



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 6-8, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Waiver of NCAA Bylaw 21.8.5.9.3 – Appointment of Independent Nominee with Fewer Than Two Years of Athletics Eligibility to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council approve a waiver of NCAA Bylaw 21.8.5.9.3 (term of office) to appoint Shonte' Cargill, student-athlete at Bluefield State College, to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, for a period of 21 months, concluding at the adjournment of the Division II business session at the 2020 NCAA Convention.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. According to Bylaw 21.8.5.9.3, at the time of initial appointment to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the student-athlete must have at minimum two years of eligibility remaining. In addition, the bylaw states that student-athletes may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility, provided the student-athlete remains active with his or her conference's student-athlete advisory committee.

Ms. Cargill will exhaust her eligibility at the end of the 2018 spring semester (see attached nomination form). Therefore, she does not meet the minimum requirements in the legislation. However, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is requesting that the Management Council approve a waiver due to the unique circumstances surrounding this vacancy. Ms. Cargill was the only nominee for the independent vacancy. In addition, the committee continues to strive to recommend qualified candidates to provide a balance in gender, ethnic and sport diversity, along with representation among all conferences and independent institutions. Ms. Cargill is a minority student-athlete, competing in cross country and softball. She is studying technology/engineering management at Bluefield State and currently has a 3.39 grade-point average.

By appointing Ms. Cargill to the committee, the division's independent institutions will maintain their voice on the committee. She can encourage other student-athletes at the division's independent institutions to participate in student-athlete advisory committees and she can communicate to the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on their behalf. In addition, based on Ms. Cargill's engagement at the 2017 NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention, she is passionate about having a voice and being involved with the committee.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

[Note: This appointment was approved by the Management Council and Presidents Council during the April 2018 meetings.]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Division II National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Orientation.** The Division II National 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 National SAAC and the committee's responsibility in serving as the voice of Division II student-athletes.
- 2. Review and Preparation of 2018 Goals.** The committee was presented with possible goals to accomplish this year, as established by the executive board. It was decided to establish goals in the following areas: CPR/AED training; mental health; sexual assault; Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish; Love2Play; and voluntold activities. Committee members chose to join a task force for the goal they wanted to complete. The task forces will report out to the committee throughout the year on the progress of their goals.
- 3. Time Demands Conversation.** The committee discussed the time demands legislation adopted by the Division I autonomy group and the impact such legislation would have in Division II. The committee was in favor of continuing to discuss the legislation for Division II student-athletes to support the division's Life in the Balance philosophy and the health and wellness of student-athletes. The conversation will be continued during the next committee meeting.
- 4. Student-Athlete Time Management Document.** A document outlining the demands placed on student-athletes' time in Division II was created with the committee's assistance. This document has been shared with the NCAA Eligibility Center and will be updated as new data is available.

5. **Voluntold Discussion Follow-Up.** Following the discussion with the Management Council and Presidents Council at the 2018 Convention, the committee considered next steps for voluntold activities. One suggestion that will be discussed further at the committee's next meeting is to create a survey to define the top voluntold activities on campuses. This information could be used to create a document resource to assist student-athletes and athletics administrators in handling voluntold situations.
6. **Independent Members Serving on Management Council and SAAC Discussion.** The committee was presented with several options for independent representatives serving on the Division II Management Council and SAAC. The committee recommended to the Management Council that it sponsor noncontroversial legislation to maintain the independent representative position provided there are at least six Division II independent institutions. If there are fewer than six independent institutions, then the committee has recommended that the independent position be converted to an at-large position, making three at-large positions on the council and committee, respectively. If an independent representative applies for service, then one of the three at-large positions should be filled by a representative from an independent institution.
7. **Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The committee reviewed the process for conference nominations surrounding the 2018 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award. The nomination process is open, and the deadline to submit applications is October 15, 2018. The committee was encouraged to engage the institutions within their conferences to increase the level of participation moving forward. The honors, awards and recognition subcommittee will choose the recipient during the November 2018 meeting and present the award at the 2019 Convention in Orlando.
8. **Student-Athlete Day of Action.** The committee will collaborate with Divisions I and III National SAACs to promote sexual assault awareness on social media on the April 17 Student-Athlete Day of Action. The committee plans to share information about the day with athletics communications directors and fellow student-athletes. Those participating in the campaign are encouraged to utilize "#NoMore" and "#ItsOnUs" in their posts.
9. **Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received an update on the Division II partnership with Make-A-Wish®. After the discussion in January, and requests made by the committee, Make-A-Wish is developing a toolkit of turnkey events that should be finalized prior to the 2018-19 academic year. Make-A-Wish is also interested in hosting a webinar for Division II conference and campus SAACs in the fall and spring, communicating regular updates to the SAACs and creating a video highlighting its partnership with Division II. Target dates were provided for the committee to receive deliverables and updates from the Make-A-Wish staff. Additionally, it was noted that all donations for the 2017-18 academic year must be submitted either online or to the national office by June 15.

