

1.1 MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

WHO WE ARE

The Drake Group is a (501(c)(4) non-profit advocacy organization working to better educate the U.S. Congress and higher education policy makers about critical issues in intercollegiate athletics.

At the heart of our purpose is disseminating fact-based research and recommendations that enable policy makers to advance legislation to make college sport a better place by ensuring that there is academic and ethical integrity in the conduct of college athletics programs.

We believe that the promise of college athletics is its continuing contribution to the development of participants and the excitement and community it brings to the higher education campus, alumni, and fans. We believe that this promise is only fulfilled if athletes who create this excitement are protected from educational and economic exploitation, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, and gender identification, and physical and mental abuse.

GOALS

POLICY

MAKER

EDUCATION

Influence development of state and federal legislation related to improving college sport.

LEGISLATIVE REFORM

Lobby for federal legislation that furthers academic integrity and athlete well-being, emphasizing the imperative of ensuring quality education for college athletes.

MISSION

Educate policy makers and advance legislative initiatives that foster academic integrity and athlete wellbeing in intercollegiate athletics

OVERVIEW 2023-28 OBJECTIVES

Issue non-partisan fact- and principle-based position statements on current legislation related to college sport.

Disseminate TDGEF fact-based research to legislators who are crafting legislation, producing reports or conducting hearings on intercollegiate athletics reform.

Identify academic experts to assist policy makers in the development of legislation.

Secure sufficient funding to engage in legislative visits and other advocacy activities.

Assist sponsors of positive legislation in obtaining co-sponsors and TDG allied organizations to support such bills

Advance federal legislation that would compel revisions in athletics governance necessary to eliminate or reduce the corrosive aspects of commercialized college sports

Solicit the involvement of like-minded organizations and individuals in urging Congressional passage of bills that advance positive change in college athletics

Advance legislation to establish a Congressional Advisory Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Advocate for federal legislation that requires higher education institutions to make transparent data related to education outcomes, gender and race equity, and fiscal conduct of intercollegiate athletic programs.

Advance federal legislation that provides college athlete short- and long-term athletic injury and health protection, eligibility and financial aid due process rights, and rights to be treated as other students regarding outside employment.