

## N4A Committees and Mission Statements

### Professional Development Division

**Research:** To assist existing committees in research endeavors, to support graduate student research, to provide a forum for scholarly interaction and publication, to assist N4A leadership in collecting research from the membership, and to maintain an archive of academic research relevant to the work of N4A members.

**Strategic Planning:** To develop the N4A strategic plan, to evaluate and monitor the progress of the plan, to assist committees in meeting the goals of the plan, and to advise N4A leadership on the timeline for developing a new plan.

**Model Practices:** To assist in identifying policies, practices, and programs that can be used to enrich student-athlete support services programming in areas such as: Academic Advisement, Academic Integrity, Disability Resources, Life Skills, Target Populations, and Tutoring.

**Institutes:** To develop and offer educational programming and development for the membership and to assist in the leadership of the N4A certification program.

### Student-Athlete Development Division

**Ethnic Concerns:** To expand the awareness of N4A members of challenges facing ethnic minority student athletes as well as athletic/academic professionals. Also, to formulate a plan of action to increase the involvement of professionals from underrepresented programs and address the holistic nurturing of cultural, professional, and intellectual development of the membership.

**Life Skills:** To support the efforts of members in their goal to provide student athletes with a well-rounded collegiate experience.

**Student-Athlete Recognition:** To recognize student athletes who have made unique contributions to intercollegiate athletic programs.

**LGBTQA:** To explore ways to provide education, information, and training to the N4A members so that they can assist and support student athletes. To serve as an ally and resource to LGBTQA professionals and the Association.

**Learning Concerns and Enhancement:** To explore existing programs and service options available to student athletes with learning concerns and to educate the membership regarding techniques and strategies for learning enhancement; to encourage collaboration of all support services for the enhancement of student athletes; and to identify the unique issues of the field and provide communication and support for professionals.

### **Membership Services Division**

**Membership:** To facilitate the orientation of new members, to coordinate activities that enhance the continuity of the membership, and to focus on retention and recruitment efforts for membership.

**Legislative Affairs:** To provide an analysis of pending legislation which can affect N4A members and their student athletes; to develop new proposals, amendments, and concepts to be considered by the appropriate constituents within the NCAA. To serve as a liaison with these associations and to disseminate information on legislation to the N4A membership.

**Two-Year Colleges:** To serve a diversified and changing school system and its student athletes through excellence in teaching and support systems. To communicate with the N4A membership about topics impacting two-year colleges and the students transferring from their institutions.

### **Special Committees**

**Committee on Special Task Force:** These special task forces are created by current N4A members who work together to develop a solution to general administrative and legislative concerns brought forth by the membership, sponsor groups (NBA, NFL), and various affiliate groups such as the NCAA and the D1-A Association. (See Section 503)

**NFL-N4A Advisory Committee:** Charged with creating degree completion opportunities for collegiate non-graduates who have pursued a professional sports career by forging relationships between N4A members, NFL Player Development, and the Transit Group.