

REPORT OF THE NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE JUNE 11, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. March 2, 2020, teleconference report. The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee approved its March report as presented.
- 2. COVID-19 update and discussion. The committee discussed the ongoing challenges and impacts of COVID-19 on Olympic sports in collegiate athletics. References to current COVID-19 background information provided by the NCAA Sport Science Institute, including division-specific resources, were provided as basis for discussion. Committee members acknowledged there will be short-, medium-, and long-term effects on Olympic sports and summarized the wide scope of considerations, most notably:
 - Budget management Institutional commitment to Olympic sports may vary across NCAA membership depending on whether focus is to ease budget concerns with expense management or enrollment management.
 - Sponsorship commitment Sport sponsorship simultaneously depends on institutional sponsorship commitment and conference commitment to support viable conference scheduling and postseason competition. Additional factors include NCAA membership and financial aid requirements.
 - Health and safety management Resources (staffing, budgetary, etc.) increasingly will be devoted to providing healthy and safe practice and competitive environments for student-athletes. Schools may not be able to sustain existing levels of sport sponsorship while remaining committed to health and safety for all.
- 3. Other business. The committee was not able to start the discussion on potential streamlining of legislation regarding training and competition-related funds and agreed to take it up during its September 2020 videoconference. In addition, the committee thanked Jim Siedliski for his terrific service as chair and committee member for the past several years. Subsequent to the videoconference, Korinth Patterson was appointed as chair.

Committee Chair: James Siedliski, American Athletic Conference Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs Staff Liaisons:

Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee June 11, 2020, Videoconference

Attendees:

Mikayla Costello, Willamette University (Division III Student-Athlete).

John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University (Division II Student-Athlete).

Sarah Fraser, Quinnipiac University.

Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.

Charles Guthrie, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Jill Hollembeak, DePaul University.

Elizabeth Jarnigan, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Craig McPhail, Lees-McRae College.

Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.

Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference.

Rosemary Shea, College of the Holy Cross.

James Siedliski, American Athletic Conference.

Steven Winter, Sonoma State University.

Absentees:

Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University (Division I Student-Athlete).

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Alex Smith and Liz Turner Suscha.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.