

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

Huntington Beach Hyatt
Huntington Beach, California

July 17-20, 2003

Participants:

Andrew Baldwin, Nazareth College
Brady Barke, Webster University
Julia Brown, Rosemont College
Brad Coffey, Amherst College
Kary Couchman, Albion College
Joshua Espinosa, Buena Vista University
Jaime Fluker, Carthage College, chair
Sarah Forbus, Denison University
Christina Gipson, Methodist College
Jami Goldman, California State University, Hayward
Julie Katz, Vassar College
Sarah Labowitz, Grinnell College
Angela Lattanzio, Washington & Jefferson College
Natalie Lyons, Bridgewater State College
Tim Maddox, Cabrini College
Dave Masilunas, Penn State University, Behrend
Adam Mohr, Pacific College (Oregon)
Luis Munoz, City College of New York
Martin Quinn, Colorado College
Tim Rausch, DePauw University
Michael Raymond, Western New England College, vice-chair
Mark Bedics, NCAA
Tim Clark, NCAA
Susan Peal, NCAA

Erica Proko, Washington & Lee University was not able to attend the meeting. Joyce Wong, Eastern Connecticut State University; John Harper, Bridgewater State College; Bridget Belgiovine, NCAA; Leah Nilsson, NCAA; Sarah MacInnis, NCAA; and Gail Dent, NCAA, attended portions of the meeting.

[Note: While certain items on the committee's agenda were acted on by the committee or by one or more subcommittees at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference. Also, these minutes reflect only actions (formal votes or "sense of meeting") in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities.]

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. Pacific time, Thursday, July 17 by the chair, Ms. Fluker. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The committee welcomed Mr. Barke to his first in-person meeting.
2. Committee Roster. The committee reviewed the roster and updated contact information.
3. Review of Previous Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the April 9, 2003, conference call.
4. Review of Management Council Report. The committee reviewed the April 2003 Management Council report.
5. Project Team Reports. The committee received oral reports from project team chairs. New committee members were directed to join project teams.

The committee noted the following:

- The Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) project team will have a conference call to restructure itself to try to better serve the needs of the committee.
- Mr. Mohr, Mr. Barke and Mr. Coffey all were appointed to serve on the Conference SAAC committee.

6. Conference Partnership Reports. The committee received oral reports from each committee member who reported on their communication and activities with their conference, partner conference, as well as independent institutions.

It was VOTED

“to amend Bylaw 21.8.6.10.1 to state that SAAC shall consist of 24 members, including one student-athlete from each of the Division III SAAC conferences represented in the partnership program and four members from Division III independent institutions representing each of the four geographical regions per Constitution 4.12.1.”

The committee’s rationale is based on the principle of the SAAC Conference Partnership Program, one committee member is appointed from a conference or partner conference to ensure the proper representative breakdown on the committee. This also will provide the independent institutions to be represented by one student-athlete from each of the four geographical regions.

7. Committee Reports. The committee was provided reports related to association-wide and Division III committees on which committee members serve.

It was VOTED

“to refer the committee’s position of support to fund a poster educating student-athletes about common Division III violations and reinstatement scenarios to the Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.”

The committee is in support of the allocation of funds to develop a poster to educate student-athletes about common Division III violations and reinstatement scenarios. The committee supports more efforts to educate student-athletes. Therefore, the poster format would be one avenue to promote awareness and provide a resource for student-athletes regarding Division III violations and student-athlete reinstatement.

It was VOTED

“to amend Bylaw 21.1.7.1 to eliminate the requirement that one student-athlete from each division (who have one combined vote) serve as members of the Research Committee.”

The committee is in agreement that the Research Committee does not require input of student-athletes on a regular basis. SAAC encourages the research committee to continue to use the Division I, II and III SAACs as a reference and resource. The committee noted that the Division I and II SAACs also have forwarded the recommendation to their respective Management Councils.

