

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10-14, 2012, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Inclusion (disability) resources, education and initiatives.

- (1) Recommendation. That Management Council direct the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee to explore the creation of a repository of resources for institutions, related to inclusion issues impacting, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student-athletes, student-athletes with disabilities, student-athletes who are hearing impaired and other underrepresented groups.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the current initiatives related to diversity and inclusion and the need to provide educational and other resources to student-athletes, coaches, administrators and presidents to assist institutions with addressing issues related to inclusion. These include, but are not limited to, information regarding issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student-athletes, student-athletes with disabilities, student-athletes who are hearing impaired and other underrepresented groups. The committee recognized the need to emphasize educational resources for coaches, administrators and presidents who can affect campus policy and provide a consistent knowledge base for student-athletes.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. TBD.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Provides resources to proactively address student-athlete well-being concerns.

b. Special Olympics

- (1) Recommendation. That Management Council direct the NCAA Division III Management Council Convention Planning Subcommittee endorse and assist the committee with planning and conducting a Special Olympics event involving administrators and student-athletes at the 2013 NCAA Convention.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The committee discussed the purpose of the Division III-Special Olympics partnership: to enhance the lives of Special Olympics athletes through their involvement with Division III student-athletes and to promote a shared learning experience. The committee believed an event during the 2013 Convention would serve to both further promote the partnership and demonstrate the attributes of Division III.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. TBD.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Promote the student-athlete driven partnership and further demonstrate Division III student-athlete attributes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Meeting Expectations.** Brittany Petrella provided the committee with an overview of the agenda, Convention schedule and discussed appropriate etiquette throughout the meeting and during the Convention.
2. **Standard Operating Resources.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures, Division III Positioning Platform, Roberts Rules of Order and discussed the appropriate presentation of reports to ensure the committee's actions were aligned with these operating guidelines.
3. **Division III Updates and Issues.**
 - a. Drug and Alcohol Education and Collaboration. Leah Kareti provided the committee with an update regarding the status of the alcohol and other drug education programs which are a collaborative effort between the NCAA and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.
 - b. Academic Reporting Pilot. Dan Dutcher provided the committee with an overview of the results of the Academic Reporting Pilot.
 - c. 2012-15 Budget. Ms. Kareti provided the committee with information regarding the manner in which the division is funding programs in order to further strategic initiatives and ensure that the allocation of the budget matches the priorities at the conference, campus and national level. In conjunction with this discussion, the committee expressed the benefits of the involvement of student-athletes in conference and campus budgetary process so that student-athletes have an understanding of the allocation of resources to support student-athlete well-being.

The committee discussed methods by which student-athletes are involved with the budgetary process. These include attending athletics department staff meetings, forming an athletics committee on campus to provide a venue for input and discussions and attendance by student-athlete representatives at the Board of Directors meetings. The committee noted that a best practices guide regarding how to engage campuses and conferences in order to have a student-athlete input in budgetary concerns may be helpful.

4. SAAC Initiatives.

- a. Communications strategy. Kat Krtnick discussed the development of a Division III student-athlete advisory committee communications strategy to assist the committee push strategic initiatives, guide discussions, assist with decision making and overall continue to tell the Division III student-athlete story. Initial stages of planning over the next several months will determine the ultimate vision for the plan, primary goals and target audience. Preliminary discussions indicate that the focus will include explaining National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's purpose, creating opportunities for more feedback from student-athletes and pushing information to assist student-athletes.
- b. Establishing relationships between faculty, student-athletes and athletics departments. Dennis Leighton met with the committee to discuss the best way to foster relationships between the faculty and student-athletes, and also ensure that the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) has consistent communication with the committee to assist it with promoting enhanced relationships between student-athletes and faculty. The committee will continue to communicate with FARA and seek opportunities to collaborate.
- c. 2012 Convention – student-athletes attendance and programming. The committee hosted a luncheon for Division III student-athletes in attendance at the 2012 Convention to both promote student-athlete attendance at Convention and provide a professional development and mutual learning opportunity. The committee plans to enhance this event at the 2013 Convention.

5. Stunt, Acrobatics and Tumbling. Karen Morrison provided the committee with background on potential emerging sports for women.

6. Media Training. Chuck Wynn and members of the NCAA communications staff provided a presentation and tips for effective communication with the media.

