MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2017

TO: NCAA Sport Science Institute.

FROM: Faculty Athletics Representatives Association Executive Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Substance Use Prevention Toolkit.

The Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) Executive Committee applauds the efforts of the NCAA Sport Science Institute in facilitating the creation of the NCAA Substance Use Prevention Toolkit. We are pleased to offer our formal endorsement of this document and will work to encourage campus faculty athletics representatives to engage with other stakeholders to provide education and support for student-athletes.

Faculty athletics representatives (FARs) are tasked, in part, with ensuring the well-being of student-athletes on campuses throughout the country. FARs are uniquely positioned as a resource that is knowledgeable about and involved in the athletics department and with student-athletes, yet generally have a reporting line to the campus chancellor/president or other senior staff member(s). Through this arrangement, the FAR is perfectly positioned to facilitate communication between athletics, academics and other entities on campus to "reduce substance abuse and promote healthy choices that enhance athletic performance and lifelong health."

While the implementation methods of the content of the toolkit will likely vary across campuses, the FAR Executive Committee fully supports the efforts of the Sport Science Institute in this arena and stands ready to help FARs support this work on their campuses.

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