

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

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STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

July 27, 2018 | Wynfrey Hotel | Birmingham, Ala.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair Kristen Pickens (Union) called the meeting to order.

Institution	Student-Athlete	Student-Athlete	Student-Athlete	Administrator
Alabama Huntsville	Isabella Huddleston	Teddy Rotenberger		
Auburn Montgomery	Russell Liter	Trinity Prater		Andree` Houston
Christian Brothers				
Delta State	Olivia Dick	Grant Foley		Taylor Johnson
Lee	Josiah Brooks	Shonna Penney		Jessica McIntyre
Mississippi College	Zach Anderson			Matthew Reneker
Montevallo	Taylor Colacicco	Wil Mitchell		Dawn Makofski
Shorter	Sarah Jane Hamm	Lewis Hayes		
Union	Kristen Pickens			Pam Harrison
Valdosta State	Jazmyn McIntosh	Joe Mzone	Kayla Widera	Jennifer Grubbs
West Alabama	Abby McKee	Harry Satterwhite		
West Florida	Julia Kostecki	Kayla Smith		Philip Ebert
West Georgia	Jessica Anthony	Aren Ulmer		Emily Hall

II. NATIONAL SAAC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Grant Foley of Delta State provided a report as the GSC's national SAAC representative. Foley participated in his first meeting as the GSC's new national SAAC representative. He reviewed key items discussed at the national meeting and urged the rest of the membership to utilize him as a messenger to communicate important issues to a broader audience. Specific items reviewed were NCAA Legislative Proposals, "Volun-told" Activities and Education, and Make-A-Wish. The GSC SAAC provided feedback on Make-A-Wish administration noting the challenges of reaching the goal to reveal a wish and requested consideration of different levels of financial benchmarks that could be celebrated with local Make-A-Wish chapters.

III. CONFERENCE CALLS

SAAC and GSC representative acknowledged the need to continue engagement throughout the school year. One part of that communication would be in the form of conference calls in October and April. The calls will be conducted on October 8 and April 1 at 8:30ET/7:30CT.

IV. ANNUAL MEETING

A review of the annual meeting was conducted. SAAC affirmed the overall structure and content while providing additional ideas on social activity options and community service opportunities. Significant time was spent discussing challenges of larger groups for community service projects and the desire to directly interact with individuals during the projects. The conference staff will evaluate future opportunities based on this feedback.

V. VICE CHAIR SELECTION

SAAC **approved** Shonna Penney of Lee as Vice Chair of the committee.

VI. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commissioner thanked the SAAC for their work on several initiatives last year including the GSC Code of Conduct and reviewed plans for implementation.

VII. COMMUNICATION

The Commissioner requested that each institutional SAAC submit a list of officers that include email addresses. The GSC will create a GSC email group with all SAAC leadership and SAAC administrators included to share information and ideas throughout the year.

VIII. FUTURE DATES

2019 Meeting: July 24-26 in Birmingham at Wynfrey Hotel

2020 Meeting: July 29-31 in Birmingham at TBD

IX. ADJOURN



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