

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS  
FEBRUARY 23, 2012 TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - None.
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
  - None.

**Informational Items**

1. **Division I Presidential Working Group Update.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an update on the Division I Presidential Working Groups, specifically addressing miscellaneous education expenses concept and multi-year scholarships proposal. The committee requested that the NCAA national office staff provide continued education to the Presidential Working Groups and all Division I Cabinets regarding the effect of these recommendations and other possible legislation on gender equity. Additionally, the committee requested that education be provided to the membership prior to and after the adoption of legislation that could have an impact on gender equity issues.
2. **Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) and NCAA Gender Equity Reporting.** The committee discussed the current difference between the annual reporting deadlines for the federal EADA and NCAA financial reporting system, which are October and January respectively. The committee previously supported establishing a single deadline for both reports to make it more convenient and efficient for the membership. Consequently, the NCAA staff reached out to the US Department of Education to see if the submission dates could be streamlined. However, the Department of Education did not agree to change the reporting date, noting that their October deadline allows the data to be reviewed earlier by all prospective students. The current NCAA system allows the membership to pull data for the EADA and NCAA at the same time.
3. **Division III Male Practice Players Legislation.** The committee reviewed the Division III SAAC report, noting that the Women Basketball Coaches Association had requested that Division III SAAC review proposed changes to the current male practice players legislation. SAAC discussed the proposal at its January 2012 meeting and did not support the proposed changes to the legislation.



**4. Emerging and Olympic Sports.**

- a. Triathlon. The committee received an update on the status of triathlon requesting consideration as an emerging sport and, specifically the requirement to obtain its 10 letters of support. It was noted that it is over halfway towards this goal. The committee anticipates reviewing triathlon's request move forward in the emerging sport process and letters of support at its June meeting. Due to the Division I legislative moratorium, the following academic year will then be used to develop the detailed legislative framework for the sport along with resolving any other issues (e.g., playing rules).
- b. Rugby. Ellen Owens, head rugby coach at University of California at Berkley, and Binh Nguyen, NCAA Assistant Director of Academic and Membership Services, provided an update on changes to the legislative concepts being discussed for rugby. Specifically, the concepts would result in adjustments to the playing and practice seasons regulations that support institutions to have both 7s and 15s teams. This would allow teams to participate in competitions that support either format and at the time of year most appropriate for that school. The committee supported the changes to legislation as it would make the legislation flexible enough to allow for both formats, potentially grow varsity sponsorship and provide more competitive opportunities for women. As a result of this process, the committee will wait to review rugby's status on the list of emerging sports for women until such time as legislation is passed and institutions have time to explore the new competitive opportunities available.
- c. Sand Volleyball. The committee was provided an overview of the sand volleyball national championship, which will be held April 26 through April 28 in Gulf Shores, Alabama, for teams and individual teams. The tournament is sponsored by American Volleyball Coaches Association and will be covered by CBS.com.
- d. Acrobatics and Tumbling and STUNT. The committee received two detailed update-reports from these sports pursuing emerging sports for women status. Both groups are continuing to explore a singular proposal and are providing data to the committee as more seasons of competition occur.

**5. Inclusion Summit Update.** Bernard Franklin, NCAA Executive Vice President of Membership Services, provided the committee with an update on the Inclusion Summit. Franklin noted that a strategic initiatives document will be distributed at the April governance meetings and to the membership.



- 6. Title IX Update.** NCAA staff provided the committee an update on its correspondence with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in regard to Title IX. Specifically, the staff reported that OCR confirmed that it is committed to continuing to count indoor track participation as separate from outdoor track, so long as the participants have a legitimate varsity competitive experience.

