



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2022, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Administrative items.**
 - a. **Rosters.** The committee reviewed its current roster.
 - b. **July meeting report.** The committee approved the report with no changes.
 - c. **September videoconference report.** The committee approved the report with no changes.
 - d. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures and took no action.
 - e. **Expectations of a SAAC member.** The committee reviewed the expectations of SAAC. Members discussed what they have done well and what can be improved. The group discussed what forms of communication could work best for national, conference and institutional SAACs.
 - f. **Roberts Rules of Order.** The committee reviewed the Robert's Rules of Order guidelines document.
 - g. **Update on Division III campus SAAC liaison contact information.** The committee reviewed the updates on the Division III campus SAAC liaison contact information.
 - h. **Election of officers and committee positions.** The committee elected individuals to its executive board, to begin following the 2023 NCAA Convention. The committee also selected individuals to serve on various Division III and association-wide committees and working groups. The following individuals were elected to new positions that will become effective immediately following the 2023 NCAA Convention:
 - (1) Division III National SAAC chair – Vaish Siddapureddy, Pomona College.

- (2) Division III National SAAC vice chair – KryJuan Roberson, Keystone College.
- (3) Division III National SAAC communications director – Gabby Elliott, Denison University.
- (4) Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee – Jack Langan, Cornell College.
- (5) NCAA Board of Governors, Student-Athlete Engagement Committee – Megan Koch, Colorado College.
- (6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee – Garrett Clasen, University of Chicago.

2. Division III SAAC working group updates.

- a. **Social Media.** The social media working group will appoint a new chair and is open to primary or associate members to lead in this position. The working group has set up meetings to discuss scheduling posts ahead of time to showcase the Division III experience. The group plans to collaborate with SAAC University working group to promote their initiatives and educational pieces.
- b. **SAAC University.** The SAAC University working group discussed the current NCAA legislation and what may result after the NCAA Convention. A main piece of SAAC University surrounds the use of the Division III SAAC Instagram and Twitter accounts. A lot of what the group would like to do is through social media. One initiative the working group is focusing on is getting SAAC members to display their SAAC information on their institutional online bios with their roles and who they represent. The goal for the group is to get this done by January. Additionally, the group wants to create an infographic on banned substances and what not to do. The working group will also focus on post-convention updates on legislation.

3. Special Olympics Updates.

- **Discussion of Special Olympics activity at 2023 Convention.** The group has been working on expanding participation across Division III. Conferences can get involved with their counties or communities and can plan on attending and volunteering at local events. Institutions plan on sponsoring events to help grow local partnerships. During the NCAA Convention on Thursday, January 12, Division III SAAC is sponsoring a Special Olympics Unified activity in partnership with Special Olympics Texas. is offering options that SAAC can choose from. The committee discussed which activities would be enjoyable for participants, such as a photo booth, giant Jenga, cornhole, bocci ball, football throw, and inflatable games.

4. Division III Updates.

- a. Division III Philosophy Statement Working Group.** In August 2022, the Presidents Council tasked the Division III Strategic and Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) to consider the validity of each statement in the Division III Philosophy Statement in relation to current and future policy and practice within the division. SPFC tasked a working group comprised of seven members of the SPFC to conduct this review. That group has been meeting monthly since August. The working group has reviewed the history of the current philosophy statements and sought feedback.

The committee had a discussion surrounding the statement changing to better fit the Division III experience. A survey was sent to the membership to provide feedback.

- b. Other Division III and Association-Wide Updates.** The Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement was formed to provide guidance to the board on what actions and steps the Association should take to seek congressional partnership in addressing issues that have resulted from state legislative activity and recent legal rulings. In conducting its work, the subcommittee will reinforce the primacy of academic success, prioritize a positive student experience and uphold NCAA values including diversity, inclusion and gender equity.
- c. NCAA Presidential search.** The NCAA also has retained TurnkeyZRG, a national search firm, to oversee the search for a new NCAA President. The NCAA Board of Governors created a search committee of seven people, including two Division III representatives. Staff anticipates the board, who is overseeing the search, may name a new president by the 2023 NCAA Convention.
- 5. NCAA Association-wide/divisional committee and working group reports.** The committee representatives who serve on Division III committees and working groups and Association-wide committees provided updates on the most recent meetings and reports.
- 6. Legislation/National SAAC positions.** The committee reviewed the legislation.
- **Updates since September teleconference and review of 2023 Convention proposals.** NCAA staff informed the committee of several updates since its September 2022 legislative teleconference, including the split of governance-sponsor proposal for council composition, two resolutions for a special rule of order for voting and an amendment-to-amendment to the governance-sponsored proposal for council composition.
- 7. National SAAC positions for 2023 NCAA Convention legislative proposals.** The committee reviewed and took the following positions on the 2023 NCAA Convention

legislative proposals:

