



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 7-9, 2017, MEETING**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Orientation.** The SAAC executive board, Management Council representatives and staff liaisons met in person with the new committee members before the start of the meeting to provide an overview of Division II SAAC and the committee’s responsibilities in serving as the voice of Division II student-athletes.
2. **SAAC Super Region Convention.** The inaugural SAAC Super Region Convention will be held November 17-19 in Washington, D.C. This convention will focus on the East Region. The conferences invited to participate include the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, East Coast Conference, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. These conferences will be permitted to send two student-athletes and one administrator. The SAAC liaison from each of the six conferences will also be invited. The convention will be held in conjunction with the committee’s November meeting.
3. **Student-Athlete Day of Action.** The committee will promote sexual assault awareness on the Student-Athlete Day of Action on April 17. Social media will be used to promote this initiative. Information will be shared with athletic communications directors and fellow student-athletes. The committee brainstormed various ways to promote the initiative and the “It’s On Us” campaign. Additionally, the committee received teal “It’s On Us” T-shirts to use in their social media posts.
4. **Review and Preparation of 2017 Goals.** The committee was presented with possible goals to accomplish this year, as established by the committee’s executive board. It decided to establish goals in the following areas: alumni network, CPR/AED training, Helper Helper, mental health, SAAC Super Region Convention, sexual assault, social justice, and Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish. A preliminary goal for 2018 was determined, and it is titled Love2Play. The initiative will look to encourage participants to play a sport because they are passionate about it rather than playing out of necessity. Each goal will have a task force that is chaired by an executive board member or a Management Council representative. Progress toward goals will be emphasized throughout the year and during each meeting.
5. **Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received an update on the Division II partnership with Make-A-Wish®. The future of the partnership was discussed, as the three-year contract cycle expires this year. The committee will consider potential changes to the partnership moving forward. The committee requested there be further communication between Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT, as both organizations and their efforts are

- valued by the committee. The committee also discussed the need to update the Make-A-Wish PSA during its July meeting.
6. **Team IMPACT® Update.** The committee received an update on the Division II partnership with Team IMPACT®, which is currently funded by Division II enforcement and championships misconduct fines. It also reviewed the Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT pilot program. The committee discussed the need to create a Team IMPACT PSA at its July meeting.
 7. **NCAA Division II Management Council Update.** The committee received an update on the agenda for the NCAA Division II Management Council meeting, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 10-11, 2017.
 8. **NCAA Division II Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various NCAA Division II committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, and Legislation Committee. Members serving on these committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.
 9. **NCAA Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various NCAA Association-wide committees. The NCAA Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, and the Committee on Women's Athletics.
 10. **NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.** A new student-led subcommittee of the Board of Governors will focus on the facilitation of dialogue on issues, policies and the execution of key initiatives that affect student-athletes in all three divisions. The committee selected Bailey Koch, Augustana University (SD); Jessica Koch, California State University, San Bernardino; and Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, to represent Division II student-athletes.
 11. **Other Reports.** The committee also received updates on the 2017 CoSIDA Convention opportunity, 2017 postgraduate scholarship/grant opportunities and 2018-19 Postgraduate Internship Program.
 12. **Festival Update.** The committee received a recap of the 2017 NCAA Division II National Championships Winter Festival. The festival, held in March in Birmingham, Alabama, crowned five national champions in the sports of men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's swimming and diving, and wrestling.

