



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 20-21, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The committee welcomed the new Primary Members who were unable to attend the April meeting, and the Associate Members that were in attendance. The committee conducted introductions with the entire group.
2. **Administrative Items.**
 - a. Rosters. The committee reviewed and updated the Primary Member and Associate Member rosters.
 - b. April 2019 Meeting Report. The committee approved its April 2019 meeting report as presented.
 - c. Policies and Procedures. The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.
 - d. SAAC Expectations Document. The committee reviewed the SAAC expectations infographic and provided feedback. A similar infographic will be made for to the SAAC Associate Members.
 - e. Robert Rules of Order. The committee reviewed the Roberts Rules of Order guidelines document.
 - f. SAAC Goals. The committee revisited, and shared its goals established during its April meeting with the Associate Members.
 - g. Conference/Partner-Conference matchups. The Primary and Associate Members met with their conference partner to discuss and develop a communication plan. The committee recognized video call tools (Skype and Facetime) are effective for longer conversations. It was recommended that when communicating with your commissioner to always carbon copy your conference partner, and to assist one another in updating contact information for the conference.

3. **NCAA Division III Management Council Update.** Division III SAAC Management Council representatives Samantha Kastner and Colby Pepper provided an overview of the April 2019 Management Council report. The committee also reviewed the agenda for its joint Management Council/SAAC meeting to prepare for discussions on current SAAC initiatives and the NCAA Transfer Portal.
4. **Partnerships and Initiatives.** The committee reviewed its primary goals for committee members who will attend fall conference SAAC meetings: to communicate national SAAC initiatives; and receive feedback on proposed legislation. The committee shared best practices for effective communication and timely feedback on legislation from institutions. The committee also discussed the Associate Member's involvement in conference meetings and reminded members to utilize the communication plan they created.
5. **2020 Convention Schedule.** NCAA staff reviewed the 2020 Convention schedule specifically discussing the following:
 - a. Special Olympics Unified Sports Experience;
 - b. The student-athlete luncheon;
 - c. Preparing for the business session; and
 - d. Timing for conference and partner conference meetings.
6. **Mental Health Social Media Campaign Discussion.** The committee discussed and worked to refine the mental health social media campaign that was approved at its April meeting. The committee agreed that the goal of the campaign was to raise awareness and to break the stigma around mental health. It was agreed that the target audience is anyone that wants to participate. The group decided that they wanted a unified action to be featured in the social media videos and posts. In addition to a unified action the group discussed linking mental health resources and creating a unique hashtag for the campaign. The committee will finalize the campaign guidelines during the November meeting.
7. **Gender-Neutral Language Discussion.** NCAA Staff shared a resources document on gender-neutral language and noted that the 2019-2020 coaches' rules test uses gender-neutral language.
8. **Finalize SAAC Best Practices Guide/ Sample Constitution.** NCAA Staff shared the final version of the SAAC best practices guide document: "A Guide to Developing an Effective Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Constitution". The committee voted to approve the resource and discussed ways to share it with the membership at the NCAA Convention.

9. **NCAA After the Game Presentation.** NCAA Staff member, Chantee Eldridge, presented to the committee on the NCAA After the Game program. Eldridge highlighted the new Virgil Career Assessment Tool, LinkedIn groups, and After the Game networking events. Eldridge additionally solicited feedback from the committee regarding the timeline of when to engaged current student-athletes and on the career assessment tool. Committee members will participate in the pilot of the career assessment and provide feedback.
10. **NCAA Committee Reports.** Committee members provided relevant updates from their service on various Association-wide and Division III committees.
11. **Special Olympics partnership update.**
 - a. Reporting – broken down by conference. The committee reviewed a report of Special Olympics activities, sorted by conference, as of June 2019.
 - b. Special Olympics event at the 2020 NCAA Convention. The committee discussed its plan for the unified sports experience that will take place at Convention. The activity will be hosted and led by the Division III National SAAC but will be open to all Convention attendees to participate.
 - c. Sunday activity with Management Council. The committee, along with members of Management Council, hosted Special Olympics athletes for a cornhole tournament at the NCAA Hall of Champions. Participants rotated through playing cornhole, giant Jenga, touring the Hall of Champions, and concluded the afternoon with an ice cream social.
12. **Division III SAAC Working Groups.** The committee broke into its working groups and reported out on the following:
 - a. Special Olympics. The working group discussed their three priorities for the upcoming year:
 - (1) Profiles: This committee will continue its social media campaign in partnership with Special Olympics North America. The campaign aims to showcase individuals and institutions that participate in activities with Special Olympics athletes and have been impacted by the organization. This year the committee will be featuring videos in addition to the written story.
 - (2) Clash of the Conferences Challenge: The committee discussed the 2019-2020 academic year Special Olympics challenge. This campaign challenges all Division III institutions to team up with their partner conference and to

have the highest percentage of student-athlete participation in Special Olympics activities. Institutions should report their activities on the Special Olympics website on ncaa.org. All conferences who complete the challenge will receive recognition as well as compete for a traveling trophy.

