

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 20-22, 2012**

The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (Division I SAAC) submits the following report from its July 20-22, 2012, meeting.

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Review of NCAA Rules Working Group Concepts.** The committee reviewed concepts from the rules working group and provided comments on select concepts for NCAA Bylaws 12, 13, 14 and 16. The specific feedback will be provided to the NCAA Rules Working Group for consideration in the formulation of potential legislative proposals.
2. **Division I SAAC Priorities.** The committee reviewed and updated priorities and goals related to its effort to enhance the total student-athlete experience, including increasing awareness of SAAC and its role, cultivating a community service initiative and enhancing the student-athlete voice. The group discussed its plan to implement the agreed upon priorities over the coming year.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative Items.**
 - None.
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Guest Speakers.** The committee welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA staff to discuss issues involving student-athlete well-being:
 - a. Jackie Thurnes, director of enforcement, provided the committee with an overview of the recommendations going before the Division I board of directors from the enforcement working group. It was noted that feedback provided by Division I SAAC was reviewed and will be considered by the NCAA Committee on Infractions.
 - b. Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen, director and associate director of academic and membership affairs, presented an overview of the process associated with the formation, development and role of the presidential working groups. Additionally, the concepts that have been developed through the work of the rules working group were reviewed and discussed by the committee.

- c. Scott Bearby, deputy general counsel and managing director of legal affairs, provided the committee with an overview of the NCAA general counsel's office, its relationship with SAAC and an update on ongoing litigation involving the Association.
 - d. Amy Dunham, managing director of communications, lead the committee through media training which entailed a series of activities designed to strengthen and enhance committee member's awareness of and attention to interviewing techniques.
 - e. Jackie Campbell, director of NCAA Division I Governance, provided an update on general governance issues focusing on items on the leadership council agenda including discussion surrounding a women's basketball recruiting model.
 - f. Dr. Christine Copper, Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) at the U.S. Naval Academy, joined the group to discuss best practices and engaging FAR's on campus.
2. **2012 NCAA Gender Equity and Inclusion Forum.** Division I SAAC was provided an overview of selected topics and resources available from the 2012 NCAA Gender Equity and Inclusion Forum, which took place April 29 - May 1, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. **Review of NCAA Rules Working Group Concepts.** The committee reviewed concepts from the rules working group and provided comments on select concepts for NCAA Bylaws 12, 13, 14 and 16. The specific feedback will be provided to the NCAA Rules Working Group for consideration in the formulation of potential legislative proposals.
4. **Media Team Update.** The committee received an update regarding the SAAC media team's continued efforts to raise awareness of SAAC through social media. The media team highlighted steps included in its plan to address the priority of increasing SAAC awareness including featuring notable events and profiles of NCAA Division I student-athletes on its blog and website as well as strategies for increasing the number of followers of the Division I SAAC Twitter account.
5. **Community Service Team Update.** The committee discussed further collaboration and ways to partner with Samaritan's Feet. The committee shared strategies that will be used to further the relationship including review of an inventory of Samaritan's Feet service events that are already scheduled and increasing outreach by identifying committee members to participate in events held near their institutions. Additionally, it was noted that the committee will continue to conduct events to support Samaritan's Feet at its in-person meetings.

6. **Student-Athlete Voice Team Update.** The committee discussed the work of the project team charged with leading efforts to enhance the committee's voice at the national, conference and institutional levels. It was noted that best practices and other resources will be developed to share with institutions and conferences as part of the plan to address the priority of enhancing the voice of the student-athlete.
7. **Cabinet and Committee Reports.** The committee was provided updates from the NCAA Division I and Association-wide cabinets and committees on which Division I SAAC members serve.
8. **Board of Directors.** The committee was updated on the board of director's April meeting and its discussions related to the progress of the presidential working groups.
9. **NCAA Leadership Council.** The committee was updated on the leadership council's April meeting and its discussions related to the progress of the presidential working groups and review of the women's basketball recruiting model.
10. **NCAA Legislative Council.** The committee was updated regarding the legislative council's April meeting and its final review of legislative proposals related to student-athlete well-being from the 2011-12 legislative cycle.
11. **Division I SAAC, Association-wide and Division I Cabinet/Committee Appointments.** The committee appointed the following student-athletes to specified Association-wide and divisional cabinets and committees:
 - a. Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet: Kellie Cook, Women's Basketball, Tennessee Technical University; Ohio Valley Conference.
 - b. Football Issues Committee: Christian Conley, Football, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.
 - c. Championships/Sports Management Cabinet: Alana Gerber, Women's Golf, Oakland University; The Summit League.
 - d. Committee on Women's Athletics: Carolyn Jesko, Women's Tennis, Youngstown State University; Horizon League.
 - e. Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct: Adam Purcilly, Baseball, St. Peter's College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

