

## **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 July 22-24, 2011, meeting.

### **KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Initial Review of 2010-11 Proposed Legislation.** The committee reviewed and began discussion of several legislative proposals for the 2011-12 legislative cycle. The committee will review these proposals in-depth during its fall webinar.
2. **Text Messaging.** The committee reviewed concepts related to electronic transmissions and engaged in a preliminary discussion related to legislation on this topic. The committee will seek feedback from student-athletes and continue the dialogue surrounding this issue.

### **ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**

None.

2. **Nonlegislative Items.**

- a. Selection of student-athletes to serve as representatives on NCAA Division I and association-wide cabinets and committees. The committee appointed the following student-athletes to specified association-wide and divisional cabinets and committees:
  - (1) Academic Cabinet: Kaitlyn Vincek; Women's Volleyball; Eastern Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.
  - (2) Amateurism Cabinet: Curtis Schickner; Baseball; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.
  - (3) Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet: Lauren Cochlin; Women's Soccer; University of Wisconsin, Madison; Big Ten Conference.
  - (4) Championships and Sports Management Cabinet: Logan Roberts; Men's Cross Country/Track and Field; Baylor University; Big 12 Conference.
  - (5) Committee on Women's Athletics: Jessica Williams; Women's Track and Field; Virginia Commonwealth University; Colonial Athletic Association.

- (6) Division I Administration Cabinet: Doug Prusoff, Men's Lacrosse, Lafayette College; Patriot League; and Missy White; Women's Volleyball; St. Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference.
- (7) Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee: Alex Mendez; Baseball; University of South Florida; Big East Conference.
- (8) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee: Jessica Stacey; Women's Swimming; University of Hawaii, Manoa; Western Athletic Conference.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Guest speakers.** The committee welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA staff to discuss issues involving student-athlete well-being:
  - a. Charnele Kemper, associate director of academic and membership affairs, discussed recruiting legislation and proposals regarding electronic transmissions, including text messages and social media.
  - b. Michael Mangarelli, associate director of amateurism certification, provided the committee an overview of the amateurism certification process and discussed legislation related to participation on a professional team prior to initial enrollment.
  - c. Naima Stevenson, assistant general counsel and director of legal affairs, provided the committee an overview of the NCAA general counsel's office and an update on ongoing litigation involving the association.
  - d. Brynna Barnhart and Tim Nevius, assistant and associate directors of enforcement, presented a condensed version of the "Enforcement Experience" to the committee and answered questions related to the enforcement process.
  - e. Mary Wilfert, associate director of health and safety, updated the committee on the ongoing review of transgender student-athlete participation and anticipated policies on this topic. The committee was supportive of the steps being taken to address inclusion of transgender student-athletes.
  - f. Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president of championships and alliances, spoke to the committee about the championships structure, efforts to improve aspects of all NCAA championships and the recent meeting between SAAC members and executives at Capital One regarding the Capital One Cup.

2. **Cabinet and committee reports.** The committee was updated regarding Division I and association-wide cabinets and committees on which Division I SAAC members serve. Regarding the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, the committee discussed how institutional SAACs could assist the administration and the NCAA by continuing to stress the importance of sportsmanship to other student-athletes and fans at competitions.
3. **NCAA Leadership Council.** The committee was updated on the Leadership Council's April meeting and its discussions related to men's basketball recruiting. The committee will continue to seek feedback and discuss recruiting model concepts for men's basketball.
4. **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 2010-11 legislative cycle.
5. **Student-Athlete Reinstatement update.** The committee was updated regarding student-athlete reinstatement issues including guidelines for cases involving the failure of men's basketball student-athletes to withdraw their names from NBA draft according to the new deadline.
6. **Joint SAAC.** The committee met jointly with the Division II and Division III SAACs and select NCAA staff members for roundtable discussions. Additionally, each divisional SAAC chair provided an update on current topics and initiatives for the group.
7. **Media Team update.** The committee received an update regarding the SAAC's media team projects, including new blog entries and updates on Facebook and Twitter.
8. **2011 Gender Equity and Issues Forum.** SAAC member DJ Looney updated the committee regarding his attendance at the NCAA Gender Equity Forum, which took place May 1-3, 2011 in Washington, D.C.
9. **Student-Athlete voice.** The committee discussed its participation in a teleconference with the NCAA Executive Committee, its meeting with Capital One and the formation of a project team charged with continuing efforts to increase the committee's voice at the national, conference and institutional levels.

10. **Division I SAAC Award of Excellence.** The committee discussed the Division I SAAC Award of Excellence and considered the possibility of an annual award rather than a semester award. The committee determined that it will continue to present the award each fall and spring.
11. **Community Service Initiative.** The committee reviewed survey results from the membership related to a division-wide community service initiative and discussed next steps in the process.
12. **Attendance.** Attendance for the July 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	North Carolina State University	CJ Williams	Men's Basketball	No
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 Conference	Winthrop University	Matthew Horn	Men's Soccer	Yes
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	Long Beach State University	Amanda Sims	Women's Basketball	No
Colonial Athletic Conference	Virginia Commonwealth University	Jessica Williams	Women's Track and Field	Yes
Conference USA	Southern Methodist University	Kelvin Beachum	Football	Yes

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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
Pacific -12 Conference	Oregon State University	Kevin McShane	Men's Basketball	Yes
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	Grambling State University	Taylor Smith	Softball	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

**13. Future Meeting Schedule.**

- a. September 11, 2011 at 7 p.m. EST, Legislative Webinar.
- b. November 18-20, 2011, Indianapolis.
- c. January 10-14, 2012, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Indianapolis.
- d. Spring 2012, Teleconference.
- e. July 2012, Indianapolis.

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