Initially, the committee was comprised of student-athletes from all membership divisions. This ensured that the student-athlete voice accounted for the myriad of educational and athletics experiences of both female and male student-athletes at a variety of NCAA member institutions.

August 1997

NCAA splits among divisions, which caused the SAAC to as well.

Presently, there are 3 SAACs representing NCAA Divisions I, II and III

Review NCAA activities and proposed legislation and offer student-athlete input
Division I SAAC Mission Statement

The mission of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by protecting student-athlete well-being, fostering a positive student-athlete image and inclusive student-athlete environment, and promoting student-athlete engagement at the national, conference and local levels.
DI SAAC Guiding Principles

- Ethics
- Integrity
- Fairness
- Respect for diversity
  - Including: Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Sport

As the NCAA Division I SAAC, we will attend committee meetings fully prepared to represent our conference and institutions, honestly and fairly.
Divisions

I

II

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**NCAA Governance Basics**

- **Pre 1997: DI followed one-school = one vote**

- **345** Division I Active Members

- **Board of Directors cast legislative votes**

- **32** Multisport Conferences

- **1997: Replaced with conference based system of representation**

- **3** Divisions

- **NCAA – Federated Governance System**
Who makes decisions?

**Competition Oversight Committee**

**Duties**

- Oversight of regular season and championships administration in sports other than football and m/w basketball
- Prioritize enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience
- Promote student-athlete personal growth and leadership development
Who makes decisions?

Football Oversight Committee

Duties

- Oversight of FBS and FCS and make recommendations related to regular and post-season
- Provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of football student-athletes
- Promote student-athlete personal growth and leadership development
Who makes decisions?

Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee

**Duties**

- Maintain oversight of men’s basketball
- Enhance the development and public perception of the sport
- Make recommendations related to regular season and postseason men’s basketball
Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee

Duties

- Oversight of women’s basketball
- Enhance the development and public perception of the sport
- Make recommendations related to regular season and postseason men’s basketball
Who makes decisions?

Coordination Committee

Duties

Act on behalf of DI Council when necessary

Make decisions on an emergency basis
Who makes decisions?

**Legislative Committee**

**Duties**

- Review and make recommendations to the Council regarding proposals developed through the shared governance process.
- Provide feedback to autonomy conferences on the impact of autonomy proposals to the entire DI membership.
- The final appellate body for decisions made by the NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee.
Who makes decisions?

**Strategic Vision and Planning Committee**

**Duties**

oversight of administrative functions related to the management of the Division I governance structure, including business and legal affairs, strategic planning and research, membership activities and health and safety matters.
Who makes decisions?

**Student-Athlete Experience Committee**

**Duties**

- Oversight of nonacademic operating bylaws that impact the overall student-athlete intercollegiate experience
- Study issues & make policy/legislative recommendations regarding amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, awards & benefits
**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**

- **32 members**
  - 1 representing each conference

**Duties**
- Comment and react to legislative proposals, issues of interest and actions of the Division

- **2 Council Liaisons**

**Voting members on BOD, Council and Committees**