



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 10-11, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Administrative items.**
  - a. **Roster.** The committee reviewed and updated its current roster.
  - b. **November 13-14, 2022, meeting report.** The committee approved the report with no changes.
  - c. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.
  - d. **Expectations of a SAAC member.** The committee reviewed the expectations of SAAC primary and associate members and effective strategies to engage with.
  - e. **Roberts Rules of Order.** The committee reviewed the Robert's Rules of Order guidelines document.
2. **Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Position Platform.** The committee reviewed the Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Position Platform.
3. **2023 Convention schedule for Division III SAAC.** The committee reviewed the 2023 Convention schedule for Division III SAAC.
4. **Division III SAAC liaisons to other NCAA committees and working groups.** The committee reviewed the Division III SAAC liaisons to other NCAA committees and working group.
5. **Division III SAAC working groups breakouts, report outs and updates.**
  - a. **SAAC University.** The SAAC University working group is in the process of providing more content and getting the information online. The committee believes increasing accessibility will improve the end user experience. To promote awareness to the membership, the committee would like to partner with the social media working group to share the resources more broadly on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Draft concepts of the content include Name, Image and Likeness as well as changes to the playing and practice season model. The group emphasized the importance of establishing a timeline to have the resources available and ensuring the resources remain relevant in the long-term. There is a discussion to have a topic of the month to share. The idea is that there is a document created

where someone is put in charge who will be the person in charge for that specific month.

- b. Social Media.** The social media working group met outside of the SAAC meeting to discuss content to be shared throughout the week and the possibility of using account takeovers to diversify the voices shared and pace of content. The group would like to increase the involvement of the associate committee members with the social media working group. A scheduling platform was created to simplify a posting schedule on a trial basis. There is a need to create a posting process that isn't burdensome to the working group. Posting consistently will get the social media group the most interaction and will help to create a presence on social media, amplifying the student-athlete voice.
- 6. Special Olympics Updates.** The Special Olympics working group discussed partnership plans with special Olympics and future joint events.
  - **Discuss run of show for Unified Sports Activity.** The committee finalized the run of show for the Special Olympics Unified activity held during Convention in partnership with Special Olympics Texas. The committee selected a photo booth, giant Jenga, cornhole, bocci ball, football throw and inflatable games as the activities to engage the 39 Special Olympic athletes in attendance, as well as the Division III membership.
- 7. Division III committees.**
  - a. Championships Committee.** The committee discussed the reports of the recent Championships committee meetings.
  - b. Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement meeting.
  - c. Convention Planning Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Convention Planning Subcommittee videoconference.
  - d. Interpretations and Legislation Committee.** The committee reviewed the reports from the recent Interpretations and Legislation Committee meetings.
  - e. Management Council.** The committee reviewed the Management Council report, and a preview was given of the discussion to be held at the meeting on Wednesday.
  - f. Presidents Council.** The committee reviewed the report of the Presidents Council, and a preview was given of the discussion to be held at the meeting on Thursday.
  - g. Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent for the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

**8. Division III working groups.**

- a. Advisory council.** The committee reviewed the advisory council's final report, noting that the Presidents Council acted to sunset the advisory council with the conclusion of the 2023 NCAA Convention.
- b. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.** The committee reviewed the working group's most recent report. No action was necessary.
- c. Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.** The committee reviewed the recommendation of the advisory group related to the composition of the working group.
- d. LGBTQ Working Group.** The committee reviewed the upcoming meetings, and potential protests taking place during Convention.

**9. Association-wide committees.**

- a. Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed the report of most recent meeting of the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Subcommittee.
- b. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports meeting.
- c. Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct meetings.
- d. Committee on Women's Athletics.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Committee on Women's Athletics meetings and discussed the potential of stunt being added as an emerging sport.
- e. Joint Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent joint meeting of the Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.
- f. Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee meeting.
- g. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.** The committee reviewed the report from the recent Olympic Sports Liaison Committee meeting.

**10. Division III and Association-wide Initiatives.**

- a. Mental Health Advisory Group.** The committee received information on the request to view mental health hardships with the same lens used for physical injuries. A hardship waiver process for mental health has been proposed and will be voted on by the Division III membership at the business session.
  - b. Cannabis Summit.** The committee received an update on the recent Cannabis Summit. It was mentioned that marijuana has become more recognized as an addictive drug, much like other narcotics.
  - c. Division III Presidents Council representative.** The committee is looking for a primary member to take over this position, it must be a female student-athlete.
- 11. Visit from NCAA Board of Governors chair Dr. Linda Livingstone.** The committee received NCAA Board of Governors updates from the board chair. A proposed bill in California was mentioned which would classify student-athletes as institution employees. The process of selecting the new NCAA president was discussed, including the rationale behind the selection of Governor Charlie Baker.
- 12. Visit from Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline.** The committee received updates from Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline. The recent cannabis summit was discussed, as well as the state of cannabis in college athletics. The topic of mental health was also discussed, and the creation a hardship waiver process for mental health challenges. Finally, the topic of concussions and how they are tracked throughout different levels of competition was discussed.
- 13. Division III governance update.** The committee received an update from governance staff. Topics highlighted include the current court case which will determine whether athletes should be considered employees. In California, they might introduce a bill which would require revenue sharing with student-athletes was discussed, and the effect it could have on Division III as a result. The Board of Governors have begun an initiative to be more proactive with members of Congress in an effort to curtail the effects of various state laws around Name, Image and Likeness and other challenges facing the Association.
- 14. SAAC primary meeting update.** The committee reviewed updates from the SAAC primary meeting.
- 15. Leadership Development opportunity updates.** Lamarr Pottinger provided the committee with updates on Leadership Development opportunities. The process for the Postgraduate Intern Program application was highlighted. The upcoming Leadership Forum was also spotlighted.

