



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 16-20, 2018, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Preparation for the 2018 NCAA Convention Division II Business Session.** The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) reviewed its legislative positions and practiced proposal speeches for the 2018 Division II Business Session.

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

- a. Proposal No. 2018-1 (2-1): NCAA Membership – Eligibility for Membership – General – Membership for International Institutions – Institutions Located in Mexico.
- b. Proposal No. 2018-2 (2-2): Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities – Sanctions – Elimination of Legislated Sanctions.
- c. Proposal 2018-3 (2-3): Awards and Benefits – Awards – Application of Awards Legislation and Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Number of Awards – Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution and Increase in Maximum Values.
- d. Proposal No. 2018-4 (2-4): Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Practice – First Practice Date – Championship Segment.
- e. Proposal 2018-5 (2-5): Playing and Practice Seasons – Women’s Volleyball – First Date of Competition – Championship Segment – Women – Exception – Division II National Championships Fall Festival.

2. **New Appointments.** There are five new members who are joining the Division II SAAC: Sayaka Carpenter, California State University, Monterey Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association; Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference; Jacob Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference; Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference; and Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
3. **Election of 2018 Management Council Representatives.** The committee elected Division II Management Council representatives for 2018: Casey Monaghan, West Chester University of Pennsylvania and Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College.
4. **Election of 2018 SAAC Executive Board.** The committee elected Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University, as chair of national SAAC for 2018. The committee also elected the following individuals to executive board positions: Bailey Koch, Augustana University (SD), vice chair; Gabrielle Cabanero, Dixie State University, external operations coordinator; and Hannah Peevy, University of North Georgia, internal operations coordinator.
5. **Election of Division II and Association-Wide Committee Representatives.** Representatives were selected for Division II and Association-wide committees.
  - a. Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (Ohio) was selected to serve on the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee
  - b. Aja Grant, Winston-Salem State University, was selected to serve on the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
  - c. Bailey Koch will serve on the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee as part of her vice chair responsibilities.
  - d. Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (Michigan), was selected to serve on the NCAA Division II Championships Committee.
  - e. Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, was selected to serve on the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.
  - f. Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University, will continue to serve on the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

- g. Gabrielle Cabanero will continue to serve on the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.
  - h. Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California, will continue to serve on the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
  - i. Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive, will continue to serve on the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.
- 6. SAAC Super Region Convention.** The committee reviewed the participation feedback from the inaugural SAAC Super Region Convention, held November 17-19, 2017, at the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The committee discussed what went well and areas where they would recommend improvement for the next SAAC Super Region Convention, scheduled for April 12-14, 2019, in Orlando, Florida.
- 7. Make-A-Wish®.** The committee met with Make-A-Wish representative Jennifer Peterson to discuss fundraising fatigue on campuses as well as the disappointment student-athletes face when they can't host a wish reveal after meeting the fundraising goal. Conversations were had on the dollar amount required to earn a wish reveal and whether a lower dollar amount could be offered for Division II institutions. Although fundraising amounts differ from institutions, the committee would like institutions and conferences to receive recognition from Make-A-Wish for their fundraising efforts. The committee encouraged Make-A-Wish to increase efforts to highlight the relationship between the charity and Division II. It also requested an update from Make-A-Wish on the pilot program with Team IMPACT. The committee was informed that all 62 Make-A-Wish chapters have access to Team IMPACT's information.
- 8. Team IMPACT®.** The committee received an update from Seth Rosenzweig and Amy VanRyn on Team IMPACT's strategic plan recently approved by its board. A Team IMPACT athlete from the University of Indianapolis men's golf team, Andrew, visited with the committee during the update.
- 9. Helper Helper.** The committee received a progress update on Helper Helper and future enhancements to the app. Helper Helper will host the NCAA Team Works Competition January through March. The goal of the competition is to encourage institutions to volunteer and log their hours in the app. A discussion was had on goals the committee

could set with Helper Helper, including tracking other categories besides community engagement hours on the app.

