



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 22-24, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Establish Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Positions for 2020 NCAA Convention.** The committee reviewed the proposed 2020 NCAA Convention Division II legislation for the business session and determined its official positions on each proposal. The committee discussed the concerns of its respective conferences and provided the student-athlete perspective.

The committee reviewed and discussed the following pieces of proposed legislation:

- a. Proposal No. 2020-1 (2-12): Division Membership, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Acrobatics and Tumbling. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- b. Proposal No. 2020-2 (2-13): Division Membership, Recruiting, Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women’s Wrestling. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- c. Proposal No. 2020-3 (2-3): Organization – Division II Presidents Council – Election/Term of Office – Six Year Term of Office and Three Year Chair and Vice Chair Term Limit. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- d. Proposal No. 2020-4 (2-1): NCAA Membership – Active Membership and Member Conference – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- e. Proposal No. 2020-5 (2-2): NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Composition of Active Conferences – Requirement for Current Conferences. **Committee Position: Supports.**

- f. Proposal No. 2020-6 (2-4): Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Notification of Transfer. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - g. Proposal No. 2020-7 (2-5): Recruiting – Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements – Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletics Aid – Elimination of Current Transcript Requirement. **Committee Position: Opposes.**
 - h. Proposal No. 2020-8 (2-6): Recruiting – Tryouts – Permissible Activities – Tryouts – Exception – Length of Tryout Activities for Golf. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - i. Proposal 2020-9 (2-7): Recruiting – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Basketball – Extension of Spring Contact Period and Elimination of Evaluation Period at Nonscholastic Events Occurring Between May 18 Through June 14. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - j. Proposal No. 2020-10 (2-8): Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Competition – Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - k. Proposal No. 2020-11 (2-9): Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Hardship Waiver – Criteria for Hardship Waiver Calculation – Percent Calculation – Basketball – Inclusion of Conference Challenge Contests in the Percent Calculation and First Half of Season Calculation. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - l. Proposal No. 2020-12 (2-10): Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of Playing Season – Fall Championship Sports – Fourth Day of Classes. **Committee Position: Supports.**
 - m. Proposal No. 2020-13 (2-11): Playing and Practice Seasons – Soccer – First Date of Competition – Championship Segment – Exception – Division II National Championships Fall Festival. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- 2. Preparation for 2020 Convention Division II Business Session.** The committee assigned members to speak on legislative proposals and drafted speeches for the 2020 Division II business session.
- 3. 2020 Convention Overview.** The committee was provided an overview of the 2020 Convention schedule and previewed the NCAA Division II Presidents Council/Management Council/SAAC joint breakfast, Division II chancellors and presidents breakfast, Association-wide programming and division-specific sessions. The committee will host an education session, “Mental Wellness – Building Trust Between Coaches and Student-Athletes,” at the Convention.

- 4. Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast Topics.** The committee was informed that a portion of the Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast at the 2020 NCAA Convention will be reserved for the committee to have discussions with chancellors and presidents on important topics. The committee suggested that the discussion topics include name, image and likeness, mental health, role of SAAC on campus and how it can benefit the student-athlete voice, professional development and community engagement.
- 5. Name, Image and Likeness Update.** The committee received an update on the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group. At the October 2019 Board of Governors meeting, the Board of Governors unanimously voted to permit student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner consistent with the collegiate model. Each of the three divisions have been directed to immediately consider potential legislative changes, within a framework of principles and guidelines approved by the Board of Governors.

The committee was informed the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee will be charged with reviewing the division's name, image and likeness legislation. SAAC will continue to receive updates in 2020 and will have the opportunity to provide feedback on legislative concepts. The committee was encouraged to visit ncaa.org/nl for updates on name, image and likeness, and to share the webpage as a resource.

