



**REPORT OF THE NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STUDENT-ATHLETE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** Colby Pepper, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, welcomed the committee members to the call. Pepper gave a special welcome to Angel Bautista, Janne Brown, Bridgett Finn and President Fayneese Miller, new committee members who were participating on their first videoconference.
- 2. Review of Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee November 16, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee approved the report of its November 16, 2020, videoconference.
- 3. NCAA updates.** Derrick Gragg, NCAA senior vice president for inclusion, education and community engagement, and Donald Remy, NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer, discussed several issues facing the Association, paying special attention to COVID-19 and its mental health implications, the “Russell Rule” and inclusive hiring practices, and the path forward with name, image and likeness.
- 4. NCAA Sports Science Institute updates.** Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer, joined the meeting to provide insight into the work of the NCAA Sport Science Institute. Dr. Hainline provided updates surrounding vaccine distribution and COVID-19 in the United States, the March Madness controlled environment and the resocialization of winter sports. He also reported on the recent gender identity summit and the current review of the NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.
- 5. NCAA Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force update.** Pepper and Gretchen Miron, NCAA assistant director in executive affairs, provided an update on the work of the task force. Additionally, the committee reviewed the sexual violence policy and provided feedback.
- 6. NCAA Divisions I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates from the 2021 NCAA Convention.** Divisional updates were provided on key items discussed during 2021 NCAA Convention.

**7. Strategic priorities.**

- a. **Life After the Game.** The committee received an update on Life After the Game and will continue to pause on this initiative at this time given the uncertainty due to COVID-19.
- b. **One Love Foundation.** The committee has been pleased to support this initiative over the past several years and will continue to provide future support when requested by the One Love Foundation.
- c. **Unity Pledge and Logo.** The Unity Pledge and Logo has been an immense success with collaboration from all three divisional SAACs and this committee. The committee expressed its happiness with the rollout and implementation.

**8. Future scheduled meetings.** The committee established the following meeting schedule:

- a. May 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
- b. August 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
- c. November 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

**9. Adjournment.** The videoconference was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Colby Pepper, Covenant College, Former Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member*

*Staff Liaisons: Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances  
Todd Shumaker, Enforcement  
Danielle Teetzel, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee February 19, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Participants:</b>
Angel Bautista, Colorado Mesa University, NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Division II SAAC.
Bridgett Finn, Lebanon Valley College, NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University, NCAA Board of Governors.
Krissy Ortiz, Lynn University, Former Division II SAAC.
Colby Pepper, Covenant College, Former Division III SAAC.
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Former Division I SAAC.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Janne Brown, Aurora University, Division III SAAC.
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado, Division I SAAC.
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University, NCAA Division I Council.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Todd Shumaker and Danielle Teetzel.
<b>Other NCAA Staff in Attendance:</b>
Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Gretchen Miron and Donald Remy.