10. **Team IMPACT® Update.** Team IMPACT presented its five-year strategic plan and SAAC received an update on its partnership with the organization. Team IMPACT is transitioning to utilize licensed social workers as case managers. This role was previously filled by former student-athletes. The licensed social workers will function as a resource to the families in the program and facilitate the relationship between the families and teams.
11. **Internal Communications Discussion.** The committee held discussions about social media and other platforms to facilitate internal discussions between meetings. The committee selected Slack as its preferred platform to hold group discussions.
12. **Division II National SAAC LinkedIn Discussion.** To leverage the relationships built within those serving on SAAC after terms of service end, a Division II National SAAC alumni group has been created on LinkedIn. National office staff is assisting committee members in setting up the group and researching the best method to connect with those who have served on the committee in the past. Currently, alumni participants must be linked to active committee members to be involved in the group.
13. **Review SAAC Policies and Procedures.** The committee approved changes to the policies and procedures document.
14. **Conference Updates.** Each committee member provided an update on their respective conference SAAC meetings.
15. **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, Legislation Committee and Management Council. Members serving on these committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.
16. **Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various Association-wide committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Committee on Women's Athletics and Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
17. **Other Reports.** The committee received information on the 2018 SAAC/Management Council Summit, opportunity to send one national SAAC representative to the 2018 CoSIDA Convention, 2018 NCAA postgraduate scholarship/grant opportunities, 2019-20 NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program, College Football 150th Anniversary and a report on the first follow-up survey of the 2017 Division II APPLE Training Institute.
18. **January 2018 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The January 2018 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.

- 19. New Division II National SAAC Representatives.** The committee welcomed five new members to national SAAC:
 - a. **California Collegiate Athletic Association** – Sayaka Carpenter, California State University, Monterey Bay.
 - b. **Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference** – Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College.
 - c. **Great Lakes Valley Conference** – Jake Renie, University of Indianapolis.
 - d. **Lone Star Conference** – Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University-Commerce.
 - e. **South Atlantic Conference** – Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University.
- 20. Community Engagement.** The committee spent time at the Capitol Village Healthcare Center in Indianapolis for its community engagement opportunity.
- 21. Student-Athlete Gift Boxes.** The committee packaged and boxed student-athlete gifts that will be given to student-athletes competing at final sites for the spring Division II championships.
- 22. Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. July 13-15, 2018, SAAC/Management Council Summit; Indianapolis.
 - b. Fall 2018 conference call, date to be determined.
 - c. November 16-18, 2018, Indianapolis.
 - d. January 22-26, 2019, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention, Orlando, Florida.
 - e. April 11-14, 2019, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Orlando.
 - f. July 19-21, 2019; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
 - g. Fall 2019 conference call; date to be determined.
 - h. November 22-24, 2019; Indianapolis.
 - i. January 21-25, 2020, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention; Anaheim, California.
 - j. April 2020; date to be determined.
 - k. July 17-19, 2020; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Jones, Governance
Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees	Absentees
Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University, At-Large	Austin Acosta, Southwest Baptist University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Gabrielle Cabanero, Dixie State University, At-Large	Father John Denning, Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference
Sayaka Carpenter, California State University, Monterey Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association	Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH), Mountain East Conference
Aja Grant, Winston-Salem State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Joshua Qualls, Arkansas Tech University, Great American Conference
Bailey Koch, Augustana University (SD), Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	Sarah Rodgers, Saint Michael's College, Northeast-10 Conference
Sarissa Lammers, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
Casey Monaghan, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (MI), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas
Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference	
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference	
Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference	

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Jake Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference	
Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California, Pacific West Conference	
Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference	
Taylor Stover, Rogers State University, Heartland Conference	
Other Participants: Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA Jennifer Peterson, Make-A-Wish (via teleconference) Pennie Parker, Rollins College Lisa Rogers, NCAA Seth Rosenzweig, Team IMPACT Rachel Stark, NCAA Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT Quintin Wright, NCAA	