

Advocacy Update **October 31-November 4**

W. Virginia files lawsuit against Big East(November 1)— West Virginia has filed a lawsuit against the Big East that they breached their contract by not protecting the conference from instability. Although the case is expected to be settled before going to trial, the result will undoubtedly affect the University of Pittsburgh and Syracuse University and their departure from the Big East as well. [Read More](#)

Will \$2,000 change the college world? (November 1)— In what is seen as a historic reform, the question now is how many conferences will actually award the stipend. Three non-BCS commissioners stated that if they agree to pay the \$2,000, they would most likely give it to men's and women's basketball in order to stay Title IX compliant. [Read More](#)

Changes likely for athletics certification program(November 1)-The Committee on Athletics Certification has proposed a new certification program. The program would focus on academics, student-athlete experience, fiscal management, and inclusion (gender and ethnicity) and would provide a yearly update on the categories. [Read More](#)

Spirit Lake members suing over Fighting Sioux logo (November 1)— It is being reported that the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe has filed a lawsuit against the NCAA to keep the Fighting Sioux nickname at the University of North Dakota. [Read More](#)

Rep. Bobby Rush: NCAA is dirty, 'would make the mob look like choirboys' (November 2)-US Representative Bobby Rush, in his roundtable discussion, *Hypocrisy or Hype? The Impacts of Back-Room Deals, Payoffs, and Scandals in American Collegiate Student Athletics*, compared the NCAA to the Mafia less than a week after the NCAA passed what has been hailed as landmark reforms. That statement has overshadowed all other aspects of the discussion, including the discussion on Title IX outliving its purpose. [Read more](#)