

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

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Participants:

Andrew Baldwin, Nazareth College  
Julia Brown, Rosemont College  
Josh Centor, Brandeis University  
Brad Coffey, Amherst College  
Kary Couchman, Albion College  
Kelly Cyr, St. Joseph's College (Maine)  
Josh Espinosa, Buena Vista University  
Jaime Fluker, Carthage College, chair  
Sarah Forbus, Denison University  
Christina Gipson, Methodist College  
Jami Goldman, California State University, Hayward  
Sarah Labowitz, Grinnell College  
Angela Lattanzio, Washington & Jefferson College  
Natalie Lyons, Bridgewater State College  
Tim Maddox, Cabrini College  
Dave Masilunas, Penn State University - Behrend  
Heather Mathis, Maryville College (Tennessee)  
Adam Mohr, Pacific College (Oregon)  
Tanya Nesbitt, Smith College  
Martin Quinn, Colorado College  
Tim Rausch, DePauw University  
Mitch Redig, Marian College (Wisconsin)  
Joyce Wong, Eastern Connecticut State University (Management Council)  
Mark Bedics, NCAA  
Tim Clark, NCAA  
Susan Peal, NCAA

Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Beth Rosenberg, NCAA; Mary Wilfert, NCAA; Susan Bassett, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Management Council Chair); Tina Krah, NCAA; Debbie Kresge, NCAA; and Kelly Groddy, NCAA, were all in attendance for portions of the meeting. Brady Barke, Webster University and Erika Proko, Washington & Lee University, were unable to attend the meeting.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (format 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 2 p.m., Friday, November 21, by the chair, Ms. Fluker. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The committee welcomed five new members: Mr. Centor, Ms. Cyr, Ms. Mathis, Ms. Nesbitt and Mr. Redig. New members participated in an orientation session with the SAAC chair, vice-chair and NCAA staff. The committee also welcomed two special guests, Ms. Bassett and Mr. Dutcher.
2. Committee Roster. The committee reviewed the committee roster and updated contact information.
3. Short’s Travel Procedures. Ms. Kresge reviewed travel procedures as administered by the new NCAA agency, Short’s Travel.
4. Review of Minutes and Report from July 17–20, 2003, Meeting. The committee approved the July 17-20, 2003, meeting minutes and report.
5. Review of October Management Council Actions. The committee reviewed the Division III Nominating Committee’s summary of recommendations regarding SAAC nominations. The Nominating Committee noted the difficulty in obtaining SAAC nominations. The Conference SAAC Project Team discussed the Nominating Committee’s concerns on a recent conference call. As a result of the concerns, the project team developed a survey that would be e-mailed to each conference to determine the effectiveness of the conference SAACs. In addition, the committee agreed to strengthen the SAAC nominations as follows:
  - Educate student-athletes about the National SAAC, nomination process and the SAAC vacancies at the Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conferences and the NCAA Leadership Conference.

- Educate the administrators (e.g., director of athletics, senior woman administrators) about the National SAAC, nomination process and the SAAC vacancies at the NCAA Convention conference meetings.
  - Educate the commissioners about the National SAAC, nomination process and the SAAC vacancies at the conference commissioner's meetings.
  - Include information about the National SAAC, nomination process and the SAAC vacancies in the Nominating Committee's report at the NCAA Convention.
  - Develop a proactive education effort with the current SAAC members notifying their partner conference about the conference's upcoming SAAC vacancy.
  - Explore a student-athlete self-nominating process with the Nominating Committee.
6. Division III Championships Issues and Updates. Ms. Krah, associate director of championships, discussed the championships selection process, the automatic qualifier (AQ) process and the overall championship experience for a Division III student-athlete.
7. Student-Athlete Reinstatement – Educational Poster. Ms. Groddy, assistant director of student-athlete reinstatement, discussed the action by the committee in support of a poster to educate student-athletes about common Division III violations and reinstatement. The committee provided suggestions to Ms. Groddy that included bullet points of the most common violations, captivating slogans and photos, and a web address.
8. Project Team Reports. The committee received oral reports from project team representatives. The following actions were taken based on these reports:
- The committee voted to eliminate the AQ project team. The committee noted that the SAAC representative to the Championships Committee always provides information regarding AQ to the committee.
  - Mr. Coffey was added to the Legislation Project Team.

- Ms. Fluker was added to the NCAA News and Division III Newsletter Project Team.
  - The Web site Project Team suggested there might be potential to add a link from [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com) to the Division III SAAC web page.
9. Conference, Partner Conference and Independents Reports. The committee received oral reports from each committee member regarding communication with their conference, partner conference and independent institutions. The majority of the committee members gained student-athlete feedback regarding the 2004 legislative proposals while attending in-person meetings or via conference calls.
10. Committee Reports. The committee heard reports from each member of Division III and Association-wide Committees.
- a. Division III committees.
- (1) Financial Aid and Awards Committee. Ms. Brown was unable to attend this portion of the meeting and therefore no report was received.
  - (2) Interpretations and Legislation Committee. The committee heard an oral report from Mr. Coffey.
  - (3) Championships Committee. The committee heard an oral report from Ms. Fluker.
  - (4) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. Ms. Brown was unable to attend this portion of the meeting and therefore no report was received.
- b. Association-wide Committees.
- (1) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. The committee heard an oral report from Ms. Goldman.
  - (2) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The committee heard an oral report from Mr. Mohr.

