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## **Division II Update** **May 2024**

### **Association-wide News**

**(followed by division-specific news)**

### **From the FARA President**

#### **Fellow FARs:**

Hello Fellow FARs – As the academic year winds down and summer is upon us, I want to thank you for your dedication and commitment to helping our student-athletes succeed in the classroom and on the athletic fields. Each of you plays an important role at your university and in FARA. I hope you all can take some time during the summer to relax and rejuvenate before the fall semester begins!

The FARA executive committee met in April to begin planning our 2024 FARA Annual Meeting! If you haven't done so, please mark your calendars for November 14-16, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. More details and registration will be released soon! We hope to see you there!

#### **FARA LinkedIn**

Thanks to our wonderful Jen Smith, FARA now has a LinkedIn page! If you're interested in joining, please use this link and share it with fellow FARs:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14433208/>

### **2024 FARA Executive Committee Divisional Representatives**

If you are interested in getting more involved with FARA and representing your division,

please consider nominating yourself to be a member of our Executive Committee. As an Executive Committee member, you will help support the operations of the organization including the planning of the FARA Annual Meeting, supporting the professional development of other FARs, and giving input on matters that are critical to our institutions, divisions, association, and student-athletes. Nominations close June 1st!

### [FARA Executive Committee Divisional Representative Nominations](#)

#### **2024 FARA Honors and Awards**

Nominations for the FARA honor and awards –Divisional FAR of the Year & Divisional FAR Newcomer of the Year are now being accepted for all three divisions. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague. Nominations close on June 1st!

Follow these links to the nomination forms, which include information on the award and criteria that will be considered:

[FAR Newcomer of the Year](#)  
[FAR of the Year](#)

Enjoy summer, and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming FARA events!

JoAnne Bullard  
FAR President  
Rowan University

#### **From NCAA Research:**

REMINDER: 2023-24 NCAA National Study on Collegiate Wagering and Social Environments

In November, NCAA Research sent FedEx packages to each FAR with survey booklets, IRB materials and return shipping envelopes. To those who have not yet administered this survey, please consider doing so. While administering surveys requires time and effort, there is no better way to give a national voice to the student-athletes on your campus. NCAA surveys have a direct bearing on policies that impact student-athletes, and through your efforts we can ensure the NCAA membership has the data necessary to make informed decisions.

The NCAA Research team can assist you with any aspect of the survey administration. If you have questions about the study, contact Kelsey Gurganus-Wright, Associate Director of Research at [kgurganus@ncaa.org](mailto:kgurganus@ncaa.org).

Reports from last year's FAR-administered survey, the [2022-23 NCAA Student-Athlete Health and Wellness Study](#), are now available, including current findings on student-athlete mental health and substance use trends and the slides shared at 2024 NCAA Convention.

Thank you for participating in this important study!

## ***DIVISION II NEWS***

**Matt Wilson, FARA Division II Vice President, Wilmington University (DE)**

**DII Executive Board approves new academic standard for 4-year undergrad transfers.**

Recently, the Division II Executive Board adopted emergency legislation, effective immediately, to revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate student-athletes. The board also supported and/or received updates on several recommendations from Division II and Association-wide committees (including FARA). With this immediate change, it will be important for you to connect with your Compliance office. A link is provided below to the NCAA news article summarizing recommendations and actions:

<https://www.ncaa.org/news/2024/4/24/media-center-dii-executive-board-approves-new-academic-standard-for-4-year-undergrad-transfers.aspx>

### **D II FAR Education Modules NOW LIVE**

Two education modules specific to the role of the DII FAR have been added and launched within the NCAA Learning Portal. This is an excellent recent for new and veteran FARs. Thank you to the DII FAR Leadership Institute and NCAA staff partners for their work to create and launch this enhanced resource:

<https://sso.ncaa.org/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fapps.ncaa.org%2F>

### **2024 FARA Award & Executive Committee Nominations**

As was mentioned above, nominations are being accepted for divisional awards (FAR of the Year and Newcomer of the Year) as well as executive committee. Division II will be looking for three (3) committee representatives:

[Divisional FAR of the Year](#)

[Divisional Newcomer of the Year](#)

