REPORT OF THE 
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 
JULY 16-17, 2016, MEETING 

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome. The committee welcomed new members who were unable to attend the April meeting and went through introductions with the entire group.

2. Administrative Items.
   a. Roster. The committee reviewed and updated its roster.
   b. April 2016 Meeting Report. The committee voted to approve its April 2016 meeting report amending Zach Cook’s sport to correctly state men’s lacrosse.
   c. Policies and Procedures. The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.
   d. SAAC Expectations Document. The committee reviewed the SAAC expectations document which reflects the changes made during the committee’s April meeting and accepted as presented.

3. Community Service Project. The committee, in conjunction with NCAA community programs and youth clinic staff members, sorted school supplies to be packed into backpacks for 4,000 local third grade students.

4. NCAA Division III Management Council Update. Division III SAAC Management Council representative Taryn Stromback provided an overview of the April 2016 Management Council report. Ms. Stromback provided updates on a proposed legislative change to financial aid legislation, as well as updates on actions from Division III subcommittees and working groups.

5. Partnership and Initiatives.
   a. College Sports Information Director of America. Chris O’Rourke reported on his attendance at the CoSIDA Convention June 12-15 in Dallas.
   b. Preparation for fall conference meetings. The committee reviewed its two primary goals for committee members who attend fall conference SAAC meetings:
      (1) Communicate national SAAC initiatives; and
(2) Receive feedback on proposed legislation.

The committee shared best practices for effective communication and timely feedback on legislation from institutions. Veteran committee members also stressed to new committee members the importance of communication with conference commissioners, encouraging new committee members to build that relationship.

c. Student-Athlete Leadership Forum. The committee received an update regarding the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 7-9, 2016.

6. Discussion regarding game environment. The committee reviewed its game environment working group’s draft letter intended for parents and athletics supporters and suggested edits. The draft will be shared with Management Council for content feedback during the July 2016 joint meeting.

7. 2017 Convention schedule.

a. Special Olympics clinic. NCAA staff reviewed the 2017 Convention schedule making note that the Special Olympics activity has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday. This change in the schedule will allow all Division III attendees the opportunity to participate in the event.

b. Student-athlete luncheon. The committee discussed opportunities to increase the effectiveness of the interaction with Division III student-athletes attending Convention.

c. Timing for conference and partner conference meetings. The committee determined that members would make themselves available to attend conference and partner conference meetings between 2 and 5 p.m. Central Time Friday, January 20, similar to the 2016 Convention. Taking an additional hour of preparation before these conference meetings, which start at 1 p.m., proved beneficial especially to new committee members at last year’s Convention.

8. NCAA committee reports. Committee members provided relevant updates from their service on various Association-wide and Division III committees.

9. Communication regarding statewide LGBTQ issues. The committee reviewed communication received by Dr. Bernard Franklin, executive vice president of education and community engagement, regarding state laws that discriminate against LGBTQ individuals in employment, public accommodation and education and how these laws
could potentially impact the NCAA member institutions, particularly as it pertains to hosting and bidding on NCAA events and ensuring Title IX compliance. The communication was undersigned by several individuals and organizations that have worked with the NCAA to support and provide resources, educational programming and policy recommendations for the NCAA’s diversity and inclusion efforts. The committee also received an update on action taken by the NCAA’s Board of Governors to protect participants and spectators from discrimination at NCAA events.

10. **Special Olympics partnership update.**

   a. **Reporting – broken down by conference.** The committee reviewed a report of Special Olympics activities, sorted by conference, as of June 2016.

   b. **Special Olympics event at the NCAA Convention.** The committee discussed its plan for the unified sports experience that will take place at the 2017 NCAA Convention. The activity will be hosted and led by the Division III National SAAC but will be open to all Convention attendees to participate.

   c. **Sunday activity with Management Council.** The committee, along with members of Management Council, went through various basketball drill stations and then scrimmaged with approximately 20 Indianapolis area Special Olympics athletes.

11. **Division III Updates and SAAC input on national issues.** Louise McCleary, director of Division III, reviewed the following key items with the committee:

   a. Board of Governors update;

   b. Progress of the playing and practice seasons subcommittee, diversity and inclusion subcommittee and the technology users group;

   c. Division III budget update;

   d. Fair Labor Standards Act;

12. **Legislation.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview of the legislative process and timeline as well as Division III SAAC’s role and responsibilities in regard to proposed legislation. The committee also initially discussed several proposals to be voted on at the 2017 Convention and took initial feedback and straw poll positions on these proposals.
13. **Mental health discussion.** The mental health working group presented an outline of its initial efforts to raise awareness of mental health issues on college campuses and its plan to educate individuals on the resources available. The committee will also present this document to Management Council for feedback at its July 2016 joint meeting.

14. **Sexual assault resources.** Mary Wilfert, a staff member of the NCAA Sports Science Institute, presented the committee with the most recent progress of the NCAA Sexual Violence Tool Kit. The committee unanimously voted to sponsor the tool kit.

15. **Future meetings.**
   a. September/October teleconference, to be determined.
   b. November 13-14, 2016; Indianapolis.

16. **Adjournment.**

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**Committee Chair:** Rob Wingert, Stevenson University; Middle Atlantic Conferences  
**Staff Liaisons:** Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement  
Jay Jones, Governance  
Jean Orr, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships

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**Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**  
**July 16-17, 2016, Meeting**

**Attendees:**  
Brad Bankston; Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
Kyera Bryant, Eastern Nazarene College; Commonwealth Coast Conference.  
Zach Cook, College at Brockport, State University of New York; State University of New York Athletic Conference.  
Sean Cain, Adrian College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.  
Chris Deddo, State University of New York Maritime College; Skyline Conference.  
Ryan Fennelly, Rhodes College; Southern Athletic Association.  
Jessica Jean, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; City University of New York Athletic Conference.  
Nicole Monick, Johnson State College; North Atlantic Conference.  
Callie Olson, Lakeland University; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Chris O’Rourke, Becker College; New England Collegiate Conference.
Elissa Pheneger, North Central University; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference;
Kayla Porter, Frostburg State University; Capital Athletic Conference.
Rosamaria Riccobono, Eastern Connecticut State University; Little East Conference.
Michael Rubyao, Swarthmore College; Centennial Conference.
Taryn Stromback, Ohio Northern University; Ohio Athletic Conference;
Megan Warren, Defiance College; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Joe Weber, University of Texas at Dallas; American Southwest Conference.
Rob Wingert, Stevenson University; Middle Atlantic Conference.
Alaina Woo, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Greg Woods, Springfield College; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference.

**Absentees:**
Tanner Milliron, University of Wisconsin-River Falls; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College; Centennial Conference.

**Guests in Attendance:**
None.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Brynna Barnhart, enforcement.
Jay Jones, governance.
Jean Orr, academic and membership affairs
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, championships

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Brian Burnsed, communications.
Louise McCleary, governance.
Reed Fogle, governance.
Mary Wilfert, Sport Science Institute