13. **CARA Document Discussion.** The Countable Athletically-Related Activities (CARA) document has become outdated through recently passed legislation. The committee made recommendations to staff to update the document. A new CARA document will be created using the recommendations and it will incorporate the latest legislation.
14. **Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The committee reviewed the process for conference nominations surrounding the 2017 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award. The nomination process is open, and the deadline to submit applications is September 1, 2017. The honors subcommittee will choose the recipient during the November 2017 meeting and present the award at the 2018 NCAA Convention in Indianapolis.
15. **Diversity and Inclusion Update.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Office of Inclusion staff detailing their priorities. The upcoming Inclusion Forum will have programming on all areas of inclusion and diversity strategic initiatives.
16. **Pathway to Opportunity Update.** The committee received an overview of the NCAA's Pathway to Opportunity initiative. It then discussed how the NCAA can improve faculty members' perceptions of the Association.
17. **Social Media Newsletter and Tips.** The committee received information regarding digital leadership from Erik Qualman via video conference. The committee further discussed the partnership with Mr. Qualman and provided suggestions on changes that could be made to increase the value of the partnership to Division II student-athletes.
18. **Sport Science Institute (SSI) Update.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet and provided feedback on suggested edits to the SSI staff.
19. **Student-Athlete Research Panel proposal.** The committee was presented with a proposal from the research staff to create a panel of student-athletes who would receive short surveys a few times a year. These surveys would be distributed via email and could be completed on smartphones. The committee was in favor of the idea and believes athletic department staff would be the best resource to recruit panel participants.
20. **January 2017 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The January 2017 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
21. **New Division II National SAAC Representatives.** The committee welcomed 11 new members to National SAAC:
 - a. **East Coast Conference** – Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College.
 - b. **Great American Conference** – Joshua Qualls, Arkansas Tech University.

- c. **Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** – Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (Michigan).
 - d. **Great Northwest Athletic Conference** – Sarissa Lammers, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
 - e. **Heartland Conference** – Tayler Stover, Rogers State University.
 - f. **Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association** – Austin Acosta, Southwest Baptist University.
 - g. **Northeast-10 Conference** – Colin Biebel, Saint Michael’s College.
 - h. **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference** – Casey Monaghan, West Chester University.
 - i. **Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference** – Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University.
 - j. **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** – Tom Johnson, Central State University.
 - k. **Sunshine State Conference** – Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University.
22. **Community Engagement.** The committee spent time at the Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club in Indianapolis for their community engagement opportunity.
23. **Student-Athlete Gift Boxes.** The committee packaged and boxed student-athlete gifts that will be given to Division II student-athletes competing at final sites for the spring Division II championships.
24. **Future meeting schedule.**
- a. July 14-16, 2017, SAAC/Management Council Summit; Indianapolis.
 - b. Fall 2017 conference call, date TBD.

- c. November 16-19, 2017, Washington, D.C.
- d. January 16-20, 2018, NCAA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Committee Chair: Jasmyln Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte, South Atlantic Conference.

*Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Jones, Governance
 Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs.
 Mark Strothkamp, Enforcement.*

<i>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting, April 7-9, 2017</i>	
Attendees	Absentees
Austin Acosta, Southwest Baptist University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH), Mountain East Conference
Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Independent	Aja Grant, Winston-Salem State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Ashley Beaton, University of Illinois-Springfield, Great Lakes Valley Conference	Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas
Colin Biebel, Saint Michael's College, Northeast-10 Conference	
Gabrielle Cabanero, Dixie State University, Pacific West Conference	
Ty Dennis, Minnesota State University, Mankato, At-Large	
Taryn Driver, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference	
Storm Glautier, Nyack College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	
Jesica Hicks, Ursuline College, Great Midwest Athletic Conference	
Tom Johnson, Central State University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Bailey Koch, Augustana University (SD), Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	

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Jessica Koch, California State University, San Bernardino, California Collegiate Athletic Association	
Sarissa Lammers, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Great Northwest Athletic Conference	
Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte, South Atlantic Conference	
Casey Monaghan, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (MI), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference	
Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference	
Hannah Peevy, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference	
Joshua Qualls, Arkansas Tech University, Great American Conference	
Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference	
Kayla Robles, Valdosta State University, Gulf South Conference	
Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California, At-Large	
Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Taylor Stover, Rogers State University, Heartland Conference	

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Other Participants:

Lydia Bell, NCAA (via teleconference)
Dawn Buth, NCAA
Jess Duff, NCAA
Amy Dunham, NCAA
Chantee Eldridge, NCAA
Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA
Emily Kroshus, University of Washington (via videoconference)
Jennifer Peterson, Make-A-Wish
Erik Qualman, Equalman, LLC (via videoconference)
Lisa Rogers, NCAA
Seth Rosenzweig, Team IMPACT (via teleconference)
Rachel Stark, NCAA
Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT (via teleconference)
Amy Wilson, NCAA