

# REPORT OF THE NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

### ACTION ITEMS.

None.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **June 11, 2020, teleconference report.** The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee approved its June videoconference report as presented.
- 2. United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee update and discussion. Sarah Wilhelmi, USOPC Director of Collegiate Partnerships, joined the committee to provide an update on ongoing work to support Team USA's collegiate athletes. These efforts are focused on developing initiatives to celebrate Team USA's student-athletes and coaches, promote the value of collegiate Olympic/Paralympic sports and advance pathways for collegiate athletes to represent their country and schools in sport. Highlights of recent work include NCAA legislative changes, development of the USOPC liaison program and launch of the Olympians Made Here campaign. Further, Ms. Wilhelmi encouraged ideas about how to cultivate greater sport-alignment strategies among the committee, national governing bodies and coaches' associations, especially given the challenges presented by COVID-19.
- 3. Streamlining of legislation regarding training and competition-related funds. The committee returned to the discussion on potential streamlining of legislation regarding training and competition-related funds. The primary focus is whether the source of training and competition-related funds or the cap on the total funds amount should be the priority in relevant legislation. The committee did not take any action but agreed to explore ideas for changes during a future meeting.
- **4. Other business.** The committee affirmed its next quarterly teleconference will take place in December 2020.

Committee Chair: Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference Staff Liaisons: Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs

Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

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#### **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.

Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, Syracuse University.

Craig McPhail, Lees-McRae College.

Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.

Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference, chair.

Rosemary Shea, College of the Holy Cross.

Steven Winter, Sonoma State University.

#### **Absentees:**

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

## **Guests in Attendance:**

Sarah Wilhelmi, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

#### NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Alex Smith and Liz Turner Suscha.

### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.