REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 15-16, 2017, 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 2017 Meeting Report. The committee voted to approve its April 2017 meeting report as presented.
   c. Policies and Procedures. The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.
   d. SAAC Expectations Document. The committee reviewed the SAAC expectations document.

3. NCAA staff presentations with Divisions I and II SAACs. NCAA staff members presented to Divisions I, II and III National SAACs on relevant topics including: sexual violence prevention; myPlaybook (a web-based program focusing on negative high-risk activities of student-athletes); and an update from the office of legal affairs.

4. NCAA Division III Management Council Update. Division III SAAC Management Council representative Sean Cain provided an overview of the April 2017 Management Council report. The committee also reviewed the agenda for its joint Management Council/SAAC meeting to prepare for discussions on current SAAC initiatives and proposed legislative concepts for the 2018 NCAA Convention.

5. Partnership and Initiatives.
   a. Preparation for fall conference meetings. The committee reviewed its primary goals for committee members who attend fall conference SAAC meetings: to communicate national SAAC initiatives; and 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.

b. **Student-Athlete Leadership Forum.** The committee received an update on plans for the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum, to be held November 16-19, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

c. **Women’s Sports Foundation – Play IX Initiative.** A committee member provided an overview of the Women’s Sports Foundation mission and demonstrated its Play IX Initiative through the Facebook Messenger application.

d. **LGBT SportSafe SAAC Challenge.** A committee member gave an overview of the LGBT SportSafe Inclusion Program and its founders. The committee discussed the proposed idea of a SAAC led challenge, similar to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, where campus SAACs make a video demonstrating its commitment to creating an inclusive and respectful culture in collegiate athletics.

e. **SUNYAC Yards for Yeardley.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the Yards for Yeardley program in which several institutional SAACs have participated and noted how the program has unified the SUNYAC conference SAAC.

6. **2018 Convention schedule.**

a. **Special Olympics Unified Sports Experience.** NCAA staff reviewed the 2018 Convention schedule specifically discussing the timing of the Special OlympicsUnified Sports Experience. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the timing of the 2017 Convention activity and offered feedback for staff to consider when finalizing plans for Indianapolis.

b. **Student-athlete luncheon.** The committee discussed revised format from the 2017 Convention and discussed opportunities to increase the effectiveness of the interaction with Division III student-athletes attending the 2018 Convention in Indianapolis.

c. **Timing for conference and partner conference meetings.** The committee discussed the timing of conference and partner-conference meetings and SAAC members possibly making themselves available for a longer period of time to
increase the likeliness of a SAAC member attending both his or her conference and partner-conference meetings.

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

8. **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 2017.
   
   b. **Special Olympics event at the 2018 NCAA Convention.** The committee discussed its plan for the unified sports experience that will take place at the 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, attended an Indianapolis Indians game with approximately 20 individuals from Damar Services, Inc.

9. **Division III SAAC working groups.** The committee broke into its working groups and reported out on the following:

   a. **Game environment:** The working group plans to produce a “took kit” of resources to possibly include a letter to parents, social media campaign ideas, video/audio messaging to be used at athletic contest and printed materials.

   b. **Best practices.** The working group would like to improve communication starting with the national SAAC and moving on to conference and campus SAACs. These efforts could start with creating a series of one-page documents detailing the role of the national SAAC and its work coming out of meetings.

   c. **Mental health.** The working group is currently creating a script for a video to be filmed at its November meeting with the goal of debuting it to the membership at the 2018 Convention. The group would also like to see a day devoted to mental health awareness during Division III week where all campuses work together bring awareness to the issue.

10. **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 2018 Convention and took initial feedback and straw poll positions on these proposals.

11. **Division III Updates and SAAC input on national issues.** Louise McCleary, director of Division III, and Dan Dutcher, vice president of Division III, joined the committee to give a general Divisional update and allowed the group to ask any questions relevant to the work of the Division.

12. **Future meetings.**
   
a. September/October teleconference, to be determined.


c. January 16-20, 2018; NCAA Convention; Indianapolis.

13. **Adjournment.**

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**Committee Chair:** Kayla Porter, Frostburg State University;  
**Staff Liaisons:** Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement  
Jay Jones, Governance  
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships  
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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| NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
| July 15-16, 2017, Meeting  

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<td>Ryan Booth, Norwich University; Great Northeast Athletic Conference.</td>
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<td>Sean Cain, Adrian College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.</td>
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<td>Christopher Deddo, State University of New York Maritime College; Skyline Conference.</td>
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Kelsey Morrison, University of Valley Forge; Independent.
CJ Pakeltis, MacMurry College; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic 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 Rubayo, Swarthmore College; Centennial Conference.
Megan Warren, Defiance College; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Alaina Woo, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

**Absentees**
Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College; Centennial Conference.
Ryan Fennelly, Rhodes College; Southern Athletic Association.
Mikayla Greenwood, Illinois College; Midwest Conference.
Jessica Jean, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; City University of New York Athletic Conference.

**Guests in Attendance**
None

**NCAA Staff Liaisons:**
Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement.
Jay Jones, Division III Governance.
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Scott Bearby, Legal Affairs.
Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance.
Dr. Brian Hainline, Sport Science Institute.
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance.
Todd Schumacher, Enforcement.
Mary Wilfert, Law, Sport Science Institute.