



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22-23, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome of 22 SAAC Associate Members.** On Wednesday, the committee welcomed 22 new SAAC associate members into its meeting. This is the first time that the associate member structure has been in place. Associate members sat with their aligned primary committee members during the meeting discussions throughout Wednesday and took part in all remaining Convention activities through the week.
2. **Review and discuss 2019 NCAA Convention Schedule.** The committee reviewed the Convention schedule for Division III National SAAC.
3. **Administrative Items.**
 - a. Roster. The committee reviewed and updated its current roster.
 - b. November 2018 report. The committee reviewed and approved its November meeting report.
 - c. Policies and procedures. The committee reviewed its policies and procedures and noted no changes as currently presented.
 - d. Expectations of a SAAC member. The committee reviewed the expectations of a SAAC member.
 - e. Associate members overview. The committee reviewed the associate member overview.
 - f. Robert's Rules of Order. The committee reviewed the Robert's Rules of Order guidelines document.
 - g. Election/appointment of committee liaisons. The committee elected liaisons to Division III and Association-wide committees and working groups as follows. The new liaisons' terms will become effective immediately following the 2019 Convention:

- (1) Division III Convention-Planning Subcommittee – Colby Pepper, a soccer student-athlete from Covenant College (as assigned through Division III Management Council).
- (2) Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group – Catherine Lanigan, a field hockey student-athlete at Juniata College.
- (3) Division III Interpretations and Legislative (ILC) Committee – Annabelle Feist, a rowing student-athlete at Williams College.
- (4) Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) – Jake Santellano, a soccer student-athlete at University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.
- (5) NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct – Emily Goodwin, a softball student-athlete at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
- (6) NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee (MOIC) – Anthony Francois, a volleyball student-athlete at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- (7) NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC) – Mika Costello, a swimming and diving student-athlete at Willamette University.

4. Division III SAAC Working Group Report Outs.

- a. Best Practices/Communications Working Group. The working group continues to craft a best practices document for campus and conference SAACs. The document will include guidance to be applied in building stronger relationships and communications channels between institutional, conference and Division III SAAC. The document also will include a “frequently asked questions” section. The working group aims to complete a draft of the document for NCAA staff by February 28; receive staff edits by March 18; and distribute the final document to institutions following the committee’s April meeting.
- b. Mental Health Working Group. The working group gave an update on its mental health cards project. Thus far, 96 institutions have filled out the form with information to be included on the personalized mental health cards. The cards will be titled “wellness watch.” The working group discussed sending a generic card template to institutions who do not respond to the survey, which will allow those institutions to input information and print the cards themselves.

- c. **Special Olympics Working Group.** The working group gave an update that Special Olympics 50 for 50th profile articles are currently coming out on a weekly basis. The working group would like to continue releasing those articles after the 50 for 50th challenge ends, noting it would likely occur on a quarterly basis. Similarly, the working group hopes that the competition will continue on an annual basis. This year the winning institution will receive a banner that reads “Special Olympics Challenge winner.” The working group is discussing the possibility of awarding individual gifts to all participating student-athletes. SAAC members are to remind their conferences that they must report their Special Olympics 50 for 50th challenge participation by April 30.
5. **NCAA Committee Reports.** Committee members provided updates and items that directly impact student-athletes from their recent attendance at Division III and Association-wide committee meetings.
6. **Student Selection for Attendance at 2019 CoSIDA Meeting.** Colby Pepper, a soccer student-athlete at Covenant College was chosen to attend the CoSIDA meeting on June 9-12 in Orlando, Florida. Julia Higgins and Samantha Kastner will serve as alternates in the case that Mr. Pepper is unable to attend the meeting.
7. **Update on NCAA Gender Neutral Language Efforts.** The committee received an update on the Division III gender neutral language efforts. At this point, all committee liaisons were asked to update all policies and procedures with gender-neutral language. Division III has approached the office of inclusion for help on this matter. Division III sees this as a priority, has made changes where it can, and will continue to push the other divisions to move towards gender-neutral language. The committee members agreed to use gender-neutral language during their personal introductions at Convention. The verbal language used during Convention will be impactful on the division and the Convention attendees.
8. **Meeting with Leah Kareti.** Leah Kareti met with the committee to discuss 360 Proof and the impact it can have on student-athletes on campus.

9. **Meeting with NCAA President Emmert and NCAA Executive Vice President of Law, Policy & Governance and Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy and NCAA Chief of Staff Cari Van Senus.** Mark Emmert, NCAA President, Donald Remy and Cari Van Senus met with the committee to discuss the current state of collegiate athletics and answer questions regarding issues impacting Division III.
10. **Division III Updates.** The committee met with Dan Dutcher, vice president for Division III, and Louise McCleary, managing director of Division III. The committee reviewed Convention activities and the 2019 legislative proposals to be voted on at the Business Session. In addition, the committee provided feedback on a Division III student-athlete time demands resource to be provided to the membership.
11. **Conference and Partner Conference Meetings.** The committee members prepared for conference and partner conference meetings by reviewing talking points and sharing helpful hints with members who have not visited with their conference in the past. The committee also discussed its positions on proposed legislation.
12. **2019 NCAA Division III Legislative Proposals and Position Papers.** The committee conducted a final review of the 2019 legislative proposals and discussed any additional feedback received from conferences and partner conferences since its fall committee meeting and conference calls. The committee reviewed its previously drafted position papers on select proposals.
13. **Special Olympics.**
 - a. **Special Olympics Unified Sports Event.** The committee members participated with approximately 30 Special Olympics Florida athletes and another 80 Division III student-athletes in bocce and soccer unified sports events.
 - b. **Special Olympics International Presentation.** Scott George, manager for unified champion schools and university engagement at Special Olympics North America, and Ryland Towne, university growth fellow at Special Olympics, presented to the committee on the history behind Special Olympics and the Special Olympics and Division III partnership. Mr. George and Mr. Towne led the committee in a small group activity where they developed elevator speeches to bring back to campus to encourage participation in Special Olympics and unified sports.

