



# DIVISION III

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# **DIVISION III ISSUES FORUM**

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

# Division III Philosophy Statement



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# Presenters

- Stephanie Dutton, Commissioner, United East Conference.
- Eric Hartung, NCAA Division III.



# **Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group**



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# Philosophy Statement Working Group

Charge: 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. Potential outcomes may result in a confirmation of the current philosophy or the revision of current statements, including deletions or additions.

# Working Group Members

## Members:

- Jeff Abernathy, President, Alma College.
- Chuck Brown, FAR, Penn State – Behrend.
- Maria Buckel, AD, Fontbonne University.
- Stephanie Dutton, Commissioner, United East Conference.



# Working Group Members

## Members:

- Robert Lindgren, President, Randolph-Macon College.
- Chuck Mitrano, Commissioner, Empire 8 Conference.
- Sabienea Winston, Student-Athlete, Geneva College.



# Philosophy Statement Working Group

## Review Timeline:

- Fall 2022 to Spring 2023: Meetings to develop statement drafts.
- Nov./Dec. 2022: Survey of the membership.
- Jan. 2023: Issues Forum roundtable discussions.

# Philosophy Statement Working Group

## Review Timeline:

- Spring 2023: Legislative concepts to the Councils.
- Summer 2023: Recommendation to sponsor legislation to Councils.
- Jan. 2024: NCAA Convention vote, if appropriate.



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# Summary of Work to Date

- Historical review.
- Alignment with NCAA Constitution Article 1.
- Division III Membership Survey findings review.
- Initial draft of an amended statement.
- Philosophy Statement Survey.



# Philosophy Statement Survey

- Goal.
- Structure.
- Administration.



# Survey Findings

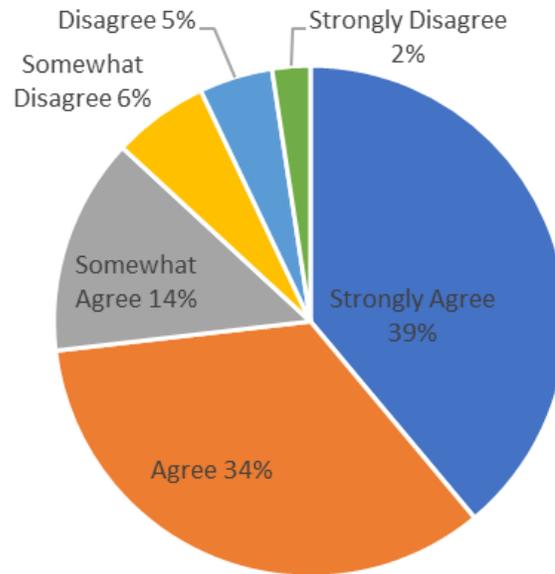
- Summary of findings report.
- Focus on Division III principles:
  - Student-Athlete Collegiate Experience.
  - Student-Athlete Athletics Experience.
  - Member Responsibility and Oversight.
- **75% Strongly Agree/Agree threshold.**

# Response Rate

Title	Count	Percent
Director of Athletics	194	16.0
President/Chancellor/ADR	75	6.2
Athletics Administrators	239	19.8
Conference Commissioner/Exec. Director	34	2.8
Faculty Athletics Representative	62	5.1
Coach	583	48.1
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Member	24	2.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>100</b>

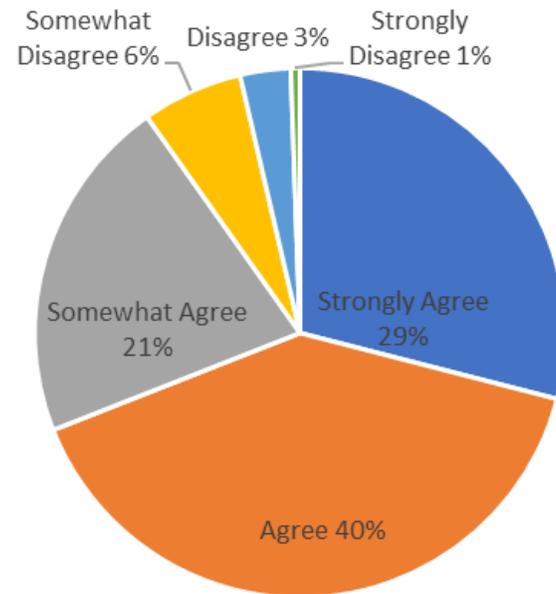
# Summary of Findings

Seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of their educational experience with a focus on intercollegiate athletics as primarily an undergraduate experience.



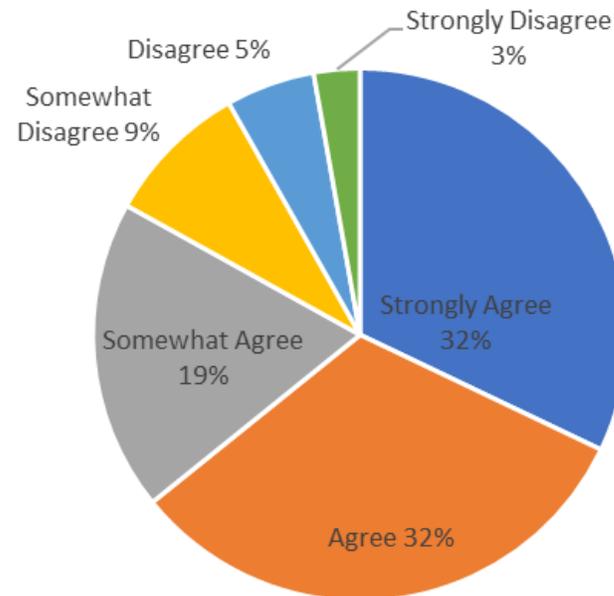
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Encourage participation by providing a broad-based athletics program.



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The athletics program should support the institution's educational mission by financing, staffing and controlling the athletics program through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution.



# Roundtable Discussions



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# Roundtable Discussion Topic One



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# Roundtable Discussion

## Topic One

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# Roundtable Discussion

## Topic Two



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# Roundtable Discussion

## Topic Two

Encourage participation by providing a broad-based athletics program.

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# Roundtable Discussion

## Topic Three

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