

NCAA Division I Council
Update on Use of Student Assistance Fund (SAF)
for Expenses Related to Cost of Attendance

1. In response to questions from several nonautonomy conferences, representatives from the five autonomy conferences met Monday afternoon to discuss their current position on the use of the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) to provide other expenses related to attendance at the institution (i.e., expenses other than tuition and fees, room and board and required course-related books) when those expenses are included as part of a student's financial aid agreement.

2. As a result of that conversation, the answer to Question No. 9 in the Autonomy Legislation Question and Answer document will be revised to state that it is permissible to use SAF to provide other expenses related to attendance at the institution when those expenses are included in a financial aid agreement, provided the SAF funds used in such a manner are counted toward the student's individual and team financial aid limits.
 - a. It remains permissible, subject to institutional and conference policies and procedures, to use SAF for other expenses related to attendance at the institution that are not included in the student's financial aid agreement.
 - For purposes of NCAA financial aid legislation, providing such expenses in this way does not affect the student's individual or team financial aid limits.

 - b. Legislation continues to preclude using SAF for tuition and fees, room and board and required course-related books.
 - Institutions remain responsible for ensuring that SAF funds, including those disbursed under the circumstances described above, are not used to provide tuition and fees, room and board or required course-related books during a regular term and are not included when reporting athletics aid for revenue distribution or other NCAA Bylaw 20 purposes.

3. The Autonomy Legislation Question and Answer document will be revised to reflect the application described above once the new answer is drafted by the staff and reviewed by the five autonomy conferences.