REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12-16, 2016, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Preparation for the 2016 NCAA Convention Division II Business Session. The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) reviewed its legislative positions and practiced proposal speeches for the 2016 Division II Business Session.

The legislative proposals discussed are listed below. SAAC reviewed all aspects of the proposed legislation in preparation for the business session:

a. PROPOSAL NO. 2016-1 (No. 2-1): ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PERSONNEL -- NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATION

b. PROPOSAL NO. 2016-2 (No. 2-2): ELIGIBILITY -- RECOGNIZED FOREIGN EXCHANGE OR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM -- TRANSFER AND OUTSIDE COMPETITION EXCEPTION

c. PROPOSAL NO. 2016-3 (No. 2-3): ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT-HOUR REQUIREMENTS AFTER DESIGNATION OF DEGREE -- CREDITS EARNED IN A VOLUNTARY OR OPTIONAL MINOR

d. PROPOSAL NO. 2016-4 (No. 2-4): ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION -- COMPETITION AS INDIVIDUAL/NOT REPRESENTING INSTITUTION -- PARTICIPATION OF INELIGIBLE STUDENT-ATHLETES
2. **New Appointments.** There are eight new members who are joining the Division II SAAC: Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Independent; Gabriella Cabanero, Dixie State University, Pacific West Conference; Taryn Driver, Texas A&M Commerce, Lone Star Conference; Jessica Hicks, Ursuline College, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Bailey Koch, Augustana University (South Dakota), Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Hannah Peevy, North Georgia University, Peach Belt Conference; Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California, At-Large (Pacific West Conference); and Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas.

3. **Election of 2016 Management Council Representatives.** The committee elected Division II Management Council representatives for 2016—Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte, and Deron Washington, Pittsburg State University. Ms. Lindsay and Mr. Washington represent the second term of student-athletes in the history of Division II to serve on the Management Council.

4. **Election of 2016 SAAC Executive Board.** The committee elected Christopher Pike, Gannon University, as chair of national SAAC for 2016. The committee also elected the following individuals to executive board positions: Jacob Long, Regis University, vice chair; Ashley Beaton, University of Illinois Springfield, internal operations coordinator; and Ryan Yewchin, Simon Fraser University, external operations coordinator.

5. **Election of Division II and Association-wide Committee Representatives.** Representatives were selected for Division II and Association-wide committees. Grace Donovan, Florida Southern College, was selected to serve on the Committee on
Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Elijah Sanabria, Tiffin University, will serve on the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

6. **Conference Updates.** Committee members discussed updates from their respective conferences, including conference SAAC meeting updates, legislation, upcoming games and community engagement activities, specifically with Make-A-Wish® and Team IMPACT®.

7. **NCAA Division II Committee Reports.** SAAC representatives provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Championships Committee, Academic Requirements Committee, Legislation Committee, and Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. Committee members serving on these Division II committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.

8. **Association-wide Committee Reports.** Members representing Association-wide committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee, Committee on Women's Athletics, Olympic Sports Liaisons Committee, and Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Committee members serving on these committees communicated and discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.

9. **Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** SAAC discussed the presentation of the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award to Reverend Dale Burke of Hawaii Pacific University, which took place at a special reception at the NCAA Convention.

10. **Team IMPACT®.** Amy VanRyn provided an update on Division II’s engagement with Team IMPACT. Team IMPACT and Division II have been able to cultivate more relationships than previous years because SAAC was able to provide $55,000 to Team IMPACT with institutional fine money from enforcement violations. Growth of involvement of Division II institutions has been tremendous after working with National SAAC and using the fine money to reach out to more Team IMPACT children. Since July, Team IMPACT has created 46 matches and has also strengthened relations with Make-A-Wish®. This year is the beginning of the pilot program to gauge the success of a relationship between Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish. Team IMPACT will focus on continuing to build on-campus ambassadors to help navigate the program with team members and athletic teams.

11. **Make-A-Wish.** The committee reviewed the 2015 year with the Make-A-Wish partnership. SAAC raised $600,000 for Make-A-Wish in 2015, providing the opportunity for 38 institutions and one conference to receive a wish reveal. In November, it was decided that fine money would be used to allow a wish reveal for each conference. The
school that raises the most money within that conference will host the wish reveal. The pilot program with Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT has been successful and will continue to next year with the hope to expand to more states than the four states that are currently involved with the pilot program.

12. **Review Convention Schedule.** SAAC reviewed the 2016 NCAA Convention meeting schedule.

13. **Prepare conference Meeting Summaries.** The committee reviewed discussion topics for its conferences’ meetings. These topics included updates regarding the SAAC voice; partnerships and initiatives, specifically with Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish.

14. **Joint Management Council/President’s Council/SAAC Breakfast Roundtable Topics Discussion.** The committee reviewed the agenda and discussed the materials that would be covered during the Joint Management Council/Presidents Council/SAAC breakfast roundtable discussion scheduled for January 15.

