REPORT OF THE
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE
AND COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Items.

None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Association-wide.

1. **Review of the current activities of the Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).** CWA provided an update on emerging sports for women's programs and efforts being made to collect data regarding the senior woman administrator role for further discussion. MOIC noted the work presently being done to update its strategic plan and collaborations being established with the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education and the Hispanic Association of College and Universities.

2. **Task force on the impact of violent behavior involving student-athletes.** The committees were provided with an update on the national office's effort to address the impact of violent behavior involving student-athletes. The issue was originally referred to the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct and input from CWA and MOIC is being requested. The committees provided the following suggestions: request that efforts be made to ensure collaborations with campus student judicial affairs groups; and, because it is not presently known how widespread this issue may be within membership that the NCAA should focus on developing educational resources for coaches, student-athletes and administrators.

3. **Transgender student-athlete participation**. Leah Kareti, NCAA staff, provided the committees with an update on transgender student-athlete issues. The Division III governance staff presently has taken the lead on this matter as it has been addressed at the Presidents Council, Management Council and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee levels within the division both from an eligibility and student-athlete well-

being standpoint. The Division III Presidents Council has requested that efforts be made to raise awareness of the issues, identify available resources that address transgendered student-athletes' well-being, and to develop a timeline to create an NCAA policy on transgendered student-athlete participation. It was stressed this is an Association-wide membership issue even though the issue was first raised in Division III.

4. **NCAA Matching Grants for the Advancement of Minority Women Coaches update.** Teaera Strum, NCAA staff, provided an update on the NCAA matching grant. Nine organizations received grants during the 2010-11 selection process with funding awarded in the amount of $189,875. There were 12 grant requests received with four first time applicants of which one was selected. The matching grants support opportunities for associations and organizations in their efforts to promote coaching as a profession for minority women; identify, recruit and maintain women in the coaching profession; develop professional development strategies for minority women coaches at all levels; enhance partnerships; and to strategically promote opportunities for minority women coaches.

5. **NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship update.** Strum also provided an update on the Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Career in Athletics. The goal of this program is to increase the pool of minority and women candidates obtaining sports-related graduate degrees. The NCAA awards 13 scholarships to ethnic minorities and women college graduates (total of 26) who will be entering their initial year of postgraduate studies. The applicant must be seeking admission or have been accepted into sports administration or another program that will help the applicant obtain a career in intercollegiate athletics such as: athletics administrator, coach, athletic trainer or other career that provides a direct service to intercollegiate athletics. A new leadership student orientation symposium component was added this year to enhance the scholarship program. Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-12 process.

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