



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 15-16, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Administrative items.
 - a. **Roster.** The committee reviewed and updated its current roster.
 - b. **April 15-16 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report with no changes.
 - c. **Expectations of a SAAC member.** The committee reviewed its expectations.
 - d. **Roberts Rules of Orders.** The committee reviewed the Robert's Rules of Order guidelines document.
2. **Campus SAAC liaison contact information.** The committee reviewed the Division III campus SAAC liaison contact information and is in the process of updating the contact information to help communication between national, conference and campus SAACs.
3. **Committee assignments.** The national office staff gave an informational overview of the different Division III committees and their tasks and subject matters to get SAAC members thinking about which committees and working groups they would like to serve on in the future.
4. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee added to the policies which included a new way to determine assignments among the governance committees after the recent legislation which created more available roles for student-athletes.
5. **Legislation and interpretive issues.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview of the Division III legislative process, including four proposals for the 2024 NCAA Convention. The committee will revisit the slate of legislative proposals at its September videoconference before members solicit feedback from their conferences and take official positions at the November meeting. Additionally, staff provided the committee with an update on the creation of a hardship waiver process, specific to assertions of mental health. At its November meeting, the committee will discuss how to best communicate the waiver's process to student-athletes across Division III.

6. **Division III SAAC working groups.** The committee decided that mental and physical health and diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) would be the two areas of focus for the 2023-24. The committee discussed the importance of participating as well as goals that were set in place the previous year. The focus point for this school year is to use social media as a platform to enhance the contribution/commitment to the working groups.
7. **Division III and Association-wide initiatives.** The committee was updated on the Mental Health Advisory Group. Discussion included preliminary concepts regarding updating the Best Practices. NCAA staff provided the committee with an update regarding the 50th Anniversary of Division III which included social media posts, mementos, and a year-long plan.
8. **Guest Speakers.**
 - a. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** Jared Tidemann from the NCAA Legal Affairs office virtually informed the committee of the ongoing set of legal issues. The topics discussed were California labor laws, affirmative action, and transgender.
 - b. **Presentation from Lewis Rice law firm on Gender Equity Assessment.** The committee was informed of the Gender Equity Assessment that Lewis Rice law firm completed. The two-phase assessment focused on championships across all sports with an emphasis on factors such as health and safety, practice and locker rooms, travel and accommodations, awards or gifts, signature and promotional efforts, and student-athlete entertainment and engagement.
 - c. **Visit with Lexxi O'Brien, Special Olympics North America.** The committee was informed of the continued partnership and importance of Special Olympics.
 - d. **Visit with Isaiah Swann, former Division III student-athlete on the NCAA Board of Governors.** Isaiah Swann, Division III former student-athlete representative on the Board of Governors, visited with the group to provide insight on his experience as a member of the Board of Governors and how his work with the congressional engagement subcommittee has heightened the Division III voice as he represents Division III student-athletes.
 - e. **Division III Update.** Louise McCleary, Vice President of Division III, and Bill Regan, Managing Director of Division III, joined the committee to provide updates about developments impacting Division III and the NCAA members. The committee discussed concepts involving Name, Image and Likeness. The concepts included possibly requiring third party NIL agents to register and comply with NCAA policies, requiring student-athletes to disclose their NIL deals, and media rights.

9. **Congressional engagement updates.** The committee reviewed their role in messaging and storytelling to congressional members, which included the status of such update. The committee had previously shared a template that allowed the members to engage in conversations with campus administration if they choose.
10. **Conference and partner conference meetings.** The committee reviewed with no updates. The committee has updated conference and campus advisor contacts to prepare for the new academic year.
11. **Special Olympics partnership and updates.** Division III is in the 13th year of the partnership Special Olympics. The committee was advised on the importance of the partnership including how to contribute on a campus or conference level.
12. **Reminder of future meeting dates.**
 - a. September/October 2023 teleconference, primary and associate members.
 - b. November 12-13, 2023; Indianapolis, primary members only.
 - c. January 9-13, 2024; NCAA Convention, Phoenix, primary and associate members.
13. **Other business.**
14. **Adjournment.**

Committee Chair: Vaish Siddapureddy, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaisons: Ali Spungen, Division III Governance
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs
Katie Mucci, Division III Governance
Jemma Cota, Division III Governance

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Attendees – Primary Members:	
Josh Africa, Penn State Harrisburg; United East Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College, Landmark Conference.	
Garrett Clasen, University of Chicago; University Athletic Association.	
Gabby Elliott, Denison University, North Coast Athletic Conference.	
Julia Hathaway, Virginia Wesleyan University, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
TJ Hill-Johnson, William Peace University; USA South Conference.	
Daniele Iaboni, Anna Maria College; Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Chris Krum, Albion College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Jack Langan, Cornell College; Midwest Conference.	
Theodore Lockhart III, William Paterson University of New Jersey, New Jersey Athletic Conference.	
Angela Marin, University of Texas, Dallas; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Muthu Meenakshisundaram, University of Minnesota, Morris; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College; New England Small College Athletic Conference.	
Hayley Peck, Purchase College, State University of New York; Skyline Conference.	
Vaish Siddapureddy, Pomona Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Rachel Sinclair, Worcester State University, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Myora Slaughter, Rosemont College, Colonial States Athletic Conference.	
Rohan Springer, University of Texas, Dallas, American Southwest Conference.	
Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Sabienea Winston, Geneva College; Presidents' Athletic Conference.	
Attendees – Associate Members in Attendance	
Lindy Brobeck, Marietta College; Ohio Athletic Conference.	
Alberto Bustamante, Northern Vermont – Lyndon; North Atlantic Conference.	
Amanda Cohen, Plattsburgh State; State University of New York Athletic Conference.	
Lydia Coombs, Nazareth College; Empire 8.	
Zack Durr, Castleton University; Little East Conference.	
Grace Hadlich, The College of St. Scholastica; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Noah LaBelle, Anderson University; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Kai McClelland, Trinity University; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Kameri Meredith, University of Wisconsin, River Falls; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Dom Petruzzelli, Cabrini University; Atlantic East Conference.	
Jackson Popeck, University of Mary Washington; Coast-to-Coast	
Greg Ricketts, Central College; American Rivers Conference.	
Maddie Russell, Pacific University; Northwest Conference.	
Hannah Starr, St. Norbert College; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.	

Abby Sweeney, Smith College; New England Men's and Women's Athletic Conference.
Zoey Wexler, Western New England, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
Lauren Zeglen, Rochester Institute of Technology, Liberty League.
Absentees:
Zach Bulthuis, Carthage College; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.
Jamie Carfagna, Muhlenberg College, Centennial Conference.
Julia Cuttone, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.
Emma Kirchner, Eastern University; Middle Atlantic Conference.
Molly Malachow, Penn State Behrend; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Lexxi O'Brien, Isaiah Swann
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Corey Berg, Jemma Cota, Katie Mucci and Ali Spungen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance
Louise McCleary, Bill Regan and Jared Tidemann.