8. SAAC 2004-06 Operations Plan. The committee reviewed and revised its operations plan for 2004-06.
9. Joint SAAC Structure. Mr. Raymond reviewed the Joint SAAC structure. At the January meeting, all three divisions approved the concept of a more structured joint SAAC meeting and to replace the communications team now titled the Joint SAAC Administration Team (Ad Team) comprised of the chairs, vice-chairs and student-athlete representative from the three divisions.
10. Joint SAAC Meeting Agenda. Mr. Raymond reviewed the agenda for the July 18 Joint SAAC meeting.
11. 2004 Legislative Proposals. The committee reviewed legislative proposals for the 2004 Convention. The committee will gain feedback on the proposals from their conference, partner conference and independents and will prepare to discuss at the committee's November meeting.
12. Future of Division III. Ms. Belgiovine and Ms. Nilsson reviewed the recommendations from the Presidents Council/Management Council Joint Subcommittee on the Future of Division III. The committee discussed its pros and cons for each of the oversight group's legislative recommendations and presented its comments during the joint SAAC/Management Council roundtable discussion July 20, 2003.
13. Management Council Reception. Mr. Bedics explained the format of the SAAC/Management Council roundtable discussions.

14. 2004 Convention Planning. The committee reviewed the tentative schedules for the 2004 convention and discussed possible topics. Suggested topics included: time constraints between academics and athletics, diversity in coaching and game officials, recruiting, Title IX and Division III Regional Leadership Conferences.
15. SAAC Chronology. The committee reviewed the SAAC chronology of work completed. Since federation, the Division III SAAC has been instrumental in the governance process. Therefore, a complete history of the committee's achievements and initiatives are organized into one document. The chronology will be placed on the SAAC Web site. The Executive Subcommittee will be responsible for updating the chronology following every meeting.
16. Leadership Conference Follow-up. Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation for the SAAC member's participation and applauded their performance at the 2003 National Leadership Conference.
17. Regional Leadership Conference Planning. The committee discussed the agenda and SAAC presentations in preparation for the upcoming Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conferences to be held October 17-19, 2003, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and January 23-25, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. The following members reported that they would attend the October conference: Ms. Fluker, Mr. Masilunas, Mr. Mohr, Ms. Brown, Ms. Couchman, Mr. Espinosa, Ms. Lattanzio and Ms. Goldman. Those attending the January conference include: Mr. Coffey, Ms. Lattanzio, Mr. Rausch, Ms. Gipson, Ms. Forbus, Mr. Mohr, Ms. Brown and Ms. Goldman.
18. National Office Restructuring. Ms. Peal explained the recent restructuring of the national office based on the NCAA strategic plan.
19. Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. The committee reviewed a memorandum from the Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee requesting feedback from SAAC regarding misconduct regulations.

It was VOTED

“to refer the committee’s position of support of the legislative proposals that would apply the misconduct regulations during the regular playing and practice season, as well as the championship competition to the Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee.”

The committee is in agreement that student-athletes, coaches and administrators should be held to the same standards during regular season competition and that similar accountability should be applied through the institution or conference and, consequently, a violation of misconduct could jeopardize a student-athlete’s eligibility in subsequent competition.

20. SAAC Vice-Chair and Executive Subcommittee Representative. The committee appointed Andrew Baldwin, Nazareth College, vice-chair and representative on the Executive Subcommittee. Mr. Baldwin’s term of office will begin September 1, 2003.

21. SAAC Representatives on the Division III and Association-wide Committees. The committee appointed the following members to serve on Division III and Association-wide committees:
 - Brad Coffey, Amherst College – Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee.
 - Adam Mohr, Pacific College (Oregon) – Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.
 - Jami Goldman, California State University, Hayward – Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

22. Division III Student-Athlete Issues. The committee discussed Division III student-athlete issues raised during conference meetings. The issues included sportsmanship and fan behavior and education initiatives to communicate the Division III philosophy. The committee will obtain feedback from student-athletes, coaches and administrators on these issues for discussion at future committee meetings.

The committee noted in its January 2003 meeting that the Management Council accepted the information that the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee will continue to review athletically related activity time limitations within the context of its discussions related to the Future of Division III. The SAAC agreed to solicit feedback from other student-athletes regarding the issue and consider a specific weekly time limitation. The committee gained much feedback from student-athletes and agreed that Division III student-athletes do not want a specific weekly time limitation (e.g., 20 hours).

23. Professional Development. The committee participated in a professional development session on successful presentations. The committee will continue its participation in professional development at one in-person meeting annually.
24. Future Meetings. The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule. The committee will meet November 14-16 in Indianapolis and January 8-12, 2004, at the NCAA Convention in Nashville.
25. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. Pacific time, Sunday, July 20. The committee concluded its activities with the SAAC/Management Council roundtable discussions and reception on Sunday, July 20.

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