MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Participants:

Michael Adams, University of Georgia, chair
Charles Bantz, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
James Barker, Clemson University
Debbie Chin, University of New Haven
Damon Evans, University of Georgia
John Fry, Franklin & Marshall College
Bruce Grube, Georgia Southern University
Stephen Jordan, Metropolitan State College of Denver
Robert Kustra, Boise State University
Del Malloy, Salve Regina University
Harvey Perlman, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
John Peters, Northern Illinois University
Beverley Pitts, University of Indianapolis
Thomas Powell, Mount St. Mary's University
Shirley Raines, University of Memphis
Paul Trible, Christopher Newport University
Nancy Zimpher, University of Cincinnati
Myles Brand, NCAA
Bernard Franklin, NCAA
Delise O'Meally, NCAA, recording secretary

Anthony DiGiorgio, Winthrop University, was unable to participate. Edward Ray, Oregon State University, participated via telephone.

Also in attendance were: Gary Brown, director of NCAA News; Scott Bearby, managing director of legal affairs/associate general counsel; Erik Christianson, director of public and media relations; Elsa Cole, vice president of legal affairs/general counsel; Joni Comstock, senior vice president of championships/senior woman administrator (SWA); Dennis Cryder, senior vice president of branding and communications; Jim Isch, senior vice president of administration/chief financial officer (CFO); Tom Jernstedt, executive vice president; Kevin Lennon, vice president of membership services; Tom Paskus, principal academic research scientist; Todd Petr, managing director of research; Wallace Renfro, senior advisor to the NCAA president; Bob

Williams, managing director of public and media relations; David Berst, Daniel Dutcher and Mike Racy, NCAA governance vice presidents; and Beth DeBauche, Leah Nilsson and Terri Steeb, NCAA governance directors.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the meeting") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the Committee's agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by the chair, President Adams. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and announcements. Adams welcomed members and staff to the meeting. He welcomed Pitts, the new Division II Presidents Council vice chair.

2. Approval of August 7, 2008, meeting minutes.

   It was VOTED

   "To approve the Executive Committee minutes of the August 7, 2008, meeting as distributed."

3. NCAA President's report.

   a. Executive session. The Executive Committee convened in executive session and received an update on the facility expansion.

   b. Football Limited Liability Company (LLC). The Committee also received a report from Jernstedt on a Football LLC established to centralize and improve football officiating. The framework of the LLC was developed in 2006 through collaboration with the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) and the NCAA. A national coordinator was appointed to serve as a national spokesperson for college officiating issues; work directly with the college football community to accurately communicate officiating issues; create and develop national training programs; assign and evaluate postseason officiating crews; and coordinate national meetings of the college officiating community. Jernstedt noted positive reaction at the end of the first year. He also noted that the CCA has expressed interest in possibly establishing a similar LLC for basketball.

c. Officials' background check update. The Committee received an update on the NCAA game officials' background check program. The program has been in existence for several years and requires individuals officiating an NCAA Division I championship in the sports of baseball, men's basketball, men's ice hockey or women's basketball, or a postseason football bowl game, to agree to a background check every year. The Committee acknowledged the importance of consistency in the way background checks are conducted for all these sports and supported a recommendation that President Brand appoint a staff group to apply consistency. It also noted the need to expand the criteria used to determine eligibility to serve as an official by adding a financial element that may trigger further review. To this end, an individual's financial status and/or involvement in the casino industry may require additional review.

4. Litigation update. The Committee received a report from the NCAA general counsel regarding litigation and settlement actions.

5. NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Divisions II and III Presidents Councils reports.

a. Division I Board of Directors. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division I Board of Directors. These included:

1. Division I Committee on Academic Performance (CAP). Received a report from the CAP that it:

a. Reviewed graduation success rate (GSR) data, which show student-athletes continue to perform well in the classroom with more student-athletes graduating from college. The GSR data indicate that 79 percent of student-athletes in the 2001 cohort graduated.

b. Learned that preliminary academic progress rate (APR) data show encouraging news. The Board of Directors discussed the importance of sharing this good news with the media.

c. Agreed to sponsor legislation in the 2008-09 legislative cycle to require a two-year college transfer student to have his/her initial academic eligibility certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to the end of the student-athlete's first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at a Division I institution.

d. Agreed to grant the CAP time to develop a mechanism to track the APR performance of head coaches and to engage coaches' associations in this discussion. As part of the discussion, the Board of Directors noted there may be more pressure placed on academic support personnel.

2. Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group. Received a brief update on the work of the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, which has been charged with, not only identifying characteristics that may improve the academic performance of Division I men's basketball student-athletes, but with suggesting changes that would enhance the academic performance of those student-athletes. The Board noted that the group is expected to have recommendations by April 2009 but that much work needs to be done, especially with regard to transfer students.

3. Report of the Division I Leadership and Legislative Councils. Received a report from the Division I Leadership Council. The chair of that group noted that there is a high level of enthusiasm regarding the new Division I governance structure. All of the cabinets and Councils have met to identify issues for the Division I agenda, and there has been a great focus on enhancing levels of coordination regarding addressing issues on the Division I agenda. The Board also received a report from the Division I Legislative Council. There are 68 proposals in the annual Division I legislative cycle, and the Board used its legislative authority to sponsor two proposals in this year's cycle.

4. Championships travel. Received a presentation from Joni Comstock and Dave Schnase in which they discussed recent travel industry trends and reviewed a series of recommendations designed to address concerns related to the high cost of championships transportation and the reduction in flight capacity.

b. Division II Presidents Council. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division II Presidents Council. These included:

1. Division II academic success rate (ASR). Recent data indicate that Division II student-athletes are graduating at about a 70 percent rate. Division II has collected ASR data for three years, which include transfer and nonscholarship student-athletes into the calculation and, as a result, reveal a more accurate picture for graduation rates than the federal graduation rate. For the three-year cohort, the ASR is 15 percentage points higher than the federal rate (70 percent versus 55 percent) and 16 points

higher for the entering class of 2001 (71 percent versus 55 percent). Additionally, for the last 10 years, Division II student-athletes have federal graduation rates that are significantly higher than their student-body counterparts. For the entering class of 2001, the difference was nine percentage points (55 percent to 46 percent).

2. 2009-12 Division II strategic plan. Endorsed the new 2009-2012 Division II strategic plan, which aligns with the Division II strategic positioning platform. As a result of that alignment, the division has developed five strategic goals for the next three years, which include (a) academics and life skills; (b) athletics operations and compliance; (c) game day and conference and national championships; (d) membership and positioning initiatives; and (e) diversity and inclusion. The updated Division II strategic plan will be distributed to the membership at the 2009 NCAA Convention.

3. Diversity issues. Division II has made a commitment to gender equity, and the Presidents Council has undertaken discussions to provide greater awareness of gender-equity issues within the division, along with the tools and resources available to member schools. The division also has spent time discussing challenges for Hispanic-serving institutions (HSI) in Division II. While the Division II Presidents Council will continue to promote gender-equity awareness among Division II chancellors and presidents and monitor Division II HSI challenges, it believes both issues deserve greater attention from an Association-wide perspective.

4. Division II elections. Jordan was re-elected to serve as chair of the Presidents Council for a second term in 2009. Additionally, the Presidents Council will have four new members in 2009: Philip Gerbino, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia; Judith Ramaley, Winona State University; Mickey Burnim, Bowie State University, and Carolyn Mahoney, Lincoln University. Tim Selgo, director of athletics, Grand Valley State University, was elected chair of the Division II Management Council. His term will begin immediately following the close of the Division II business session at the 2009 Convention.

c. Division III Presidents Council. The Committee received an update on the actions of the Division III Presidents Council. These included:

1. White papers on membership growth. Reviewed the status of its series of white papers on the future growth of the division and agreed that the themes of the first two papers – (a) presidential leadership and (b) the philosophy and identity of Division III – are especially significant. The

Presidents Council agreed to seek ways for presidents to better manage the affairs of the division, both in terms of the structure and duties of the Presidents Council, and the more focused and effective involvement of Division III presidents at the Convention. Further, it noted that after several years of examining potential criteria that could divide the division, it now is time to share the many positive aspects of Division III through a marketing and branding initiative. This effort should emphasize the Division III philosophy, which was strongly endorsed in the spring membership survey.

