KEY ITEMS.

1. **Early Recruitment.** DJ Brown and Danielle Teetzel, NCAA associate directors of academic and membership affairs, provided the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) with an update regarding current recruiting legislation, trends in the recruiting process and guiding principles of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee in reviewing the early recruitment process. The committee affirmed its position that official visits in all sports should be permitted January 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year. Further, the committee noted the following concepts:

   a. **Recruiting Communications.**

      (1) No recruiting communications should occur prior to a prospective student-athlete’s ninth-grade year.

      (2) Prior to January 1 of a prospective student-athlete’s 10th grade year, only communication initiated by the prospective student-athlete should be permissible.

      (3) Beginning January 1 of a prospective student-athlete’s 10th grade year, institutions may have unlimited text messaging and email communications with a prospective student-athlete, including communication regarding offers of athletics aid. However, telephone calls and a prospective student-athlete’s communication of a verbal commitment are impermissible.

      (4) Beginning the prospective student-athlete’s 11th grade year, the institution may have unlimited telephone calls with a prospective student-athlete.

   b. **Unofficial Visits.**

      • Unofficial (nonpaid) visits should be permissible beginning in the prospective student-athlete’s ninth-grade year and may involve the athletics department.

   c. **Offers of Athletics Aid.**

      (1) During a prospective student-athlete’s ninth-grade year, the institution may not have any communication with a prospective student-athlete regarding offers of athletics aid.
(2) Verbal offers and commitments of athletics aid should not be permissible until January 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s 11th grade year.

(3) The National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period should begin with the current start of signing in November (December for football) of a prospective student-athlete’s senior year and remain open until August 1 as one signing period.

Attachment A to this report provides further clarification of the concepts stated above.

The committee supported development of an online feedback survey for student-athletes to collect data regarding the recruitment process and early recruiting.

2. Transfer Discussion. The committee engaged in discussions specific to transfer legislation and the transfer process. Specifically, the committee indicated support for the following concepts:

a. Permission to Contact. The committee supported replacing the current permission to contact process with a notification process in which a student-athlete who seeks to transfer notifies the current institution that they are transferring and the current institution may not restrict the student-athlete’s contact with another institution for recruiting purposes.

b. Undergraduate Transfers. The committee supported a uniform rule for all sports regarding undergraduate transfer student-athletes. The committee noted that a student-athlete should be permitted to transfer one time during his or her collegiate career without restriction, unless the student-athlete transfers within the conference, in which case the student-athlete should be required to serve a transfer year of residence. If a student-athlete transfers more than one time during his or her collegiate career, the student-athlete should be required to serve a transfer year of residence following each subsequent transfer.

c. Graduate Eligibility. The committee noted that once a student-athlete graduates from an institution, he or she has fulfilled his or her duty as a student-athlete and, therefore; the student-athlete should be permitted to communicate with institutions regarding graduate eligibility. The committee noted that a student-athlete who decides to participate as a graduate student should be transparent with his or her coach regarding the intent to transfer and the student-athlete must meet the regular admission requirements for all students to enroll in the graduate program. Finally, the committee discussed accountability measures such as a lost NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) point or requiring the student-athlete to repay athletics aid received for graduate school if a student-athlete does not complete his or her graduate degree. The committee noted that further discussion of graduate
eligibility is necessary to determine whether the Division I philosophy of intercollegiate athletics should be limited to the undergraduate experience.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Guest Speakers.** SAAC welcomed several guest speakers from the NCAA national office staff:

   a. Kevin Lennon, vice president of Division I governance, discussed the important role of student-athletes within the Division I governance structure, and the strategic agenda and areas of emphasis for the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, NCAA Division I Council and Division I membership.

   b. Brian Hainline, chief medical officer, and Mary Wilfert, associate director of NCAA Sport Science Institute, shared information regarding current national office efforts related to alcohol awareness, mental health awareness and sexual violence prevention. Additionally, the committee received an update on the NCAA sleep study summit and the development of healthy sleep habits for student-athletes.

   c. Jackie Campbell, director of law, policy and governance, updated the committee regarding the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and a draft process for potential NCAA Board of Governors engagement in social issues that may impact student-athletes, administrators, institutions and/or fans.

   d. Amy Dunham, managing director of strategic communications, provided an update regarding Pathway to Opportunity initiatives resulting from SAAC’s feedback, including a new initiative involving the submission of stories written by SAAC members to campus newspapers, highlighting important moments and interactions with faculty members on campus.

   e. Scott Bearby, vice president and general counsel, provided SAAC with an update regarding current litigation involving the Association.

