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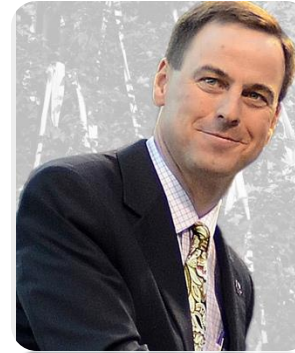


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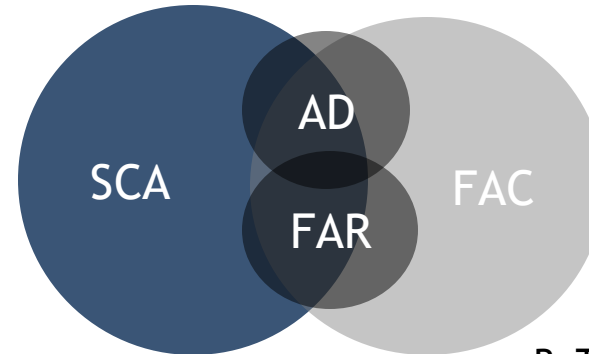
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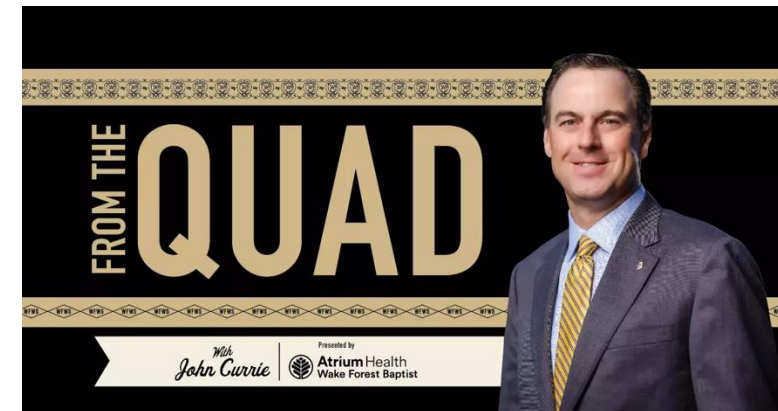
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# NCAA Leadership Representation

John Currie, Vice President & Director of Athletics, appointed to NCAA Division I Council

- Source: [WF Athletics](#), July 22, 2024
- WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Wake Forest University Vice President & Director of Athletics John Currie was recently selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference's representative on the NCAA Division I Council. Currie's term on the Council will continue through June 2028. The Council is the high-level group responsible for the NCAA Division I's major day-to-day issues and long-term decision-making which reports to the NCAA Board of Directors. Its members include athletics directors, administrators, senior women administrators, faculty athletics representatives, and student-athletes. The Council oversees all NCAA Division I Committees, including the Football and Men's/Women's Basketball Oversight Committees.



- NCAA has agreed to [settle](#) a major lawsuit (House vs. NCAA), [AP News](#)
- House case was driven, in part, by the [9-0 Supreme Court Alston case ruling in 2021](#) in which justices ruled that the NCAA cannot limit education-related benefits colleges offer their athletes. Justice Kavanaugh suggested the NCAA may be violating antitrust law.
- Judge Claudia Wilken, whose previous rulings in NCAA cases paved the way for SAs to profit from their fame, retires in May 2025 and is tasked with signing off on the final agreement
- \$2.77 billion settlement of multiple antitrust lawsuits that were challenging limits on college athlete compensation
- NCAA and conferences have agreed to a revenue-sharing plan with athletes in addition to the damages the NCAA will pay out
- Schools will be permitted to divert about \$22 million to their athletes, starting in 2025, a number that is expected to rise as athletic revenues rise for power conference schools.
- Wake Forest and other ACC schools will annually lose ~\$1 million in NCAA revenue due to the settlement





# NCAA Increases Sports Scholarships, Roster Limits

“INDIANAPOLIS – Dozens more scholarship spots are coming to NCAA sports.

During a meeting Tuesday, power conference commissioners finalized new roster-size limits that pave the way for athletic departments to distribute millions of dollars in new scholarships to athletes in, most notably, football, baseball and softball. Conference officials with knowledge of the figures spoke to Yahoo Sports under condition of anonymity.” **Source:** Ross Dellenger, [Yahoo Sports \(July 24, 2024\)](#)

## Key Changes:

[New revenue-sharing model](#) begins in 2025-26 (AY), and by-sport scholarship restrictions are eliminated. Schools are now able to offer scholarships to their entire rosters.

All sports will now be considered “**equivalency sports**,” meaning partial scholarships can be distributed to players. Currently, football, basketball and other sports are considered “head-count sports” which requires scholarship players to receive a full grant.

**Football:** Roster limit increases from 85 to 105

**Baseball:** Scholarship offerings increase from 11.7 to 34

**Softball:** Scholarship offerings increase from 12 to 25

**Volleyball:** Scholarship offerings increase from 12 to 18



**Note:** No sport will see a reduction in scholarship spots. Roster limits must be set at or more than current scholarship limits for each sport.

# ACC & Conference Realignment

- SMU, Cal-Berkeley, and Stanford are now full ACC members as of this fall (17 schools in total)
- Earlier this year, Clemson and Florida State sued the ACC over matters related to the legitimacy and enforceability of the ACC's grant of rights and media deal with ESPN
- ACC media deal with ESPN netted each program about [\\$40 million in 2021-22](#), but the deal is set to expire in 2036. However, per FSU's lawsuit filing, that deal may only be guaranteed until 2027.
- In comparison, Big Ten and SEC schools' media deals with FOX and ESPN, respectively, pay out over \$50 million to each school.
- **Significant concerns and questions as to where Wake Forest would land were the ACC to dissolve or how its financial standing might be impacted should the conference survive but be reconstituted (e.g., loss of Florida State, Clemson, other schools)**

