

## CCACA Minutes

### 3-3-04

Perry stated that the Atlantic 10 encouraged institutions to retain receipts to track usage of the Special Assistance Fund for Student-Athletes (SAFSA). A small number of conferences noted that receipts were audited as part of a conference compliance review. It was the sense of the group that failure to retain the receipts would not be an NCAA violation, but it would make it difficult for an institution to verify that the SAFSA was spent properly.

### 9-4-02

It was agreed that supplies were not part of a grant-in-aid and, like other Bylaw 16 items, may be provided using the Special Assistance Fund for Student-Athletes at an institution's discretion.

It was noted that institutions are still encouraged to pay for benefits that NCAA rules permit without using the SAFSA. The SAFSA is not meant to supplement an institution's budget to pay for items it could otherwise pay for under NCAA rules. One suggestion: If an institution doesn't otherwise pay for supplies for its student-athletes, the SAFSA may be used. If an institution does pay for supplies for its student-athletes, it should not use the SAFSA. (Would you like ice skates with that?)

### 8-1-01

Update on Management Council's recommendation for eligibility for use of the fund.

In addition, it was agreed that the \$500 allowance could also be used for student-athletes expenses to travel home. It was agreed that the definition of home should be left to the discretion of each conference. It was also agreed that expenses referred only to transportation expenses, not room and board while on the trip.

### 5-9-01

Reviewed Committee on Financial Aid' suggestions regarding the 2-12-02 recommendation for student-athlete eligibility for the SAF.

### 2-12-01

Discussed a recommendation to forward to the Management Council regarding the eligibility of student-athletes for the fund.

### 12-6-00

Foreign Student-Athlete Special Assistance Fund Receipts – 14% Withholding Tax – discussed the manner in which the 14% tax is withheld from SAF checks cut by

the conference office. The response from conferences that cut the checks directly to their institutions was that the institutions are responsible for withholding the funds. Some other conferences address the checks directly to the student-athlete, but there was concern about the logistics of withholding the tax funds for those conferences.

One conference is going to cut two checks: one check directly to the school for the 14% withholding tax and another to the student-athlete for the remainder of the fund request. The institution would then be responsible for the funds and would treat them similarly to any other tax withholding

**8-8-00**

Agreed the use of the fund for medical insurance should be interpreted by each conference on a case-by-case basis.

**6-14-00**

Agreed the NCAA should not make reference to the possible use of the fund in response to ARS and/or incidental expense waiver requests.

**2-7-00**

Affirmed its commitment to oversight and interpretation of uses of the fund. Recognized the need to focus on ways to expand those eligible for funds as well as uses of the fund due to a likely increase in dollars available.

**9-15-99**

Supported AEC position that responsibility of fund interpretations should be left to the conference offices, as is the current practice.

**4-7-98**

Reviewed America East survey.

Agreed not permissible to purchase sports equipment through the fund if institutions otherwise pay for such items.

**11-10-97**

Agreed the fund may be used to purchase primary insurance for a student-athlete who is not covered by his/her parents' insurance.

**10-13-97**

Support a proposal to expand the number of student-athletes eligible for the fund.

Fund may be utilized to cover prenatal expenses if the SA's health insurance does not cover such expenses. Also noted the institution could use the fund to purchase health insurance for the SA to cover these costs.

Tabled a suggestion that conferences approve requests by merely verifying the existence of a SA emergency and/or essential circumstance rather than trying to determine if the request falls into one of the permissible categories.

**6-9-97**

Permissible to use the fund during the summer provided the SA was eligible for funds during the previous academic year.

**4-14-97**

Institution should seek an incidental expense waiver before using the fund for an injured student-athlete who has exhausted all insurance for treatment and rehabilitation.

Agreed an institution cannot use general operating expenses when it exhausts its fund, but can borrow against next year's allotment.

**12-6-96**

Permissible to use the fund to purchase clothing for a SA's children.