- 6. Sports Wagering Resource.** The committee was reminded that a two-page fact sheet for student-athletes was sent to Division II National SAAC in August. The document highlights information about the current NCAA sports wagering policy and compliance environment, as well as information about the sports wagering behaviors of student-athletes captured in the 2016 NCAA National Study on Collegiate Wagering. The document is downloadable from dontbetonit.org.
- 7. Use of Division II Funds to Address Membership Stabilization and Promote the Division II Brand.** The committee discussed recommendations from the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and Management Council for how the \$1.4 million allocated annually to the regular-season media agreement could be spent to effectively address membership stabilization and promote the Division II brand. The committee asked several questions to learn more about the top recommendation for the dollars, which is to fund a Division II gameday initiative in partnership with Division III and the Disney Institute. The committee expressed support for the five recommended priorities and in particular targeted brand marketing, increasing grant dollars to the division's seven affiliate organizations and increasing the base amount of the conference grant program. The committee's feedback will be provided to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee on its December teleconference.
- 8. Opportunity to Partner with Division I and Division III SAACs on Civic Engagement Project.** The committee was presented with an opportunity to partner with the Division I and

Division III SAACs on a nonpartisan civic engagement project related to voting. The project would be designed to raise awareness and provide education about voting and to encourage student-athletes to use their voice beyond athletics. The committee stated that for 2020 it has goals it needs to continue working towards and this civic engagement project should not be added to its 2020 initiatives. The committee believes the project is better suited for institutions to consider in partnership with their student government and campus SAAC. While the SAAC is not interested in partnering on the project, the committee is interested in supporting the initiative by distributing information. If Division I SAAC is interested in sharing information with Division II SAAC, two Division II SAAC representatives were identified as being points of contact for the committee.

- 9. Opportunity to Partner with U.S. Census Bureau on 2020 Census.** The committee was presented with an opportunity to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau on the 2020 Census by encouraging households to respond to the Census. The committee felt that the Census opportunity does not fit within the committee's current goals.
- 10. Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received several Make-A-Wish updates. In the 2018-19 academic year, Division II raised \$398,131.50 for Make-A-Wish. Of that total, \$366,738.43 was raised by Division II institutions and \$31,393.07 came from the division's championship and enforcement fines. In addition, 14 wish reveals were granted. The committee was notified that the 2019-20 Week of Wishes is scheduled for February 15-23, 2020. Make-A-Wish is continuing to provide resources to the Division II membership to assist in their fundraising efforts. This fall, Make-A-Wish launched new donation pages that institutions can personally customize at ncaadii.wish.org. Updates to the Make-A-Wish Toolkit, available on the Make-A-Wish page at NCAA.org, have been made. Also, Make-A-Wish hosted its second webinar for the Division II membership in October. A separate webinar was held for local chapters, outlining the details of the partnership between Division II and Make-A-Wish.
- 11. Team IMPACT® Update.** The committee was informed that Division II donated \$94,179.19 from its championship and enforcement fines to Team IMPACT. The committee also received information related to the number of Division II matches with Team IMPACT children. Since Team IMPACT's inception in 2011, Division II institutions have had 472 matches, with 36 matches occurring between July 2019 and November 2019. There were 165 active matches in Division II as of the November SAAC meeting. The committee reviewed two case studies that detailed the benefits the partnership has had on participating children and Division II teams with whom the children were matched.
- 12. Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award Update.** The committee was provided an update on the number of nominations for the 2019 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award. The Division II SAAC Honors, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee selected Dr. Bennett Cherry of California State University, San Marcos, as this year's honoree. Dr. Cherry will be recognized during a reception January 24 at the Convention.

