

## **REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) submits the following report from its January 10-14, 2012, meeting.

### **KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Issues.** The committee reviewed and discussed the override requests submitted by the Division I membership related to the miscellaneous expense allowance and multi-year grants-in-aid. Additionally, the committee reviewed recommendations from the resource allocation working group. Pending board action, the committee will continue to solicit feedback from campus and conference SAACs related to those issues.
2. **Division I Board of Directors Meeting.** The committee met with the Division I Board of Directors and discussed key issues impacting student-athlete well-being, including the miscellaneous expense allowance, multi-year grants-in-aid, foreign tours and other recommendations from the Presidential Working Groups.

### **ACTION ITEMS.**

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Opening Business Session.** The committee attended the NCAA Opening Business Session and listened to President Mark Emmert's State of the Association address.
2. **NCAA Division I Session.** The committee attended the NCAA Division I Session related to the status of presidential retreat initiatives. Presentations were provided on the status of the initiatives from the Presidential Working Groups, and the committee had the opportunity to contribute comments during discussion periods.
3. **Leadership and Legislative Council Meetings.** The committee met separately with the Leadership and Legislative Councils to discuss current issues related to student-athlete

well-being, including recommendations from the Presidential Working Groups, as well as the committee's top priorities for 2012.

4. **Division I Men's Basketball Committee.** The committee had dinner with the Division I Men's Basketball Committee, and student-athletes provided feedback regarding a sportsmanship initiative in men's basketball.
5. **Guest Speakers.** The committee welcomed speakers from the NCAA staff to discuss issues involving student-athlete well-being, including:
  - a. Mark Emmert, NCAA president, met with the committee and discussed the progress of the Presidential Working Groups, as well as override requests related to miscellaneous expense allowance and multi-year grants-in-aid. President Emmert also stressed the importance of including the student-athlete voice in the process.
  - b. Jackie Campbell, director of Division I governance, and Jarrett Newby, NCAA governance intern, reviewed the NCAA governance structure and legislative process. They also provided the committee with an update and answered questions on key legislative proposals.
  - c. Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president of championships and alliances, addressed the committee regarding the NCAA media contracts, the FCS football championship, site selections and championship awards. Shaheen also spoke to the committee about sportsmanship initiatives in men's basketball.
  - d. Rachel Newman-Baker, managing director of enforcement, addressed the committee regarding enforcement restructuring, information development efforts and issues regarding agents and advisors.
  - e. Monica Woods, associate director of membership and external outreach, spoke to the committee about communication efforts with former student-athletes, presidential and campus leadership, and engaging new, non-athletic audiences to help educate people about the NCAA and foster advocacy on behalf of student-athletes.
6. **Division I SAAC Priorities.** The committee developed future 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.

7. **Chair and vice chair selections.** The committee reviewed the requirements for the positions of committee chair and selected Eugene Daniels, Colorado State University and Mountain West Conference representative, for that position effective January 15, 2012. The committee moved to elect two representatives as co-vice chairs and selected Maddie Salamone, Duke University and Atlantic Coast Conference representative, and Curtis Schickner, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and America East Conference representative, for those positions effective January 15, 2012.
8. **Cabinet and committee selections.** The committee selected Chris Everett, Western Carolina University and Southern Conference representative, to serve as the SAAC's representative to the Amateurism Cabinet. The committee also selected Lauren Cochlin, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Big Ten Conference representative as the committee's media chair.
9. **Representative to the International University Sport Federation (FISU).** Scott Krapf, outgoing committee chair, was announced as the American student representative to FISU.
10. **Impermissible Nutritional Supplements.** The committee discussed impermissible nutritional supplements and expressed interest in increasing the education and awareness provided to student-athletes regarding banned and harmful substances.
11. **Updates from selected Division I and Association-wide committees.** The committee was provided an update on selected Division I and Association-wide committees, including the Student-Athletes Reinstatement Committee, Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, and Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.
12. **Joint Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting.** The committee met jointly with the Division II SAAC and received presentations from representatives of the NCAA office of Inclusion, the College Sports Information Directors of America and Hudson Taylor, assistant wrestling coach at Columbia University and founder of Athlete Ally.

