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From the FARA President

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.

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 I NEWS

Joe Hanus, FARA Division I Vice President, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

Dear Colleagues,

We are coming to the final stretch of what we hope was an amazing year for you and your student-athletes. We wanted to make sure you were keeping up with the latest from the NCAA Division 1 Council:

1. **Transfers:** The Council *adopted* legislation related to eligibility requirements for four-year college transfers which eliminates the default year in residence and establishes that a 4-4 transfer who departs their previous institution as academically eligible/in good standing and meets all progress towards degree requirements at their new institution shall be immediately eligible for competition, regardless of any prior transfers (i.e. eliminates the one-time transfer limitation). The proposal also makes other adjustments to existing transfer legislation including narrowing transfer windows for graduate transfers (must now enter by the end of their respective sport's window) and further adjusting graduate transfer legislation to better align with undergraduate transfer legislation. This legislation is ***Effectively Immediately*** except the transfer window for certain fall and winter sports shall remain open until May 1.
2. **Name, Image, Likeness** – The Council adopted two proposals relating to NIL:

- a. ***Student-Athlete Disclosure:*** Proposal amends the previously adopted student-athlete disclosure requirements and specifies that a student-athlete who elects to disclose NIL deals of \$600 or more, as prescribed, may receive NIL-related assistance/services from their institution as permitted by Proposal 2024-3 (below). ***Effective: August 1, 2024.***
 - b. ***Institutional Involvement:*** Proposal allows institutions (and third-party service providers contracted by the institution) to provide NIL-related assistance and services (e.g. tax and legal services, identify and secure NIL deals, etc.) to student-athletes provided NIL-related compensation is not provided by the institution and the student-athlete is not required to accept such services and maintains authority over any agreements. ***Effective Immediately.***
3. ***Publicity of MBB Skill Instruction*** – The Council adopted legislation to permit skill-instruction in MBB to be publicized/conducted in public provided the activity occurs on campus or at a facility regularly used for practice/competition. ***Effective Immediately.***

A few additional abbreviated highlights from NCAA DI Board of Directors meeting.

1. The Board formally ***approved*** proposed legislation relating to transfers and NIL (institutional involvement, and disclosure) as adopted outlined above.
2. The Board took action to remove Autonomy Conference status from the Pac-12 Conference (effective immediately) but determined that the Conference (and/or any other conference in the legislated two-year “grace period”) shall maintain representation on the Council with a weighted vote representative of an FBS non-Autonomy conference. However, the Pac-12 will not maintain representation on NCAA Sport Committees (e.g. Men’s/Women’s Basketball Committees, Baseball Committee, etc.) during this period.
3. The Board reviewed and supported a plan for establishing a women’s basketball performance fund that would begin with initial distribution in 2025-26 based upon performance in the 2024-25 Women’s Basketball tournament. The plan will continue to be reviewed/refined in the summer/fall, with a potential full membership vote expected at NCAA Convention in January 2025.

We also ask that FARs consider nominating themselves or their peers for the FAR of the Year and Newcomer of the Year (1-3 years of experience) to be presented at the 2024 FARA

Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, November 14-16.

Deadlines for nominations is June 1, 2024.

- [D1 FAR of the Year Award](#)
- [D1 Newcomer of the Year Award](#)

The D1 Executive Committee is also looking to fill a position for a D1 FAR from an institution that does not have football (FBS or FCS). If interested in nominating yourself or a fellow FAR:

<https://questionpro.com/t/AM3zVZI2h6>

On behalf of the D1 Executive Committee – thank you for your commitment and dedication to our student-athletes. Good luck this spring and all the best to your athletic teams!

Joe Hanus

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