- (3) Committee on Women's Athletics. The committee heard an oral report from Mr. Baldwin.
- (4) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport. Ms. Proko was unable to attend the meeting and therefore no report was received.
- (5) Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee. The committee heard an oral report from Mr. Maddox.

11. 2004 NCAA Convention.

- a. Proposed legislation. The committee discussed proposed legislation for the 2004 Convention and prepared the committee's position papers. The committee will continue discussions on proposed legislation and will revisit each proposal at its January 2004 meeting. The committee's preliminary proposal positions are as follows:
  - Proposal No. 55 - Financial Aid - Athletics Endowments. The committee supported the proposal.
  - Proposal No. 56 - Financial Aid - Annual Electronic Reporting Process. The committee supported the proposal.
  - Proposal No. 57 as amended by 57 - 1 - Eligibility - Determining Season of Eligibility - Minimum Amount of Participation. The committee opposed the proposal.
  - Proposal No. 58 - Philosophy Statement - Recruiting. The committee took no position on the proposal.
  - Proposal No. 59 - Recruiting - Permission to Contact - Self-Release. The committee supported the proposal.
  - Proposal No. 60 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Length of Seasons and Contest Limits. The committee opposed the proposal.

- Proposal No. 61 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Length of Playing Season. The committee supported the proposal.
- Proposal No. 62 as Amended by 62-1 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Nontraditional Segment - Elimination of Contests. The committee opposed the proposal.
- Proposal No. 63 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Nontraditional Segment - Practice and Contest Limitations. The committee opposed the proposal.
- Proposal No. 64 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Elimination of Out-of-Season Exception. The committee supported the proposal.
- Proposal No. 65 as amended by 65-1 - Multidivision Classification - Awarding of Athletics Aid. The committee supported the proposal with the amendment.
- Proposal No. 66 - Division III Strategic Planning and Membership Growth. The committee took no position.
- Proposal No. 67 - Executive Regulations - Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation - Automatic Qualification. The committee will address this proposal in January.
- Proposal No. 68 as amended by 68-1 - Membership - Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership - Certification of Insurance Coverage. The committee supported the proposal with the amendment.
- Proposal No. 69 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Annual Exemptions. The committee supported the proposal.
- Proposal No. 70 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Coaching Activities Outside the Playing Season. The committee supported the proposal.
- Proposal No. 71 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Exception to First Contest Date - Exhibition Contests - Basketball. The committee supported the proposal.

- Proposal No. 72 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Track and Field - Maximum Contest Limitations - Multi-Day Events. The committee supported the proposal.
  - b. Convention proposals questions and answers guide. The committee reviewed the proposal questions and answers guide along with the proposal talking points.
  - c. Convention speaker assignments and position papers. The committee composed position papers and will assign speakers at its January 2004 meeting.
  - d. Convention attendance. The committee was notified that they are registered for the convention and they will receive their convention invitation that will guide them through the Short's Travel procedures.
  - e. Convention schedule. The committee reviewed the convention schedule.
12. Book Review – “Reclaiming the Game: College Sports and Educational Values”. Committee members were selected to read the book titled, “Reclaiming the Game: College Sports and Educational Values”. The selected committee members will provide reviews on the committee's list serve.
13. Division III Legislative Education Session. The legislative education session was moved to the committee's January 2004 agenda.
14. Division III Update and Issues.
- a. Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference. The Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference Project Team will continue its preparation for the next conference to be held January 23-25, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. SAAC members attending will be Ms. Goldman, Mr. Coffey, Ms. Lattanzio, Mr. Rausch, Ms. Gipson, Ms. Forbus, Mr. Mohr and Ms. Fluker.
  - b. Banned drugs in intercollegiate athletics. Ms. Wilfert, assistant director of educational outreach, provided valuable information regarding the use of banned drugs and nutritional supplements in intercollegiate athletics.

15. Association-wide Update and Issues.
  - a. Strategic planning leadership conference. Mr. Masilunas and Mr. Rausch attended the conference and will provide a written review over the committee's listserv.
  - b. 2003 NCAA national study on collegiate sports wagering. The committee was provided the survey sent to each institution for the faculty athletics representative to administer to selected sports teams. The goal of the study is to assist in assessing the nature, scope and extent of sports wagering by student-athletes so the gambling and amateurism activities staff might better formulate effective educational strategies.
  - c. California State Bill 193. The committee was advised to read the documentation included in the supplement regarding the California State Bill 193. All three divisional SAACs will discuss the bill at their January 2004 meetings.
  
16. Management Council Appointments. The committee appointed Sarah Forbus, Dennison University (term expiration 1/05) and Dave Masilunas, Penn State University-Berend (term expiration 1/06), Management Council representatives. Ms. Forbus and Mr. Masilunas will begin their Management Council term on January 12, 2004 (Post Convention).
  
17. Future meetings.
  - a. January 8–12, 2004 – Nashville, Tennessee.
  - b. July 15–18, 2004 – Baltimore, Maryland.
  
18. Articles of Interest. The committee was asked to read the articles to keep updated on current Division III issues.
  
19. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Fluker at 12:17 p.m., Sunday, November 23, 2003.