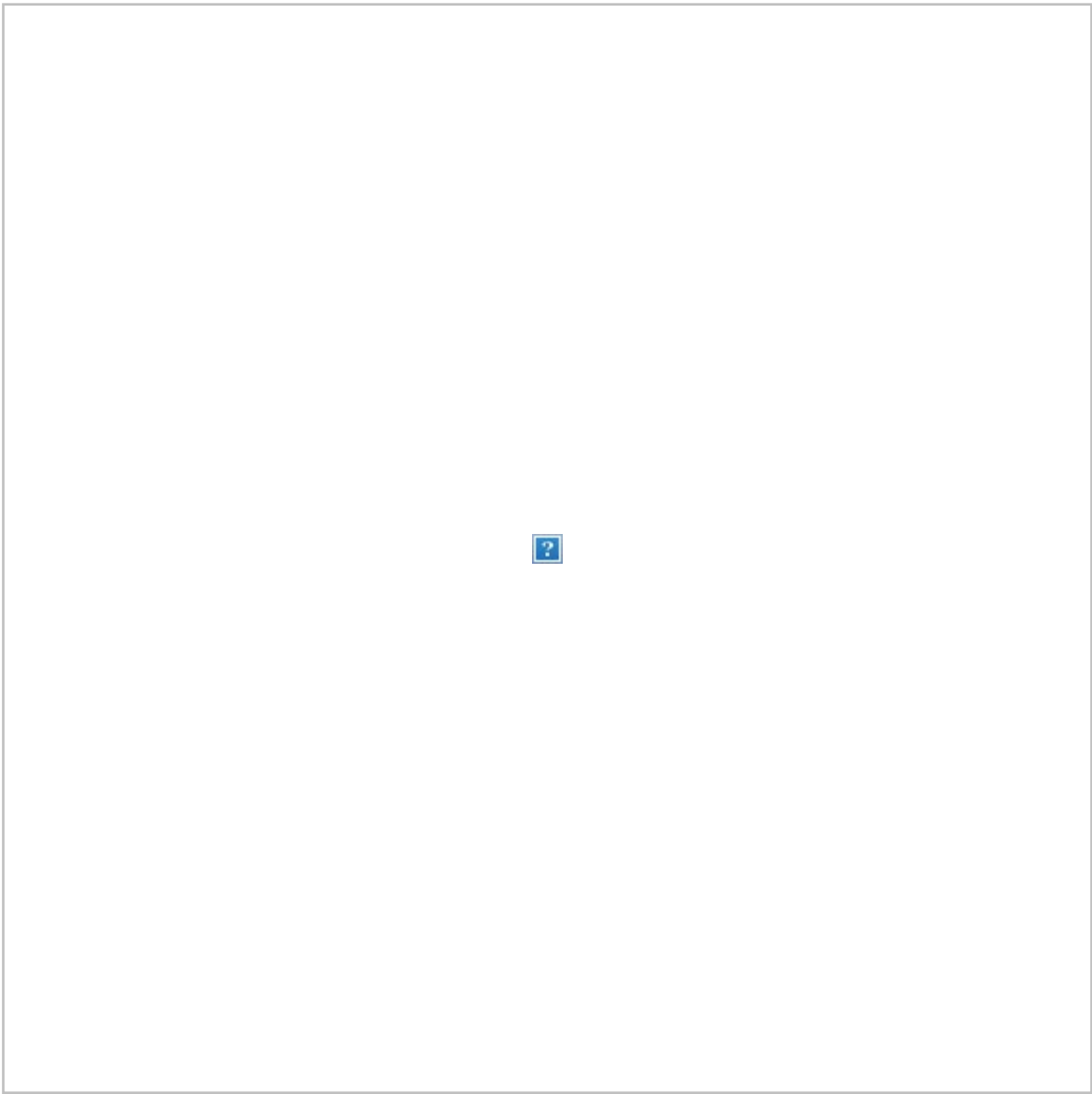
[FARA Executive Committee Nominations](#)

As we near the end of the academic year, I wish you all the best as well as opportunities to step away and recharge for the coming year. If there is anything I can do for any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me at [matthew.j.wilson@wilmu.edu](mailto:matthew.j.wilson@wilmu.edu).

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