2. **Time Demands Update.** Jill Bodensteiner and Claire Leatherwood, University of Notre Dame, provided the committee with an update on the new time demands legislation and implementation of time management plans that reflect the various activities in which student-athletes are involved in anticipation of the August 1, 2017, effective date.
3. **NCAA Division I Council Transfer Working Group Update.** Justin Sell, Division I Council representative to the SAAC, provided an update regarding the work of the Transfer Working Group, the guiding principles for further discussion and topics for further exploration.

4. **Update on Work Related to the Academic Unit.** The committee received an update regarding the new academic-based revenue distribution, which was approved by the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors in October 2016, and provides for distribution of a portion of Division I revenue to member institutions based on student-athlete academic achievement.

5. **Autonomy Conference Update.** SAAC student-athletes also serving as autonomy conference voting members updated the group regarding their April meeting. The committee discussed ways to continue to engage with the autonomy student-athlete representatives.

6. **Discuss SAAC Educational Initiatives.** The committee received an update regarding the NCAA financial education portal powered by iGrad and provided feedback specific to use of the portal on campuses and within conference SAACs. The committee noted the importance of marketing the iGrad portal to all student-athletes, campus administrators and faculty members to maximize usage. Further, the committee requested development of a tutorial to assist student-athletes in navigating the portal. The committee also prioritized educational initiatives for the 2017-18 academic year to include mental health awareness and sexual assault prevention.

7. **Division I and Association-wide Committee Reports.** The committee received updates from the Division I and Association-wide committees on which SAAC members serve.

8. **Review of SAAC Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.

9. **Review Conference SAAC Best Practices.** The committee reviewed its conference SAAC best practices document, which will be finalized for distribution to conference offices.

10. **Review Student-Athlete Legislative Feedback Process.** The committee reviewed the timeline for student-athletes to provide feedback on the proposed legislation in the 2017-18 legislative cycle.

11. **SAAC Project Teams.** The committee identified responsibilities and initiatives for the social media and student-athlete engagement project teams and identified specific SAAC members who will serve on each project team.
12. **Team Impact.** Seth Rosenzweig and Amy VanRyan from Team IMPACT spoke with SAAC about continued partnership with Division I institutions.

13. **One Shirt, One Body.** The committee reviewed updates to the One Shirt, One Body program and how student-athletes can implement the community engagement program on their individual campuses.

14. **Future Meeting Schedule.**
   

b. January 17-20, 2018, Indianapolis (In conjunction with the NCAA Convention).

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**Committee Co-Chairs:** Brady Bramlett, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference
Connor Donnelly, Sacred Heart University; Northeast Conference.

**Staff Liaisons:** Stephanie Grace, Academic and Membership Affairs
Susan Peal, Law, Policy and Governance
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Ellie Ivanka, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Western Athletic Conference.
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.
Millicent Micho, Duquesne University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Chase Pagani, Colgate University; Patriot League.
Samuel Perelman, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.
Ainsley Pratt, Nicholls State University; Southland Conference.
Taylor Ricci, Oregon State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Andrew Robbins, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.
Justin Sell, Division I Council Representative.
Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
Nicole Sherwin, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.
Mikalah Skates, University of Wyoming; Mountain West Conference.
Christopher Skelly, University of Massachusetts Lowell; America East Conference.
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Tech University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Kelly Turner, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.
John Twomey-Kozak, Brown University; The Ivy League.
Kevin Vannatta, University of North Carolina Asheville; Big South Conference.
Kelsi White, Miami University (Ohio); Mid-American Conference.

**Absentees:**
Megan Parks, Southeast Missouri State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Derek Trott, The College of William & Mary; Colonial Athletic Association.

**Guests in Attendance:**
Jill Bodensteiner, University of Notre Dame.
Claire Leatherwood, University of Notre Dame.
Seth Rosenzweig, Team IMPACT.
Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Stephanie Grace, Susan Peal and Danielle Ghiloni Walter.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Scott Bearby, Jackie Campbell, Brian Hainline, Kevin Lennon and Mary Wilfert.
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