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David Blank, Elon University; Jeff Schemmel, San Diego State University; and Jeffrey Stapleton, Monmouth University, were not able to attend. Geoff Cabe, senior associate commissioner at the Southern Conference, attended as an alternate for David Blank; Raynoid Dedeaux, director of championships at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference attended representing the conference; Carolayne Henry, associate commissioner at the Mountain West Conference, attended as an alternate for Jeff Schemmel; and Robert S. Krimmel, director of athletics at Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania), attended as an alternate for Jeff Stapleton. No alternate attended on behalf of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

REPORT OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2009, MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

a. NCAA Bylaw 31.1.11 (Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures).

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to increase the maximum fine without prior NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approval that may be imposed for an institution's failure to adhere to published administrative procedures.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The $300 maximum has not been increased since the adoption of NCAA Bylaw 31.1.11. Research suggests that $600 in today's dollars is the equivalent of $300 when the original legislation was adopted. This proposal simply increases the maximum fine that may be imposed without seeking prior cabinet approval. Any fine above $600 would continue to require prior cabinet approval.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Event Certification – Women's Basketball – Geographic Requirement.

(1) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt emergency legislation to amend Bylaw 30.16 to specify that each prospect participating on a nonscholastic team in a certified women's basketball event must be a legal resident of the same state in which the team is located or a legal resident of a geographically adjoining state; further to specify that not more than three prospects from adjoining states may participate on a nonscholastic team.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Currently, there are no restrictions on where participants on a women's nonscholastic basketball team must reside. In recent years, there

has been an increase in the number of elite prospects who participate on nonscholastic teams located several states away from their legal residence. This proposal creates an "adjoining state" rule that discourages the "rental" of elite prospects by teams across the country, while providing prospects who reside in geographically remote areas the opportunity to participate on a nonscholastic team. The same provision has been in place for men's basketball since the summer of 2003. Based on information provided by the NCAA basketball event certification staff, in the summer of 2009, there were 189 teams of 3,050 that would have been in violation of the adjoining state rule if it had been in place for women's basketball. Ninety-nine teams had players from states that did not adjoin at all and 90 teams had more than three players from adjoining states. Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet is recommending that this proposal be adopted as emergency legislation so it can be effective for the summer of 2010 and to provide ample time to notify the event operators and coaches of this change.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Committees.

(1) NCAA Women's Bowling Committee Composition.

(a) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopts noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 21.4.2 to specify that the Women's Bowling Committee consist of seven members, including one non-voting secretary-rules editor (SRE). [NOTE: This item is contingent on approval of the necessary funds, see Informational Items No. 5k].

(b) Effective Date. August 1, 2010.

(c) Rationale. The current legislation governing the composition of the Women's Bowling Committee mandates that the Women's Bowling Committee have six members, including one member who shall serve as the SRE. The SRE was included in the Women's Bowling Committee composition initially because an individual member of the Women's Bowling Committee, at the

time the SRE position was created, was designated to serve in that role. That individual was selected as a Women's Bowling Committee member initially and then as the SRE due to his extensive knowledge of the sport and his familiarity with the rules of other bowling entities. The expertise of the SRE continues to be a valuable and necessary resource to the Women's Bowling Committee, and the cabinet supports the SRE's continued attendance at the annual Women's Bowling Committee meeting and at the championship. However, as the number of institutions sponsoring women's bowling continues to grow, a larger pool of administrators and coaches from which to draw Women's Bowling Committee members is available. With only five Women's Bowling Committee positions available due to one position being allocated to the SRE under current restrictions, it is sometimes challenging to meet the legislation. Finally, an additional Women's Bowling Committee position will provide more opportunity for diverse representation on the Women's Bowling Committee.

(d) Estimated Budget Impact. $3,065 for expenses of an additional Women's Bowling Committee member.

(e) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

(2) NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee Composition.

(a) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 21.7.5.5.5.3 and 21.7.5.5.5.3.15 to specify that the Men's Ice Hockey Committee may include staff members from an NCAA Division II or Division III institution that sponsors Division I men's ice hockey.

(b) Effective Date. August 1, 2010.

(c) Rationale. Currently, because the men's ice hockey championship is an NCAA Division I championship, an institutional staff member at an NCAA Division II or Division III institution is not permitted to be a member of the Men's Ice Hockey Committee, even if they sponsor the sport at the Division I level. The cabinet feels that any institution sponsoring men's ice hockey at the Division I level should have the opportunity to serve on the Men's

Ice Hockey Committee. Currently, there are 58 institutions that sponsor men's ice hockey at the Division I level, and of those institutions, 22 are members are Division II or Division III members. Due to the current restriction, certain ice hockey conferences have only three or four institutions from which to nominate individuals for membership on the Men's Ice Hockey Committee. This recommendation will allow the Men's Ice Hockey Committee to expand the pool of individuals who can serve on the Men's Ice Hockey Committee and help to grow the sport.

(d) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(e) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

(3) NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee Composition.

(a) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 21.5.2 to specify that the Women's Ice Hockey Committee be composed of three members from Division I and one at-large member.

(b) Effective Date. August 1, 2010.