16. **Visit from Isaiah Swann, former student-athlete representative on the Board of Governors.** The committee was visited by Isaiah Swann, a former student-athlete representative for Division III on the Board of Governors. Isaiah provided insight on the process of selecting the new president, and what his experience has been on the Board of Governors. He also gave advice to the committee to encourage interest in joining the Board of Governors after his term ends.
17. **Legislation.**
  - a. **Review 2023 legislative proposals and positions.** The committee reviewed the 2023 legislative proposals and positions.
  - b. **Question and Answer Guide.** The committee reviewed the Question-and-Answer Guide.
  - c. **Rehearse SAAC position papers.** The committee rehearsed the SAAC position papers.
  - d. **Division III Issues Forum.** The committee prepared for the Division III Issues Forum.
  - e. **Division III Special Rules of Order Business Session.** The committee prepared for Division III Special Rules of Order Business Session.
  - f. **Division III Business Session.** The committee prepared for the Division III Business Session.
  - g. **Social mixer with Division III Student-Athletes.** The committee prepared for the social mixer with Division III student-athletes in attendance at Convention.
18. **Reminder of future meeting dates.** The committee reviewed the future meeting dates.
  - a. February/March 2023 orientation teleconference – new primary and associate members.
  - b. April 15-16, 2023; virtual – primary members only.
  - c. July 15-16, 2023; Indianapolis – primary and associate members.
  - d. September/October 2023 teleconference – primary and associate members.
  - e. November 12-13, 2023; Indianapolis – primary members only.
  - f. January 9-13, 2024; NCAA Convention, Phoenix, Arizona – primary and associate members.

## 19. Adjournment.

*Committee Chair: Megan Koch, Colorado College; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.*

*Staff Liaisons: Ali Spungen, Division III Governance  
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Katie Mucci, Division III Governance  
Gillian Burns, Division III Governance  
Daniel Scotto, NCAA Eligibility Center*

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<b>Attendees – Primary Members:</b>	
Jessica Ader, State University of New York at Potsdam; State University of New York Athletic Conference.	
Garrett Clasen, University of Chicago; University Athletic Association.	
Daniele Iaboni, Anna Maria College; Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Megan Koch, Colorado College; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Chris Krum, Albion College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Jack Langan, Cornell College; Midwest Conference.	
Angela Marin, University of Texas, Dallas; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Mercy Ogutu, Trinity Washington University; Independents.	
Michael Paterson-Jones, Wilkes University; Middle Atlantic Conferences.	
Rachael Scoones, SUNY Delhi; North Atlantic Conference.	
Vaish Siddapureddy, Pomona Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Talia Williams, Carleton College; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Sabienea Winston, Geneva College; Presidents' Athletic Conference.	
<b>Attendees – Associate Members in Attendance</b>	
Lindy Brobeck, Marietta College; Ohio Athletic Conference.	
Alex Cassada, Pennsylvania College of Technology; United East Conference.	
Lydia Coombs, Nazareth College, Empire 8.	
Bailey Farmer, Howard Payne University, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Brittany Fisher, Alfred State University; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Noah LaBelle, Anderson University; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Kara Lewis, North Central (MN); Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College; New England Small College Athletic Conference.	
Greg Ricketts, Central College; American Rivers Conference.	
Hannah Starr, St. Nobert College; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.	
JeMarcus Walker, Brevard College; USA South Athletic Conference.	
Alexandra Welch, Roger Williams University; Commonwealth Coast Conference.	

Lauren Zeglen, Rochester Institute of Technology, Liberty League.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Zach Bulthuis, Carthage College; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.
Jason Claiborne, Eastern Connecticut State; Little East Conference.
Julia Cuttone, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.
Anya Gunewardena, Johns Hopkins University; Centennial Conference.
David He, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
Gabby Elliott, Denison University; North Coast Athletic Conference.
Ariana Pena, Neumann University; Atlantic East Conference.
Shawn McCall, Lesley University; New England Collegiate Conference.
Kate McCann, Mount Saint Mary (NY) College; Skyline Conference.
Molli Perry, Millsaps College; Southern Atlantic Conference.
Nick Pilny, Elizabethtown College; Landmark Conference.
Jackson Popeck, University of Mary Washington; Coast-to-Coast Conference.
KryJuan Roberson, Keystone College; Colonial State Athletic Conference.
Maddy Thomas, Whitworth University; Northwest Conference.
Victoria Vricella, The College of New Jersey; New Jersey Athletic Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Linda Livingstone, Lexxi O'Brien and Isaiah Swann.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Corey Berg, Gillian Burns, Katie Mucci, Daniel Scotto and Ali Spungen.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance</b>
Lydia Bell, Brian Hainline, Louise McCleary, Lamarr Pottinger and Bill Regan.