7. **Special Olympics.** The committee discussed the Division III – Special Olympics partnership, reports received from institutional and conference activities and activities conducted at Division III championship events. These events included camps, clinics and other activities involving hands-on interaction between Division III and Special Olympics athletes. In addition, approximately \$80,000 has been reported as being raised on behalf of Special Olympics. The partnership also was activated at Division III fall championships including the men's and women's soccer, football, field hockey, men's and women's cross-country and volleyball championships. These activities included Special Olympics clinics, recognition of Special Olympics athletes at the events, Special Olympics athletes serving as honorary captains and the promotion of awareness for Special Olympics. The committee will continue to build on these successes this winter and spring. The committee will conduct a Special Olympics Phone-a-thon this winter in order to continue to promote the Special Olympics partnership.
8. **Division III College Sports Information Directors of America.** Eric McDowell discussed strategies to develop a relationship between campus SAACs and their Sports Information Directors. A member of Division III SAAC will attend CoSIDAs National Conference this year to further promote this relationship.
9. **Legislation.** The committee reviewed the proposed legislation, the committee's positions and the committee's position papers.
10. **Membership Outreach.** Monica Miller Woods discussed the NCAA national office's efforts to engage former student-athletes and solicited ideas through which the NCAA national office could facilitate beneficial interaction with and between former student-athletes.
11. **Conference, partner conference and independents reports.** The committee provided updates regarding their campus, conference and partner conference activities and voted to recognize Washington College and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with SAAC Spotlights for their community service work.

11. Committee elections.

The committee selected the following committee members to the following positions:

“Wes Lambert, Maryville College (Tennessee), was elected as chair of the NCAA Executive Board.”

“Michelle Guillino, St. Joseph’s College (Long Island), was elected as vice chair of the Executive Board.”

“Dalaine Whitlock, Concordia University, was elected as representative to the NCAA Division III Management Council.”

“Travis Misner, Loras College, was elected as representative to the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.”

“Jacqueline Cohen, Roger Williams University, was elected as representative to the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.”

“Nathan Love, Hope College, was elected as representative to the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee.”

15. Future meetings and teleconferences.

- a. April 18, 2012, (tentative) teleconference at 8 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. July 19-21, 2012, in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
- c. November 16-18, 2012, (tentative) in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
- d. January 16-19, 2013, NCAA Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

Committee Chair: Brittany Petrella, Rowan University
Staff Liaison(s): Stephanie Thorburn; Student-Athlete Affairs
Azure Davey; Academic and Membership Affairs
Kat Krtnick; Communications
Jason Montgomery; Enforcement Services

Meeting Date: January 10-14, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Steven Beradi, Ursinus College	Elizabeth (Liz) Tollett; Salisbury University
Jacqueline Cohen; Roger Williams University	
Curtis Coleman; University of Southern Maine	
Nafeesa Connolly; Simmons College	
Karla Conrad; Manchester College	
Wildens Fils; Lyndon State College	
Tucker Glass; Plattsburgh State University of New York	
Michelle Gulino; St. Joseph's College (Long Island)	
Brett Halvaks; California Lutheran University	
Kelli Hamilton; University of Minnesota, Morris	
Bai Kabba; North Central College	
Samantha Krueger; University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire	
Wesley Lambert; Maryville College (Tennessee)	
Erque (Justin) Lee; Lebanon Valley College	
Nathan Love; Hope College	
Alyssa Lubrino; Baruch College	
Travis Misner; Loras College	
Cayleb Paulino; Wilmington College (Ohio)	
Brittany Petrella; Rowan University	
Desirae Tongco; Mills College	
Dalaine Whitlock; Concordia University	
Other Participants	
Kathryn (Kitty) Baldrige; Gallaudet University;	
Dan Dutcher; NCAA;	
Kim Ford; NCAA;	
Leah Karet; NCAA;	
Dennis Leighton, University of New England;	
Jeff Martinez; University of Redlands;	
Eric McDowell, Union;	
Monica Miller Woods, NCAA;	
Jeff Myers; NCAA;	
Karen Morrison; NCAA;	
Chris Ruckdaschel; NCAA;	
Kathleen Snipe, DePauw University;	
Chuck Wynne, NCAA.	