- (3) **Social Media:** The Special Olympics Working Group also discussed social media engagement. The working group encouraged the committee to republish all Special Olympics profiles and related content. The group additionally discussed social media hashtags and using the following: #D3SOUnified.
 - b. **Inclusion.** The working group discussed creating a sexual violence resource for student-athletes. The group plans to create an infographic. The resource will include two national resources and a fillable PDF section that allows users to input two local or institution specific resources. The working group will decide on the two national resources this fall and intend to have the resource complete by January for convention. The working group also discussed a LGBTQ-A+ inclusion campaign. The group discussed possible campaign concepts: Game Day My Way or Game Day Our Way. The working group will finalize the campaign details at the November meeting.
 - c. **Sustainability.** The working group discussed the water impact of Division III athletics teams. The group is looking to gather and distribute data on how much water is used. The working group also discussed the financial impact of purchasing reusable water bottles for student-athletes and sharing that information with the membership. The working group plans to create a best practice guide and environmental impact document.
- 13. Legislation.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview of the legislative process and timeline, as well as Division III SAAC's role and responsibilities regarding proposed legislation. The committee also initially discussed several proposals to be voted on at the Convention and took initial feedback and straw poll positions on these proposals.
- 14. Division III Updates and SAAC Input on National Issues.** The governance staff provided the committee with an update on Division III and Association-wide governance, including the following items:
- a. Issues in higher education;
 - b. Division III University;

- c. Ice hockey pilot;
- d. LGBTQ inclusion initiatives;
- e. Injury Surveillance Program;
- f. Sports wagering;
- g. Esports;
- h. State and Federal Legislation;
- i. Transfer portal;
- j. Coaches credentialing and certification;
- k. Board of Governors, public member update; and
- l. Gameday the DIII Way.

15. Future meetings.

- a. September/October teleconference, to be determined.
- b. November 10-11, 2019; Indianapolis.
- c. January 21-25, 2020; NCAA Convention; Anaheim, California.

16. Adjournment. The vice chair adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Committee Chair: Madison Burns, Randolph-Macon College; Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
Staff Liaisons: Ali Spungen, Governance
Louise McCleary, Governance
Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees-Primary Members:	
Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Fran Capaldi, Bethany College; Presidents' Athletic Conference.	
Mika Costello, Willamette University; Northwest Conference.	
Hannah Durst; Baldwin-Wallace University; Ohio Athletic Conference.	
Charlotte Ellis; Crown College (Minnesota); Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Annabelle Feist, Williams College; New England Small College Athletic Conference.	
Cameron Gardner-Nicholson, Penn State University, Altoona; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Emily Goodwin, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University; Colonial States Athletic Conference.	
Braly Jay Keller, Nebraska Wesleyan University; American Rivers Conference.	
NJ Kim, Emory University; University Athletic Association.	
Catherine Lanigan, Juniata College; Landmark Conference.	
Michael Litz; Penn State University, Abington; North Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Christine Mayorga; Montclair State University; New Jersey Athletic Conference.	
Michael McMahon; Becker College; New England Collegiate Conference.	
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.	
Attendees- Associate Members:	
Mikayla Arimura; Johnson and Wales (Providence); Great Northeast Athletic conference.	
Emily Carr; St. Olaf College; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Chamberlin; Saint Mary's College (IN); Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Ireland Clare Kennedy; Mount Holyoke College; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	

Liv Coletta; Mills College; American Collegiate Athletic Association.
Cassie Contigiani; Thomas College; North Atlantic Conference.
Casey Hipp; Knox College; Midwest Conference.
JT Klopac; Stevenson University; Middle Atlantic Conference.
Kevin Lammers; Franklin & Marshall College; Centennial Conference.
Kristin Lasker; State University of New York-New Paltz; State University of New York Athletic Conference.
Alyssa Leventer; St. Mary's College (Maryland); Capital Athletic Conference.
Michael Litz; Penn State University, Abington; North Eastern Athletic Conference.
Annie MacMillan; Vassar College; Liberty League.
Mckenzie Maneggia; Eastern Connecticut State University; Little East Conference.
Mikala McCartney; Alfred University; Empire 8.
Justice Mercadel; Austin College; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Sydney Rainey; Concordia University (Chicago); Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Mason Rapp; Defiance College; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Sarah Schmidt; Carthage College; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.
Mary Treuting; Marymount University; Atlantic East Conference.
Diamond Umunna; Mount Saint Mary College (New York); Skyline Conference.
Absentees- Primary Members:
Madison Burns, Randolph-Macon College; Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; City University of New York Athletic Conference
Arcel Kabongo-Ngoy; Western New England University; Commonwealth Coast Conference.
CJ Pakeltis, MacMurry College; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Absentee- Associate Members
Megan Radosta; Berry College; Southern Athletic Association.
Luisa Valles; Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Guests in Attendance
Chantee Eldridge, Strategic communications.
NCAA Staff Liaisons:
Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement.
Corey Berg, Academic and membership affairs.
Louise McCleary, Division III governance.
Ali Spungen, Division III governance

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Dan Dutcher, Division III governance.
Kiana Verdugo, Division III governance intern.