15. **Discussion with NCAA President Mark Emmert and NCAA Executive Vice President Donald Remy.** President Emmert and Donald Remy met with SAAC to discuss issues involving Division II and the NCAA. Mr. Remy provided an update for the committee regarding recent lawsuits and legal affairs. An open question and answer session was conducted, as well.

16. **College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Discussion.** SAAC received an update from CoSIDA President Judy Willson, regarding the importance of communication between student-athletes and their sports information directors, and communication between SAAC and CoSIDA. She also introduced first vice president, Andy Seeley, third vice president Rob Knox, executive director Doug Vance, and management advisory committee member John Kean. Mr. Vance highlighted the Haier Achievement Award (student-athlete award), which honors student-athletes who have demonstrated special and notable achievement outside of sports, preferably in some type of community, family and/or academic service during the current academic year (2015-16).

17. **Foundation for the Future proposals.** The committee reviewed three proposals for sponsorship for the Foundation for the Future.

a. **SAAC Network Proposal.** This proposal, presented by Maricela Shukie and Kelly Brooks of Forward Progress Athletics Consulting, would help expand and enhance the SAAC network and continue to expand the SAAC voice. This proposal was moved to the Foundation for the Future subcommittee to discuss and evaluate.
b. **Student-Athlete Leadership Development.** This proposal, also presented by Forward Progress Athletics Consulting, would provide leadership development workshops to encourage student-athletes to participate in the governance structure and understand the different levels of SAAC. These workshops would be in addition to the Leadership Forum already in offered by the NCAA. This proposal was moved to the Foundation for the Future Task Force to discuss and evaluate.

c. **Helper Helper.** Helper Helper is a free app for Division II student-athletes to keep track of community service opportunities as a competition among institutions. The committee decided to offer $25,000 to Helper Helper for one year, with the option to renew it for the next four years if Helper Helper was successful for the division and the motion was approved. This proposal was moved to the Foundation for the Future Task Force to discuss and evaluate.

18. **Visit from NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline.** The committee received an update on recent projects and initiatives of the Sport Science Institute (SSI) from chief medical officer Brian Hainline. Dr. Hainline discussed the Department of Defense (DoD) Mind Matters Educational Grand Challenge; concussion inter-association guidelines; independent medical care in a collegiate setting; mental health; sexual assault and abuse; the cardiac task force; and early specialization and overuse injuries, as well as recovery. The committee also received the first release of the Mental Health Best Practices from the SSI staff.

19. **Communications Staff Update.** The committee received an update from the communications staff regarding the external perception of the NCAA. Assisting with the presentation were members of the staff from BPI, a consulting firm working with the communications department. A question and answer session was conducted to finish the presentation.

20. **Open Forum for 2016 initiatives/goals.** The committee held an open forum to discuss goals of SAAC for the next year. Many topics were discussed; some of those mentioned include: continue to enhance diversity in leadership within national SAAC; continue the partnership with Team IMPACT with the view to enhance the experience for the student-athletes and the children assigned to their team; encourage every Division II institution to raise funds for Make-A-Wish and make it a priority; expand the SAAC network; include a community engagement activity on every meeting agenda when possible.

21. **Division II Award of Excellence.** The committee reviewed the nominations for the Award of Excellence. The three finalists were: third place winner—Johnson C. Smith University that promoted nonviolence with the Purple Game of Honor at a women’s volleyball game; second place winner—Augusta University that invited 2,000 soldiers to a basketball game; and first place winner—Lee University raising over $20,000 for cancer awareness at a volleyball game.
22. **November 2015 meeting report.** The November 2015 SAAC meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.

23. **Recognition of Outgoing SAAC Representatives.** Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, SAAC recognized the service of outgoing representatives: Roberto Baroniel, Nova Southeastern University, At Large representative; Francesca Ceppi, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas; Laura Farleman, Cedarville University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Christina Furrer, Hawaii Pacific University, Pacific West Conference; Shanteona Keys, Georgia College, Peach Belt Conference; and Katie Mnichowicz, Upper Iowa University, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

24. **Future meeting dates.**

   a. April 14-17, 2016; Indianapolis.
   
   b. July 14-17, 2016, SAAC/Management Council Summit; Indianapolis.
   
   c. Fall 2016 conference call; date TBA.
   
   d. November 18-20, 2016; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Roberto Baroniel, Nova Southeastern, At Large.
Staff Liaison(s): Josh Looney, Division II Governance.
                  Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs.
                  Mark Strothkamp, Enforcement.
                  Payton Williams, Academic and Membership Affairs.
## Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting, January 12-16, 2016

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Other Participants
Kelly Brooks, Forward Progress Athletics Consulting
Dawn Buth, NCAA
Michael Cioroianu, NCAA
Amy Dunham, NCAA
Mark Emmert, NCAA
Kim Fort, NCAA
Brian Hainline, NCAA
John Kean, CoSIDA
Rob Knox, CoSIDA
John Parsons, NCAA
Julie Rainey, NCAA
Donald Remy, NCAA
Lisa Rogers, NCAA
Andy Seeley, CoSIDA
Rob Shepardson, BPI Communication
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