- f. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee: Chalonda Goodman, Women's Track, Indoor, Women's Track, Outdoor; University of Texas; Big 12 Conference.
 - g. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical aspects of Sport: Alex Mendez, Baseball, University of South Florida; Big East Conference.
 - h. Women's Basketball Issues Committee: Jacqui Kalin, Women's Basketball, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley.
 - i. SAAC Administrative Team: Melissa Minton, Women's Soccer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference; Missy White, Women's Volleyball, St. Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference; and Meaghan McCloskey, University of Idaho; Western Athletic Conference.
 - j. Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee: William Brown, Men's Golf, Prairie View A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- 12. Student-Athlete Affairs Advisory Group.** The committee was informed that a representative from each of the divisional SAACs attended the June NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs Advisory Group (Advisory Group) in-person meeting. This was the first time that student-athletes had been included in the group and they will continue to be involved to ensure that the student-athlete perspective is included in discussions and as decisions are made. An overview of the business that took place during the Advisory Group meeting was also provided.
- 13. College Sports Information Directors of America Convention (CoSIDA).** An update from the CoSIDA convention was provided to the committee and it was noted that student-athlete representatives from each division were able to attend the convention for the first time and participated on a panel. CoSIDA expressed interest in continuing to build the relationship with SAAC and including student-athletes in its programming moving forward.
- 14. Future Meeting Schedule.**
- a. Fall 2012, Teleconference.
 - b. November 9-11, 2012, Indianapolis.
 - c. January 16-19, 2013, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Grapevine, Texas.
 - d. Spring 2013, Teleconference.
 - e. July 2013, Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Eugene Daniels, Colorado State University, Mountain West Conference

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NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting July 20-22, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Colin Ashley, Big South Conference	Natasha Law, Big Sky Conference
Morgan Boyd, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	TBD, Pacific-12 Conference
William Brown, Southwestern Athletic Conference	
Lauren Cochlin, Big Ten Conference	
Nicholas "Nik" Conklin, Northeast Conference	
Christian "Chris" R. Conley, Southeastern Conference	
Kellie Cook, Ohio Valley Conference	
Eugene Daniels, Mountain West Conference	
Katie DiGirolamo, Atlantic Sun Conference	
Christopher Everett, Jr., Southern Conference	
Alanna Gerber, The Summit League	
Chalonda Goodman, Big 12 Conference	
Carolyn L. Jesko, Horizon League	
Jacqui Kalin, Missouri Valley Conference	
Brian Lozes, Conference USA	
Meaghan McClosky, Western Athletic Conference	
Alejandro "Alex" Mendez, Big East Conference	
Melissa Minton, Sun Belt Conference	
Douglas "Doug" Prusoff, Patriot League Conference	
Adam Purcilly, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
John Anthony Roberts, Jr., Southland Conference	
Madeline "Maddie" A. Salamone, Atlantic Coast Conference	
Curtis Schickner, America East Conference	
Ben Swinford, Ivy League	
Paul "Blase" Szyszko, Atlantic 10 Conference	

Kaitlyn Vincek, Mid-American Conference	
Melissa “Missy” White, West Coast Conference	
Katherine Ann Williams, Colonial Athletic Association	
Jacob Yowell, Big West Conference	
Other Participants Scott Bearby, NCAA Jackie Campbell, NCAA Dr. Christine Cooper, U.S. Naval Academy Amy Dunham, NCAA Danielle Ghiloni, NCAA Beth Goode, Pacific 12 Conference Lynn Holzman, NCAA Susan Lipnicky, Mid-American Conference Bill Nesnidal, NCAA Binh Nguyen, NCAA KD Stearns, NCAA Jackie Thurnes, NCAA	