**7. Other Business.**

- a. NCAA Resources and Trainings. The staff reported on the NCAA sponsorship of the International Olympic Committee's Conference on Women and Sport, as well as the new format for the NCAA Equity & Inclusion Forum and half-day trainings on Title IX at the two regional rules seminar sites. The committee noted the distribution of new resources for the membership: SWA best practices; Title IX Coordinator and Title IX policy; and the updated NCA Equity & Title IX manual.
- b. NCAA Committee Demographics Report. The committee reviewed and discussed a report on the demographics of NCAA committees, which the committee had requested at its previous meeting. It was noted that the committee will continue to review the demographics of NCAA committees to ensure equal representation opportunities.
- c. Expansion of Championship Opportunities. The committee discussed potential effects on gender equity with the expansion of championship brackets in several sports, including Division I football. The committee plans to continue its review of this issue across all three divisions to ensure equal championship participation opportunities.
- d. Division III Strategic Initiatives grant. The staff provided the division with additional information regarding its request to include the NCAA Women Coaches Academies and regionals as an opportunity for receipt of grant funds.

**8. Programming and Resource updates.**

- a. Search Firm Summit. Kim Ford, NCAA Director of the Office of Inclusion, provided the committee with an overview of a Search Firm Summit being sponsored by the NCAA at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention. Ford noted that various advocacy groups as well as search firms will have a dialogue to create strategies for broad inclusion of under-represented groups during the search process.



- b. Title IX 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. NCAA staff provided an overview of various information and events connected to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX, including activities at the NCAA Women's Final Four.
- c. NCAA/NACWAA Institutes and NCAA Women Coaching Academies. It was noted that registration is open for the NCAA/NACWAA Institutes and NCAA Women Coaching Academies and the "Huddle" continuing education event for female coaches. The committee previously supported allowing additional participants who wanted to pay for their own tuition to attend the coaching academies. That opportunity will be provided for the first time at this summer's events.
- d. Student-Staff Relationship Resource. NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview of "Staying in Bounds," a resource that addresses the ethical and legal ramifications of student-staff amorous relationships, as well as best practices for institutions. The committee commissioned this resource after watching the presentation of Mariah Burton Nelson, Executive Director for the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, at the Gender Equity Forum last year. The resource will be made available to institutions and conferences in April.
- e. Woman of the Year Award. NCAA staff provided the committee an update on the selection process, including noting that three new members have joined the selection committee.

## **9. Future Meetings.**

- a. June 19-21, 2012 Meeting. In June the committee will be meeting jointing with the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, as well as the newly created subcommittees of Minority Issues, LGBT Issues, and Disabled Student-Athlete Issues. The June meeting will also be the first with the new structure with presidents serving on each committee.
- b. October 15-17, 2012 Meeting. During its October meeting, the committee will meet jointly with MOIC and also have the opportunity to attend the Woman of the Year Awards event held on October 14, 2012.



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*Staff Liaisons: Karen Morrison, Inclusion; Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement; Lynn Holzman, Academic and Membership Affairs.*

February 23, 2012 Teleconference	
Attendees	Absentees
Sarah Feyerherm, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Washington College (Maryland)	Jill Bodensteiner, Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance, University of Notre Dame
Timothy Hall, Director of Athletics, University of Missouri-Kansas City	
Barbara Hannum, Faculty Athletics Representative, Hawaii Pacific University	Tamica Jones, Director of Athletics, Clark Atlanta University
Myndee Kay Larsen, Associate Commissioner, The Summit League	Syndee Reeves, Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representative, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Portia Lowe Hoeg, Director of Athletics, Allegheny College	
Carmen Leeds, Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Emporia State University	
Danez Marrable, Associate Athletic Director for Student Services, University of Alabama at Birmingham	
Rick Mazzuto, Director of Athletics, California State University, Northridge	
Jack McDonald, Director of Athletics, Quinnipiac University	
Marilyn Moniz Kaho'ohanohano, Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, University of Hawaii, Manoa	
George VanderZwaag, Director of Athletics, University of Rochester	
Jessica Williams, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representative, Virginia Commonwealth University	
Other participants:	
Kim Ford, NCAA	
Bernard Franklin, NCAA	
Karen Morrison, NCAA	
Binh Nguyen, NCAA	
Ellen Owens, head rugby coach at University of California at Berkley	