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Session Summary and Panelists Bios

Next Steps for College Sports: Federal Legislation, Enhanced Conference-Level Governance, and Alternatives

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The Knight Commission's public session will examine the leading scenarios that could bring greater stability to the management of college sports. With the landscape in flux—from possible enactment of the Protect College Sports Act to increase conference self-governance—leaders must be ready to lead through change and define the next era of college athletics governance.

Panelists Bios

Tim Buckley - Tim Buckley began his role as senior vice president of external affairs on March 1, 2023. Buckley has more than 15 years of experience in government relations, political communications, and public affairs strategy, and oversees the Association's government relations and communications efforts to strengthen relationships with key constituents at the state and federal levels. Buckley also engages membership, media, policymakers, coalitions, and other stakeholders to advance the NCAA's mission and goals.

Steven C. Eigenbrot, Ph.D. - Steven Eigenbrot is the Vice President of Athletics at Towson University, where he leads an athletics program comprised of 19 sports and nearly 500 college athletes. During his time at Towson, the Tigers have earned 16 conference championships across the regular season and postseason and nine NCAA postseason appearances. He has also overseen extensive capital project renovations and elevated the department's external revenue, including securing more than $5 million in new philanthropic commitments. Before arriving at Towson, Eigebrot spent nearly 12 years at the University of South Carolina, where he oversaw the Gamecock Club and led the $248 million Garnet Way Campaign. He also has experience on national governing boards, having served on the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee and FCS Football Regional Advisory Committee.

Anil Gollahalli - Anil Gollahalli is chief legal officer and general counsel of the Big Ten Conference. Gollahalli works collaboratively with the Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors, athletics directors, and general counsels at all conference member institutions. With his diversified experience, he spearheads the conference's legal and strategic efforts for innovating and shaping the dynamic collegiate landscape and is considered among the foremost experts in the issues facing college athletic programs today. Gollahalli joined the conference from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as vice president and general counsel for more than 14 years. He also practiced law in Dallas, working extensively in the

intellectual property fields, and served as law clerk to the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Gollahalli received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a juris doctorate from the University of Chicago.

Robin Harris - Robin Harris is the second full-time Executive Director of the Ivy League Council of Presidents, serving in the role for 17 years. She has remained committed to guiding and advancing the Ivy League's priorities that are grounded in academic and athletic excellence. During her tenure, Harris negotiated and expanded the Ivy League's television agreements, strengthened its brand, and added new championship events for several sports. The Ivy League consistently leads the nation in the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rate (APR) rankings. Harris has served on several national boards and committees, including the Women's Sports Foundation Board of Trustees, the USOPC Collegiate Advisory Council, and the NCAA Constitution and Division I Transformation Committees that proposed dramatic changes to college sports. Before joining the Ivy League, Harris led Ice Miller, LLP's Collegiate Sports Practice and spent nine years at the NCAA. She received her B.A. from Duke University and earned her law degree from Duke University School of Law.

Rob Mangas - Rob Mangas is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Federal Government Law & Policy group. He has represented clients before Congress and federal agencies from a variety of industries and in multiple policy areas, including trade, energy, environment, health care, biotechnology, transportation, financial services, information technology, artificial intelligence, manufacturing, tax, education, pensions, defense, and foreign relations. He previously served as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Wendell Ford, the former Senate Majority Whip. Mangas played football at the University of Kentucky, where he was an Academic All-American.

Jamie Pollard - Jamie Pollard is the Director of Athletics Emeritus at Iowa State University, where he served for 22 years as Director of Athletics, and a current member of the President's Roundtable to Fix College Sports. During his tenure, Iowa State won 24 Big 12 team titles in eight different sports, while 24 athletes won individual NCAA championships. He also spearheaded the CyTown mixed-use entertainment district to drive new revenue for the athletic department. Pollard has been honored twice as the FBS Athletics Director of the Year by NACDA, and a three-time finalist for *Sports Business Journal's* AD of the Year. He also served on several national committees, including the USOPC Collegiate Advisory Council and the NCAA Division I Basketball Committee. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he earned four letters in cross-country and three in track & field and won an NCAA Division III Outdoor 5,000-meter title.