

MINUTES OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Hilton Anaheim  
Anaheim, California

January 9-13, 2003

Participants:

Amy Ashbrock, Wilmington College (Ohio)  
Andrew Baldwin, Nazareth College  
Dewayne Barnes, Whittier College, vice-chair  
Julia Brown, Rosemont College  
Brad Coffey, Amherst College  
Kary Couchman, Albion College  
Joshua Espinosa, Buena Vista University  
Jaime Fluker, Carthage College  
Sarah Forbus, Methodist College  
John Galgano, Manhattanville College  
Christina Gipson, Methodist College  
Jami Goldman, California State University, Hayward  
Julie Katz, Vassar College  
Melissa Kelly, Hood College  
Natalie Lyons, Bridgewater State College  
Dave Masilunas, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College  
Adam Mohr, Pacific University (Oregon)  
Luis Munoz, City College of New York  
Erika Proko, Washington and Lee University  
Martin Quinn, Colorado College  
Michael Raymond, Western New England College  
Megan Stevens, State University of New York Athletic Conference, chair  
Mark Bedics, NCAA  
Tim Clark, NCAA  
Susan Peal, NCAA

Brady Barke, Webster University; Sarah Labowitz, Grinnell College; Tim Maddox, Cabrini College; and Tim Rausch, DePauw University were not able to attend the meeting.

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Bridget Belgiovine, NCAA; Sarah MacInnis, NCAA; and Ron Stratten, NCAA were in attendance for portions of the meeting.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated “sense of the meeting”) in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee’s agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Pacific time, Thursday, January 9, by the chair, Ms. Stevens. All members were present as noted above.

1. New Member Orientation. The committee welcomed five new members: Brad Coffey, Christina Gipson, Natalie Lyons, Dave Masilunas and Adam Mohr. New members participated in an orientation session with the executive subcommittee and NCAA staff.
2. Committee Roster. The committee reviewed the roster and updated contact information.
3. Previous Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the November 15-17, 2002, meeting.
4. Review of Joint SAAC Agenda. The committee discussed the Joint SAAC agenda and agreed to forward the following recommendations to the Joint SAAC at its January 11 meeting.
  - a. American Indian Mascot Usage by Member Institutions. The committee supports the Minority and Opportunity Interests Committee (MOIC) recommendation opposing the use of American Indian mascots by member institutions. The committee believes the use of American Indian mascots definitely could be considered offensive to Native American Indians and therefore should not be used, especially in cases where the local tribes are against the usage.

- b. Purpose of Joint SAAC. The committee supports the continued existence of a Joint SAAC, with the possibility of minor adjustments. Currently, Joint SAAC is run by the communications team and conducts meetings twice a year (January and July). The committee feels these meetings are productive and are a good place to address issues that affect all student-athletes regardless of division. However, the committee noted that the Joint SAAC meetings may be better served to be run by the chair and vice-chair of each division. The committee agreed that the Joint SAAC meetings should include both information and action items. Further, the committee noted that the Joint SAAC should have an avenue to report, possibly to President Myles Brand or the NCAA executive committee.
  - c. Certification of Student-Athlete Insurance Coverage. The committee supports the proposal from the Risk Management and Insurance Task Force that requires member institutions to certify student-athlete insurance coverage. Currently, member institutions are not required to provide insurance to student-athletes for any injury that would require medical attention during a practice or competition. The committee agreed that it is very important for student-athletes to be provided insurance because student-athletes are at a higher risk for injury than the general student population and there are many student-athletes that are not able to afford insurance coverage. Further, the committee recognized that many institutions already provide this coverage and that many student-athletes already have insurance coverage through their parents.
  - d. Finance of Insurance for Injuries and Illness not Related to Practice or Competition. The committee does not support a proposal from the Risk Management and Insurance Task Force that would permit member institutions to provide insurance for any illness or injury, regardless of whether it occurs in the act of their roles as athletes. The committee is concerned about the financial impact this permissive proposal would have on member institutions. The committee also raised concern that the additional insurance coverage would lead to a recruiting advantage for those institutions that financially could afford it.
5. Project Team Reports. The committee received oral reports from project team representatives. It was determined that the Amateurism Project Team should be eliminated. Ms. Brown was named as chair of the Community Service Project Team and Ms. Goldman was named chair of the Regional Leadership Conference Project Team.