**11-11-96**

Per David Berst, receipt of SAFSA does not have an affect on the receipt of federal financial aid. If the total amount of aid received by a student-athlete exceeds the cost of attendance, the institution would be required to document all sources of aid and the amount of over award. Further, a domestic student-athlete would be required to submit a tax return if the student-athlete reaches a minimal level of income.

**10-14-96**

Fund cannot be used for any costs covered by a scholarship.

Do not believe receipt of money through fund impact a student-athlete's financial aid package. David Berst is seeking clarification. Doris Dixon is researching tax implications.

Confirmed it is permissible for an institution to pay for athletics medical insurance with the fund.

Agreed the fund may be used for expenses incidental to participation but that the institution should request an incidental expense waiver before using the fund.

**9-9-96**

Noted that a student-athlete may still have need after federal methodologies are applied.

Institutions cannot use the fund for expenses normally covered by the institution.

**8-20-96**

Clarified student-athletes that have access to the fund: SAs with exhausted eligibility may receive funds, foreign and domestic SA not receiving Pell may be eligible for are receiving countable aid and have demonstrated need, and nonqualifiers may not receive funds during the first year in residence.

**4-4-96**

Received an “unofficial” update on the NCAA task force meeting on the fund – discussion regarding broadening access, permissible uses, tax implications.

**3-19-96**

Noted that some uses of the fund may result in an adjustment of the Federal cost of attendance figure.

**3-5-96**

Agreed that from this point forward the clothing allowance limit is to be used on a per academic year and not per request basis.

Confirmed income from the fund is taxable.

**2-19-96**

Staff’s opinion that the clothing allowance limitation is to be used on an academic year basis and not per request. Group favored an increase in the clothing limit, but not a removal of the limit.

Confirmed funds received are taxable – but no obligation of institution or conference to file tax information (1991 NCAA Ad Hoc Committee).

**2-8-96**

Questioned whether clothing limitation was per request or per academic year.

**12-19-95**

Discussed issues related to monitoring the fund (types of computer programs being used).

**11-8-95**

Recommend to CCA to expand the eligibility of the fund to full grant-in-aid SAs who are not Pell recipients based on demonstrated need, allow non-Pell SAs access to all uses of the fund; and allow institutions to use the fund to purchase health insurance premiums.

Agreed the fund could not be used to purchase a computer for another department on campus that would then be rented by a SA using the fund.

**10-24-95**

Agreed to recommend to CCA that use of the fund be expanded to allow conferences the discretion to use the funds for foreign and domestic SAs who meet the established need criteria and who are receiving the value of a full grant-in-aid.

Agreed a SA who had medical expenses from a term in which the SA was not eligible for the fund could use the fund now to pay those expenses if the SA is now eligible for the fund.

Most conferences confirmed they required certification outside the athletics

department for a SA to be eligible to use the fund.

**10-10-95**

No objection to allow conferences the discretion to use the funds for SAs with demonstrated unmet needs that were receiving the value of a full grant-in-aid, even if the grant was not from an athletics source but were unsure if this could be done as an interpretive issue or if it altered the original intended use of the fund.

**9-12-95**

NCAA has not taken action on CCA recommendation to allow payment for insurance premiums from the fund.

Permissible to use the fund for recommended books but not required books.

**8-22-95**

Executive Committee did not approve CCA recommendation that health insurance premiums be added as a permissible use of the fund.

**6-13-95**

Agreed to not support the use of the fund to pay for a foreign SA's tax liability.

**3-21-95**

Noted an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding the use of the fund for babysitting purposes and agreed this was not a permissible use of the fund.

**2-9-95**

Executive committee determined the fund could not be used for payment of medical insurance premiums. Agreed to forward a recommendation to CCA that this be allowed.

**12-15-93**

Agreed the fund could be used to cover medical expenses for a SA who had to withdraw during a term due to medical reasons.

**10-20-93**

Agreed that there had not been any change in the ability to utilize the fund to cover the payment of an insurance premium.

**9-22-93**

Discussed issues related to why the fund was not being used by institutions.