- 10. Discussion with NCAA President Mark Emmert and NCAA Chief of Staff Cari Van Senus.** President Mark Emmert and Cari Van Senus met with SAAC to update the committee on several items, including the Association’s strategic plan, Commission on College Basketball, NCAA Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Assault, eSports and the future of college athletics.
- 11. Discussion with NCAA Board of Governors Chair Bud Peterson and NCAA Executive Vice President Donald Remy.** Board of Governors Chair Bud Peterson and Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy met with SAAC to discuss an update on the Board of Governors activities, eSports, the legalities of individuals who have been convicted of a sexual assault crime and are interested in playing an NCAA sport, and the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. The committee was encouraged to put together a white paper with its recommendations to share with Dr. Condoleezza Rice through the [basketballcommission.org](http://basketballcommission.org) website. Mr. Remy discussed the recent Supreme Court case on sports wagering.
- 12. Discussion with Presidents Council Chair Glen Jones.** The committee visited with President Glen Jones to discuss the issue of voluntold activities, the financial outlook of higher education, diversity and inclusion, sexual assault awareness and life in the balance.
- 13. Discussion with College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA).** CoSIDA officials spoke with all three SAACs about the importance of communication between student-athletes and their sports information directors. CoSIDA officials in attendance included but were not limited to Board of Directors First Vice President Rob Knox; along with Executive Director Doug Vance; Director of Professional Development and External Affairs Barb Kowal; Director of Membership Engagement Laurie Bollig; Director of Creative Services Beau White; and management advisory committee member John Kean.
- 14. Discussion of Importance of CPR/AED Certification.** The committee was presented data on cardiac health among NCAA athletes by NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline. The importance of CPR and AED certification was discussed.
- 15. Sport Science Institute Update on Mental Health.** The committee received an update from Mary Wilfert of the NCAA Sport Science Institute on mental health. The committee

was commended for its commitment to destigmatize the topic and encouraged to continue to make it a priority.

16. **Review of Feedback on Division II APPLE Training Institute.** The committee reviewed a report from the 2017 NCAA Division II APPLE Training Institute. The report included the initial feedback and initiatives from the participants.
17. **Discussion on Creating a SAAC Alumni Network.** Kayci Mikrut, Monica Miller and Anita Nham from NCAA communications provided an overview of the Association’s After the Game LinkedIn page, After the Game initiative and social media accounts. The committee received effective strategies for creating and maintaining a group page on LinkedIn.
18. **GOALS Study and Time Demands Discussion.** The committee discussed the topic of student-athlete time demands using data from the 2015 GOALS Study with Lydia Bell from NCAA research. Ms. Bell also presented the findings of the 2016 Division I student-athlete time management survey.
19. **Discussion of Independent Institutions in Governance Committee Structure.** The committee provided feedback to staff regarding independent members serving on Management Council and SAAC when the number of Division II independent schools is less than six. This discussion will be conducted at other levels of the committee structure.
20. **Review of 2017 SAAC Initiatives and Goals.** The committee reviewed progress made in accomplishing its 2017 initiatives and goals. SAAC discussed which goals were completed and which should continue to be emphasized in 2018.
21. **Open Forum on 2018 SAAC Initiatives and Goals.** The committee agreed on emphasizing the following in 2018: CPR/AED training, mental health, sexual assault awareness and prevention, Team IMPACT, Make-A-Wish and the Love2Play initiative.
22. **Award of Excellence.** The committee reviewed the finalists for the 2018 Award of Excellence. The top three finalists were: third-place winner—Daemen College, for connecting student-athletes, coaches and staff with families in Western New York’s special needs community; second-place winner—Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, for celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of black college football; and first-place winner—Northwood University, for engaging in a day of service in honor of their late football coach and athletics director Pat Riepma.