6. Conference Partnership Reports. The committee discussed their relationships with their partner conference and expressed the importance of making sure the partner conference receives all information from meetings. Concern was expressed that some committee members were not hearing back from their partner conferences.
  
7. Committee Reports. The committee was provided reports relating to association-wide and Division III committees on which committee members serve.
  - a. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. The committee received an oral report from Mr. Quinn.
  
  - b. Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Couchman.
  
  - c. Committee on Women's Athletics. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Stevens.
  
  - d. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Proko.
  
  - e. Research Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Forbus.
  
  - f. Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee. Mr. Maddox was unable to attend the meeting and therefore there was no report.
  
  - g. Division III Financial Aid and Awards Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Brown.
  
  - h. Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Katz.
  
  - i. Division III Championships Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Fluker.

- j. Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. The committee received an oral report from Ms. Kelly.
8. 2003 NCAA Convention Proposals. The committee reviewed the committee's positions on the following legislative proposals:
    - a. Proposal No. 40 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – First Contest Date. The committee opposed the proposal.
    - b. Proposal No. 41 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Playing Seasons Regulations. The committee opposed the proposal.
    - c. Proposal No. 41-1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Playing Seasons Regulations. The committee opposed the proposal.
    - d. Proposal No. 42 – Executive Regulations – Selection of Teams for Championships Participation – Automatic Qualification. The committee supported the proposal.
    - e. Proposal No. 43 – Executive Regulations – Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships. The committee opposed the proposal.
    - f. Proposal No. 44 – Amateurism – Professional Team – Definition. The committee supported the proposal.
    - g. Proposal No. 45 – Recruiting – Definition of Contact. The committee supported the proposal.
    - h. Proposal No. 46 – Recruiting – Eligibility Ramifications – Restitution for Improper Benefits. The committee supported the proposal.
    - i. Proposal No. 47 – Recruiting – De Minimus Violations. The committee supported the proposal.
    - j. Proposal No. 48 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Waiver. The committee supported the proposal.

- k. Proposal No. 49 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition – Basketball. The committee supported the proposal.
  - l. Proposal No. 50 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Contests - Ice Hockey. The committee supported the proposal.
  - m. Proposal No. 51 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Tennis – Preseason Practice. The committee supported the proposal.
  - n. Proposal No. 52 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field – Length of Playing Season. The committee supported the proposal.
  - o. Proposal No. 53 – National Collegiate Championships – Women’s Bowling. The committee supported the proposal.
  - p. Proposal No. 54 – Membership – Emerging Sports – Rugby. The committee supported the proposal.
9. Committee Position Papers. The committee made final revisions to its position papers.
10. Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference. The committee reviewed feedback from the Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference evaluations held November 8-10, 2002, in Boston, Massachusetts. The committee will look to incorporate the suggestions at its next conference January 31-February 2 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
11. Division III Issues. The committee will continue to review athletically related activity time limitations through soliciting feedback from other student-athletes and considering a specific weekly time limitation that would be appropriate.

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12. Conference Meeting Agenda. The committee reviewed the agenda for the January 12 conference meetings. Members discussed the time and date of their conference and partner conference meetings.
13. Conflict of Interest. The committee discussed whether SAAC members who graduate from college and become a college administrator or coach or both should resign from the committee or relinquish leadership positions. The committee decided against developing a conflict of interest policy at this time.
14. Fan Behavior. Mr. Stratten discussed the formation of a focus group that will discuss fan and student-athlete behavior and sportsmanship. He also discussed that he will be in contact with staff liaisons to determine which member of the committee should be named to this focus group.
15. Future of Division III. Ms. Belgiovine led a discussion with the committee on the future of Division III and explained the role of the committee at the 2003 NCAA Division III Forum.
16. Division III SAAC Chronology of Work Completed. The committee reviewed a draft of the SAAC chronology. The chronology contains a complete history of the committee's achievements and initiatives. The committee will forward any changes to the chronology to the staff liaisons.
17. Future Meetings.
  - a. July 17-20, 2003 – Huntington Beach, California.
  - b. November 14-16, 2003 – Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - c. January 8-13, 2004 – Nashville, Tennessee.
18. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Pacific time, Saturday, January 11. The committee attended Convention activities concluding on Monday, January 13.

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