- c. **Division III Special Olympics Activity Update.** The committee reviewed the most recent Special Olympics activity update from Division III institutions. The committee members were encouraged to continue reminding their conferences and partner conferences of the importance of reporting Special Olympics activities through the Special Olympics partnership page on the Division III website.

- 14. **Joint Breakfast with Presidents Council and Management Council.** The committee conducted a joint breakfast with Presidents and Management Councils. During the breakfast, committee members provided an update on Division III National SAAC Convention activities and an update on its current initiatives. The committees reviewed legislation and then discussed hot topics including inclusion and identity efforts for student-athletes and missed class time issues.

- 15. **Division III National SAAC and Students Luncheon.** The committee hosted an open forum for approximately 150 Division III students in attendance at the Convention. During the session, committee members provided information on National SAAC, where it fits within the governance structure and an in-depth look at the duties of National SAAC members. Committee members also provided attendees information on student-athlete leadership opportunities provided through the NCAA national office.

- 16. **Future meetings.**
 - a. April 13-14, 2019; Indianapolis.
 - b. July 20-21, 2019; Indianapolis.
 - c. November 10-11, 2019; Indianapolis.
 - d. January 21-25, 2020; NCAA Convention, Anaheim, California.

- 17. **Adjournment.**

Committee Chair: Parker Hammel, Wartburg College; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaisons: Jay Jones, Division III Governance

Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement

Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs

| NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 22-23, 2019, Meeting | |
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| Attendees – Primary Members: | |
| Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; ex officio Management Council attendee. | |
| Madison Burns, Randolph-Macon College; Old Dominion Athletic Conference. | |
| Sean Cain, Adrian College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Fran Capaldi, Bethany College; Presidents’ Athletic Conference. | |
| Mika Costello, Willamette University; Northwest Conference. | |
| Annabelle Feist, Williams College; New England Small College Athletic Conference. | |
| Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; City University of New York Athletic Conference. | |
| Cameron Gardner-Nicholson, Penn State University, Altoona; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. | |
| Matthew Gillette, Texas Lutheran University; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Emily Goodwin, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Mikayla Greenwood, Illinois College; Midwest Conference. | |
| Parker Hammel, Wartburg College; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Julia Higgins, The College of Wooster; North Coast Athletic Conference. | |
| Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University; Colonial States Athletic Conference. | |
| NJ Kim, Emory University; University Athletic Association. | |
| Catherine Lanigan, Juniata College; Landmark Conference. | |
| Nicole Monick, Johnson State College; North Atlantic Conference. | |
| Kelsey Morrison, University of Valley Forge; American Collegiate Athletic Association. | |
| Colby Pepper, Covenant College; USA South Athletic Conference. | |
| Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas; American Southwest Conference. | |
| Denise Udelhofen, Loras College; ex officio Management Council attendee. | |
| Kiana Verdugo, Hamline University; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. | |
| Attendees – Associate Members: | |
| Ireland Clare Kennedy, Mount Holyoke College; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference. | |
| Hannah Durst, Baldwin-Wallace University; Ohio Athletic Conference. | |
| Charlotte Ellis, Crown College (Minnesota); Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. | |
| Braly Jay Keller, Nebraska Wesleyan University; American Rivers Conference. | |
| Grainne Kelly, Illinois Wesleyan University; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin. | |
| JT Klopceic, Stevenson University; Middle Atlantic Conference. | |

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| Alyssa Leventer; St. Mary's College (Maryland); Capital Athletic Conference. |
| Michael Litz; Penn State University, Abington; North Eastern Athletic Conference. |
| Tyler Lozano; California Lutheran University; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. |
| Annie MacMillan; Vassar College; Liberty League. |
| Mckenzie Maneggia; Eastern Connecticut State University; Little East Conference. |
| Christine Mayorga; Montclair State University; New Jersey Athletic Conference. |
| Mikala McCartney; Alfred University; Empire 8. |
| Michael McMahon; Becker College; New England Collegiate Conference. |
| Arcel Ngoy; Western New England University; Commonwealth Coast Conference. |
| Sydney Rainey; Concordia University (Chicago); Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference. |
| Mason Rapp; Defiance College; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. |
| Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas, American Southwest Conference. |
| Mary Treuting; Marymount University; Atlantic East Conference. |
| Absentees: |
| Ryan Booth, Norwich University; Great Northeast Athletic Conference. |
| Zachary Cook, College at Brockport, State University of New York; State University of New York Athletic Conference. |
| CJ Pakeltis, MacMurry College; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. |
| Megan Radasta, Berry College, Southern Athletic Conference. |
| Diamond Umunna, Mount Saint Mary College (New York), Skyline Conference. |
| Guests in Attendance: |
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| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: |
| Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement. |
| Corey Berg, Division III Academic and Membership Affairs. |
| Jay Jones, Division III Governance. |
| Lorne McManigle, Division III Governance. |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: |
| Michael Cioroianu, Executive. |
| Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance. |
| President Mark Emmert, Executive. |
| Kimberly Fort, Executive. |
| Leah Kareti, Contractor. |
| Louise McCleary, Division III Governance. |
| Donald Remy, Executive. |
| Cari Van Senus, Executive. |