23. **Future of College Athletics and Higher Education.** The committee discussed the future of college athletics and higher education in preparation for Friday’s Division II presidents and chancellors breakfast, which the chair will attend on behalf of the committee.
24. **Division II Membership Census.** The committee was updated on the Division II membership census that was distributed to campus and conference administrators.
25. **Review Convention Schedule.** The committee reviewed the 2018 NCAA Convention schedule.
26. **2017 Faculty Mentor Award Reception.** The committee reviewed the agenda for the Faculty Mentor Award reception and expectations for participation in the reception were discussed. The Honors, Awards, and Recognition Subcommittee procedures and the process for selecting the honoree were reviewed.
27. **Prepare Conference Meeting Summaries.** The committee reviewed discussion topics for its respective conference meetings.
28. **Presidents Council, Management Council, SAAC Joint Breakfast Roundtable Topics Discussion.** The committee reviewed the agenda and discussed the materials that would be covered during the Presidents Council, Management Council, SAAC joint breakfast roundtable discussion, scheduled for January 18.
29. **Review of November Meeting Report.** The committee approved the report from the November meeting.
30. **Conference Updates.** Each committee member gave an update on their respective conference SAAC meetings.
31. **Division II Committee Reports.** Members representing Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. Committee members serving on these committees communicated and discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.
32. **Association-Wide Committee Reports.** Members representing Association-wide committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Committee on

Women’s Athletics, Olympic Sports Liaison Committee and Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. Committee members serving on these committees communicated and discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.

**33. Recognition of Outgoing SAAC Representatives.** Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, SAAC recognized the service of outgoing representatives: Ashley Beaton, University of Illinois at Springfield, Great Lakes Valley 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; Jessica Koch, California State University, San Bernardino, California Collegiate Athletic Association; and Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte, South Atlantic Conference.

**34. Future meeting dates.**

- a. April 6-8, 2018; Indianapolis.
- b. July 13-15, 2018; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
- c. Fall 2018 conference call; date TBA.
- d. November 16-18, 2018; Indianapolis.
- e. January 22-26, 2019, in conjunction with NCAA Convention; Orlando.
- f. April 11-14, 2019, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Orlando.

*Committee Chair: Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte, South Atlantic Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Division II Governance*  
*Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Mark Strothkamp, Enforcement*

**NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
January 16-20, 2018, Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Austin Acosta, Southwest Baptist University; Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association  
 Ashley Beaton, University of Illinois at Springfield; Great Lakes Valley Conference  
 Juwan Burney, Delta State University; Gulf South 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  
 Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (Ohio); Mountain East Conference  
 Storm Glautier, Nyack College; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference  
 Aja Grant, Winston-Salem State University; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
 Bailey Koch, Augustana University (South Dakota); Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference  
 Jessica Koch, California State University, San Bernardino; California Collegiate Athletic Association  
 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 (Michigan); 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  
 Josh Qualls, Arkansas Tech University; Great American Conference  
 Sarah Rodgers, Saint Michael’s College; Northeast-10 Conference  
 Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia; Peach Belt Conference (Management Council)  
 Anthony Sassano, Dominican University of California; At-Large  
 Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
 Tayler Stover, Rogers State University; Heartland Conference  
 Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay; Great Midwest Athletic Conference

**Absentees:**

Malek Barber, Palm Beach Atlantic University; Independent  
 Tom Johnson, Central State University; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
 Sarissa Lammers, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Great Northwest Athletic Conference  
 Jeffrey Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive; Conference Carolinas  
 Father John Denning, Stonehill College; Northeast-10 Conference (Presidents Council)



**Guests in Attendance:**

Krista Clement, Helper Helper  
Glen Jones, Henderson State University (chair, Presidents Council)  
Bud Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology (chair, NCAA Board of Governors)  
Jennifer Peterson, Make-A-Wish  
Seth Rosenzweig, Team IMPACT  
Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**

Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance  
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Mark Strothkamp, Enforcement

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

Katrice Albert, Inclusion and Human Resources  
Lydia Bell, Research  
Michael Cioroianu, Executive  
Mark Emmert, NCAA President  
Kimberly Fort, Executive  
Brian Hainline, Sport Science Institute  
Kayci Mikrut, Digital Communications  
Monica Miller, Strategic Communications  
Anita Nham, Strategic Communications  
Donald Remy, Law, Policy and Governance  
Lisa Rogers, Division II Governance  
Stephanie Quigg Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Cari Van Sensus, Chief of Staff  
Matt Ward, Division II Governance  
Mary Wilfert, Sport Science Institute