 10 states that legalized sports wagering at the time of the committee's July meeting and a brief overview of the states considering legalizing sports wagering. The implications of sports wagering and the effect on student-athletes and the membership were discussed.
12. **2020 Division II Award of Excellence.** The committee received information on the 2020 Division II Award of Excellence. The 2020 flyer will be disseminated to the membership this fall and entries must be received by Friday, November 22 at [d2award@ncaa.org](mailto:d2award@ncaa.org).
13. **Division II Yearbook.** The 2020 Division II Yearbook features the SAAC on the front cover and a section dedicated to the committee to celebrate the role it plays in the division. Each committee member will be highlighted as 2019 is the 30th anniversary of the creation of an Association-wide national student-athlete advisory committee within the governance structure. The committee took a photo, which will be used as the yearbook cover.
14. **Student-Athlete Gifts at Championships.** The committee discussed ideas for gifts to be given to student-athletes at the final site of the division's championships. Staff took note of the recommendations from the committee.
15. **Recap 2018-19 Division II Priorities.** The committee received a final update on the Division II priorities for the 2018-19 academic year. The priorities covered Division II University, championships initiatives, academics, diversity and inclusion, SAAC initiatives and brand activation.
16. **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, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, Legislation Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council. 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.
17. **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, Committee on Women's Athletics, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
18. **Conference Updates.** Each committee member provided an update on their conference SAAC meetings and initiatives.

19. **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.
20. **Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Orientation.** The Division II National SAAC executive board, Management Council representatives 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.
21. **New Division II National SAAC Representative.** The SAAC welcomed a new member to the committee from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Teara Johnson. Ms. Johnson is a women's basketball student-athlete at Winston-Salem State University.
22. **Recognition of Outgoing SAAC Representative.** Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, SAAC recognized the service of one outgoing representative: Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
23. **April 2019 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The April 2019 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
24. **Future Meeting Schedule.**
  - a. Fall 2019 conference call; date to be determined.
  - b. November 22-24; Indianapolis.
  - c. Jan. 21-25, 2020, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Anaheim, California.
  - d. April 16-19, 2020, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention, Los Angeles.
  - e. July 17-19, 2020; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
  - f. Fall 2020 conference call; date to be determined.
  - g. Nov. 19-22, 2020, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
  - h. Jan. 12-16, 2021, in conjunction with NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

*Committee Chair: Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – 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*

<i>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting, July 19-21, 2019</i>	
Attendees	Absentees
Alexia Autrey, King University (TN), Conference Carolinas	
Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College, Independents	
Jessica Chapin, American International College, Northeast-10 Conference	
Father John Denning, Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference	
Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference	
Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH), Mountain East Conference	
John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Olivia Faught, Southern Arkansas University, Great American Conference	
Grant Foley, Delta State University, Gulf South Conference	
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference	
Teara Johnson, Winston-Salem State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Madeline McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic 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	

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Mackenzie O'Neill, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	
Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference	
Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College, At-Large	
Kate Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference	
Jacob Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference	
Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern State University, Peach Belt Conference	
Madison Schiller, California State University, East Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association	
Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference	
Taylor Stover, Rogers State University, At- Large	
Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference	
Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	
Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference	
Other Participants: Scott Bearby, NCAA Ashley Beaton, NCAA Ryan Bermudez, NCAA Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA Devon Herlihy, Make-A-Wish Maritza Jones, NCAA Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (chair, Management Council) Jordan Lysiak, NCAA	Monica Miller, NCAA Roberta Page, NCAA Stephanie Quigg, NCAA Lisa Rogers, NCAA Dave Schnase, NCAA Molly Simons, NCAA Naima Stevenson, NCAA Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT Karen Wolf, NCAA