- a. **R-2023-3 – Mental Health Hardship Waiver.** The committee supported the resolution.
- b. **2023-4 – SAAC Vote at Business Session.** The committee supported the proposal.
- c. **2023-5 – Six Standing Committees.** The committee supported the proposal.
- d. **2023-6 – Nominating Committee.** The committee opposed the proposal.
- e. **2023-7 & 2023-8 – Presidents and Management Council Composition.** The committee preferred the membership sponsored proposal, 2023-7, to the governance sponsored proposal, 2023-8. The committee also preferred the governance sponsored proposal, 2023-8, to the current legislation.
- f. **2023-10 & 2023-11 – Playing Season Structure.** The committee preferred the governance sponsored proposal, 2023-11, to the membership sponsored proposal, 2023-10. The committee also preferred the current Bylaw 17 legislation to the membership sponsored proposal, 2023-10.
- g. **2023-12 – Acclimatization for Fall Sports.** The committee supported the proposal.
- h. **2023-13 – Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport.** The committee supported the proposal.
- i. **2023-14 – Social Media Deregulation.** The committee supported the proposal.

The committee did not take a position on 2023-9 or 2023-15.

- 8. **Position papers.** The committee assigned individuals to speak on its legislative positions during the 2023 NCAA Convention and began to draft its position papers. The papers will be finalized over the coming weeks and reviewed by the full committee during its January 2023 meeting.
- 9. **Tentative Convention meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the tentative convention meeting schedule.
- 10. **Plan for joint PC/MC/SAAC Breakfast.** The committee discussed the agenda and plan for the PC/MC/SAAC breakfast at convention.
- 11. **Conference and partner conference meetings.** The committee reviewed best practices and how to prepare for conference and partner conference meetings.

- a. **Best practices for communicating with partner conferences and institutions.** The committee talked about how they need to come prepared to use their SAAC voice. Also, taking good notes and having points of main arguments. Be open to conversations and connecting with people.
 - b. **Scheduling.** The committee reviewed the scheduling.
12. **Update on Convention registration numbers.** The committee reviewed the Convention registration numbers.
13. **Plans for student social mixer, January 12.** The committee reviewed the plans for the student social mixer. Ideas that came from the committee were karaoke/improv, games, and dessert bar.
14. **EPIC Risk Management Presentation.** The committee listened to an EPIC risk management presentation by Mark Potter.
15. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the future meeting schedule.
 - a. January 10-14, 2023; NCAA Convention, San Antonio, Texas.
 - b. April 15-16, 2023; Virtual.
 - c. July 15-16, 2023; Indianapolis.
 - d. September/October; date TBD.
16. **Adjournment.**

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

NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee November 13-14, 2022, Meeting	
Attendees-Primary Members:	
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.	
Jack Langan, Cornell College; Midwest Conference.	
Angela Marin, University of Texas, Dallas; ex officio Management Council attendee.	
Mercy Ogutu, Trinity Washington University; Independents.	
Ariana Pena, Neumann University; Atlantic East Conference.	

KryJuan Roberson, Keystone College; Colonial State Athletic Conference.
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.
Sabienea Winston, Geneva College; Presidents' Athletic Conference.
Attendees-Associate Members in Attendance
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.
Hannah Starr, St. Nobert College; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Colonial States Athletic Conference.
Absentee:
Jason Claiborne, Eastern Connecticut State; Little East Conference.
Zach Bulhuis, Carthage College; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
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.
Michael Paterson-Jones, Wilkes University; Middle Atlantic Conferences.
Chris Krum, Albion College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Kate McCann, Mount Saint Mary (NY) College; Skyline Conference.
Molli Perry, Millsaps College; Southern Atlantic Conference.
Talia Williams, Carleton College' Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Corey Berg, Gillian Burns, Katie Mucci, Daniel Scotto and Ali Spungen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance
Louise McCleary and Bill Regan,