2. Presidents Council nominations. Formally nominated four new members for terms beginning with the close of the 2009 Convention: James Schmotter, Western Connecticut State University (Little East Conference); Ron Thomas, University of Puget Sound (Northwest Conference); James Bultman, Hope College (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association); and Kendall Baker, Ohio Northern University (Ohio Athletic Conference). It also approved its 2009 leadership: Paul Trible, Christopher Newport University, chair; and Jim Harris, Widener University, vice chair.

3. Budget and strategic plan. Received a report from the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee regarding the final 2007-08 budget-to-actual, as well as 2008-09 projections. It also acknowledged that, as part of its strategic plan review, the division will engage in a comprehensive evaluation of all Division III programs supporting diversity and gender equity.

4. Drug education and testing pilot update. Received a report on its drug education and testing pilot. At the midpoint of this two-year pilot, the four emerging issues are the levels of self-reported substance use; student-athlete consensus on drug testing; differences in use patterns inside and outside of the playing season; and alignment of drug-testing results and self-reported substance abuse across terms. The pilot's final report will be issued in the fall of 2009.

6. NCAA Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity Issues.

a. The Committee received a report from the Executive Committee Subcommittee on Gender and Diversity Issues that included an update on the recommendations from the Diversity Leadership Strategic Planning Committee. The subcommittee noted four key areas of focus: (1) fostering the diversity of student-athletes; (2) promoting a climate of inclusion; (3) recruitment hiring and retention; and (4)

supporting, integrating, and promoting women's sports. The subcommittee noted that progress is being made in all areas of oversight.

b. It reviewed a report from the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics. The subcommittee reviewed research reports that indicate high school participation data and preliminary NCAA Gender Equity Report statistics show fairly flat participation improvements for women, and decreases in operating and recruiting expenses for women's teams in Division I. The subcommittee also reviewed a report from the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC) and noted some concern related to the lack of diversity within governance committees and the overall lack of racial/ethnic minority athletics administrators at NCAA member institutions. It also discussed the issue of sudden cardiac arrest and the disparate impact this disease has on student-athletes of color. The subcommittee noted that MOIC will continue to discuss this issue.

c. The subcommittee continued its discussion on several issues surrounding gender and diversity. The subcommittee noted that data support the notion that in Division II, while the number of women participating in sports has increased, it has not increased in proportion to participation rates for men. In fact, in recent years, the trend seems to indicate a greater number of male sports being added, thus offsetting any gains for female athletes. Additionally, a demographic shift in certain regions of the country indicates an increase in the Hispanic/Latino population, and, therefore, an increasing number of Hispanic-serving institutions. This shift suggests the need for an exploration of how the NCAA can impact the Hispanic/Latino community in a way that eventually will lead to more Hispanic/Latino student-athletes, graduates, coaches and athletics administrators in the future. The subcommittee requested additional research on these issues and will continue these discussions from an Association-wide perspective during its next meeting.

d. Finally, the subcommittee noted that Antoine Garibaldi, president of Gannon University, received a waiver of Division II Presidents Council policies and procedures to continue to serve as chair of the subcommittee through 2009. Garibaldi's term on the Division II Presidents Council ends at the close of the 2009 Convention.

7. Other business. The Executive Committee reviewed a request from a Division I conference to permit absentee voting at the NCAA Convention. Pursuant to its authority to address Association-wide matters, the Committee affirmed the current policy that requires institutions to be present at the Convention in order to register a vote.

8. Future meetings. The Committee reviewed its future meetings schedule.

9. Adjournment. Adams adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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