13. **Service Team Update.** The committee discussed a potential partnership with Samaritan's Feet for future community service initiatives. Emmanuel Ohonm, the founder of Samaritan's Feet, met with the committee to share information about the organization and to talk about the scope of the potential partnership.
14. **Association-wide programming.** Members of the committee attended association-wide programs during the NCAA Convention, including "Values-Driven Leadership in the 21st Century," "Students First: Giving SA the College Experience They Deserve," "Academic Success and Missed Class Time," and "Social Media: Building and Engaging and Online Community."
15. **NCAA Honors Celebration.** The committee attended the NCAA Honors Celebration honoring distinguished former student-athletes.
16. **Division I SAAC Award of Excellence update.** The committee announced that the submission deadline for Division I SAAC Award of Excellence nominees was moved to March 30. The committee will distribute an email to conference SAACs to notify them of the new deadline and remind them that the award is now an annual award.
17. **Attendance.** Attendance for the January meeting:

Conference	School	Name	Sport	Present
America East Conference	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Curtis Schickner	Baseball	Yes
Atlantic 10 Conference	University of Rhode Island	Tristany Leikem	Women's' Tennis	Yes
Atlantic Coast Conference	Duke University	Maddie Salamone	Women's Lacrosse	Yes
Atlantic Sun Conference	Stetson University	Carolyn Boyd	Softball	Yes
Big 12 Conference	Baylor University	Logan Roberts	Men's Track and Field	Yes
Big East Conference	University of South Florida	Alex Mendez	Baseball	Yes
Big South	Winthrop	Matthew Horn	Men's Soccer	Yes

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Conference	University			
Big Sky Conference	University of Northern Colorado	Natasha Law	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Big Ten Conference	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Lauren Cochlin	Women's Soccer	Yes
Big West Conference	University of California, Irvine	Jacob Yowell	Men's Track and Field	No
Colonial Athletic Conference	Virginia Commonwealth University	Jessica Williams	Women's Track and Field	Yes
Conference USA	Southern Methodist University	Kelvin Beachum	Football	No
Horizon League	Wright State University	Cassandra Lloyd	Indoor Track and Field	Yes
Ivy Group	Cornell University	Ben Swinford	Baseball	Yes
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Siena College	Kaitlyn Carew	Women's Swimming	Yes
Mid-American Conference	Eastern Michigan University	Kaitlyn Vincek	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	North Carolina A&T State University	Carvell Copeland	Baseball	Yes
Missouri Valley Conference	Illinois State University	Scott Krapf	Men's Track and Field	Yes
Mountain West Conference	Colorado State University	Eugene Daniels	Football	Yes
Northeast Conference	Long Island University-Brooklyn	Nicholas Conklin	Men's Soccer	Yes
Ohio Valley Conference	Jacksonville State University	Chelsea Pelletier	Women's Soccer	Yes

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Pacific -12 Conference	Oregon State University	Kevin McShane	Men's Basketball	No
Patriot League	Lafayette College	Doug Prusoff	Lacrosse	Yes
Southeastern Conference	Mississippi State University	DJ Looney	Football	Yes
Southern Conference	Western Carolina University	Chris Everett	Football	Yes
Southland Conference	Northwestern State University	Yaser Elqutub	Football	Yes
Southwestern Athletic Conference	Prairie View A&M University	William Brown	Men's Golf	Yes
The Summit League	Western Illinois University	Brooke Stittleburg	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Sun Belt Conference	University of Arkansas, Little Rock	Rachael Maina	Women's Soccer	Yes
West Coast Conference	St. Mary's College of California	Missy White	Women's Volleyball	Yes
Western Athletic Conference	University of Hawaii	Jessica Stacy	Women's Swimming	Yes
<b>Others:</b>				
Legislative Council	Stanford University	Beth Goode, Senior Woman Administrator/ Senior Associate Athletics Director	Pacific 12 Conference	Yes
Leadership Council	University of Miami (Ohio)	Susan Lipnickey, Faculty Athletic Representative	Mid-American Conference	Yes
Leadership Council	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Harold Bardo , Faculty Athletic Representative	Missouri Valley Conference	Yes

**18. Future Meeting Schedule.**

- a. March/April 2012, Teleconference.
- b. July 19-22, 2012, Carmel, Indiana.
- c. August/September 2012, Legislative Webinar.
- d. November 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- e. January 15-19, 2013, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Grapevine, Texas.

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