- 13. Division II Award of Excellence Update.** The committee noted that 64 nominations were received for the 2020 Division II Award of Excellence. The Division II SAAC Community Engagement Subcommittee and the Honors, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee will choose the top three finalists for the award, who will be recognized during the January 25 Division II business session at the 2020 NCAA Convention.
- 14. 2020 SAAC Super Region Convention Discussion.** The committee discussed the spring 2020 SAAC Super Region Convention, scheduled for April 17-19, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles. The spring super region convention will be open to active member institutions in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Lone Star Conference, Pacific West Conference and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Nominations open in Program Hub January 6 and close February 14. The committee was asked for feedback regarding changes that should be made to the programming and suggested that the programming remain the same for 2020 based on survey feedback. In 2020, the super region convention will continue to be held in conjunction with the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum, hosted by the NCAA Leadership Development Department. The committee discussed the future of the Leadership Development partnership beyond 2020. No action was taken, and discussions will continue in January.
- 15. Goals Discussion.** Each task force discussed its designated goal and provided the committee with an update on the goal's progress and action items. The areas of emphasis discussed were part of the committee's overarching goal, Total Package Student-Athlete, which includes Love2Play, mental health, professional development, and diversity and inclusion.
- a. Love2Play.** The Love2Play initiative is to encourage young athletes to participate in multiple sports and to have fun, while they play. The task force plans to interview coaches, student-athletes and administrators to gain more information and perspective on the benefits of children playing multiple sports. Then, they plan to share information they have gathered with coaches and local elementary schools.
 - b. Mental Health.** The mental health task force plans to create a social media video challenge, involving the hashtag #D2SAACSpeakUp, to help break the stigma of mental health issues within college athletics. The task force is interested in recommending that the winning video be shown at the 2020 NCAA Division II National Championships Spring Festival.
 - c. Professional Development.** The professional development task force is interested in creating a resource for student-athletes that would help promote the NCAA After the Game program. Information on the program can be found in the "Student-Athletes" tab at NCAA.org. The task force believes it is important to encourage campus career services representatives to attend campus SAAC meetings to highlight the resources and opportunities that are available to students. The task force would also encourage student-

athletes to participate in their campus career fairs and workshops, and network with their school's former student-athletes.

- d. **Diversity and Inclusion.** The diversity and inclusion task force is interested in speaking with Division III SAAC about the division's LGBTQ OneTeam program and how the SAAC is involved with the initiative.

16. Inclusion Discussion. The committee received information regarding the mission and function of the NCAA Office of Inclusion. The committee provided feedback on the 2019 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and SAAC Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.

17. 2019-20 Division II Priorities Overview. The committee was informed of the Division II priorities for the 2019-20 academic year. The priorities include Division II University, championships initiatives, academics, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, brand activation, GOALS Survey results and the SAAC's 2019 goals.

18. Division II Management Council Update. The committee received an update on the most recent Division II Management Council meeting, which was held in October.

19. Division II Presidents Council Update. The committee received an update on the most recent Division II Presidents Council meeting, which was held in October.

20. Division II Committee Reports. SAAC representatives serving on additional Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee and Legislation Committee.

21. Association-Wide Committee Reports. Committee members representing Association-wide committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

22. Other Reports. The committee received updates on a few additional meetings and programs that have occurred this fall, including the NCAA Department of Defense Mind Matters Consensus meeting, Faculty Athletics Representative Association Annual Meeting and Sport Science Institute Mental Health Waiver Think Tank. Additionally, the committee discussed NCAA postgraduate scholarship opportunities and the SAAC section in the 2020 Division II Yearbook.

23. Conference Updates. Each committee member provided an update on their respective conference SAAC meetings.

24. New Division II National SAAC Representative. The committee welcomed one new member to national SAAC:

- Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference – Madison Heck, Georgian Court University, women's lacrosse.

25. Review of July 2019 Meeting Report. The committee reviewed and approved the meeting report from the July 2019 meeting.

26. Future Meeting Dates.

- a. Jan. 21-25, 2020, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention; Anaheim, California.
- b. April 16-19, 2020, in conjunction with the SAAC Super Region Convention; Los Angeles.
- c. July 17-19, 2020; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
- d. Fall 2020 conference call; date and time to be announced.
- e. Nov. 19-22, 2020, in conjunction with the SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
- f. Jan. 12-16, 2021, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

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Attendees	Absentees
Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College, Independent	Alexia Autrey, King University (Tennessee), Conference Carolinas
Jessica Chapin, American International College, Northeast-10 Conference	Teara Johnson, Winston-Salem State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Father John Denning, Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference	Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference
Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference
Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (Ohio), Mountain East Conference	Madison Schiller, California State University, East Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association
John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University- Commerce, Lone Star Conference
Oliva Faight, Southern Arkansas University, Great American Conference	Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference
Grant Foley, Delta State University, Gulf South Conference	
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference	
Madison Heck, Georgian Court University, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	

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Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (Michigan), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University, 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	
Jake Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference	
Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern State University, Peach Belt Conference	
Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Taylor Stover, Rogers State University, At-Large	
Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference	

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Other Participants:

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