(c) Rationale. The current legislation stipulates that the Women's Ice Hockey Committee be composed of four members; three from Division I and one from Division II. The current sponsorship for National Collegiate women's ice hockey is 37 institutions, of which only two compete at the Division II level. Consequently, the pool of interested and qualified candidates is very small. There currently are nine institutions (24.2 percent) whose multisport membership is in Divisions II and III, and the requested change would provide those institutions with equitable access to Women's Ice Hockey Committee service. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee would request that the nominating committee give preference to those institutions when filling the at-large spot.

(d) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(e) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Endangered and growth sports.**

(a) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Leadership Council appoint a working group to discuss and address issues related to endangered sports and sports that face challenges to their growth. Members of the group could include representatives from the Leadership Council, cabinet and the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

(b) Rationale. The cabinet recognizes the many challenges facing sports that are attempting to grow and in some cases simply remain viable. Such challenges include but are not limited to sports sponsorship, automatic qualification, geographic representation, and public interest. A working group of interested and capable coaches and administrators could be charged with promulgating the issues and developing possible solutions. While leaders from each sport will be encouraged to continue to strategically plan on a sport by sport basis, the cabinet believes that they would benefit from a broader review that hopefully will lead to a set of common best practices and policy or legislative changes that will positively benefit endangered and growing sports.

***KEY ITEMS*.**

1. 2010-11 and 2011-12 Budget. The cabinet reviewed budget recommendations from the entities that report to the cabinet. A majority of recommendations related to officiating fees, game operations, and host stipends. The cabinet commended the entities submitting the requests noting that it appeared that fiscal restraint was used in developing budget recommendations for the upcoming budget cycle. After approving (or not) the recommendations, the cabinet prioritized each recommendation that received cabinet approval. The cabinet noted that the prioritization exercise showed very little separation between those recommendations that were approved.

The cabinet agreed to request a total of $159,500 to fund new Division I initiatives and $89,515 from Association-wide funds to pay for increased softball-bat testing, the appointment of a secretary rules interpreter for women's gymnastics and an increase in the size of the Women's Bowling Committee. In addition, the cabinet approved $101,634 to cover additional costs related to officiating.

2. Track and Field Regionals. [For ease of future reference, this item also appears in the informational section below.]

The cabinet engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding track and field regionals. After reviewing and discussing significant feedback from the membership and the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, the cabinet agreed to maintain the current regional qualifying system and charged the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee to review the current model and consider alternative models that will continue to provide appropriate access and accommodate as well as provide some deference to obvious qualifiers. In addition, the cabinet charged the Men's and women's Track and Field Committee with developing a system that will mitigate the financial burden of a regional qualifying system. The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee should forward recommendations to the cabinet for review in September 2010. [Note: a motion to eliminate the regional qualifying system was defeated as was an initial motion to refer to the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee the issue of whether to maintain or eliminate regionals.]

3. Sand Volleyball. [For ease of future reference, this item also appears in the legislative section below.].

- The cabinet agreed to oppose NCAA Proposal No. 2009-83 as written which would, in women's sand volleyball, establish a playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes. The cabinet agreed to support the proposal if the proposal was amended as follows:

  (1) Limit the championship segment playing season to eight weeks beginning with the first Thursday in March. The cabinet intends this season to include the weekend following the Thursday that is eight weeks from the first Thursday in March.

  (2) Limit the number of dates of competitions to 18, regardless of the segment in which the date of competition is played. The recommendation would not establish a separate limit on nonchampionship segment dates of competition.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Modifications to cabinet sponsored proposals in the 2009-10 Legislative Cycle.

a. **Proposal No. 2009-56 Recruiting – Use of Recruiting Funds – Recruiting or Scouting Services – Criteria for Subscription.** Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2009-56 to include an additional criterion to prohibit an institution from purchasing more than one subscription to any one recruiting or scouting service. The proposal, if adopted, would establish criteria that must be satisfied in order for an institution to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, as specified in the proposal.

b. **Proposal No. 2009-30 – Recruiting - Permissible Recruiters – Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Men's Basketball**. Based on a recommendation from the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2009-30 to include women's basketball. This proposal specifies that, in basketball, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities shall not attend an off-campus athletics event involving prospective student-athletes (e.g., high-school contest, sports camp) unless the staff member is an immediate family member or legal guardian of one of the participants in the activity; further, it establishes conditions by which a staff member who is an immediate family member or legal guardian of a participant may attend such an event, as specified in the proposal.

c. **Proposal No. 2009-51 – Camps and Clinics –Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics – Location – Men's Basketball**. Based on a recommendation from the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2009-51 to include women's basketball. The proposal specifies that an institution's basketball camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

2. **Comments on Proposals Currently in the 2009-10 Legislative Cycle.** The cabinet reviewed proposals assigned to it for review that will be considered by the Division I membership as part of the 2009-10 legislative cycle and offered the comments below.

a. **Proposal No. 2009-75 – Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting - Mandatory Medical Examination - Sickle Cell Solubility Test.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-75 which would specify that the required medical examination or evaluation that student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST).

The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale, though some cabinet members discussed a desire to permit institutions to satisfy the intent of the proposal by obtaining the results of previous SSTs prior to participation and keeping those results on record.

b. **Proposal No. 2009-76 - Playing and Practices Seasons - Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities - Additional Restrictions - Countable Athletically Related Activities Between Midnight and 5 A.M.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-76 which would specify that countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m., except for during participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship, in any competition that begins prior to midnight and concludes after midnight, or a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season). The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

c. **Proposal No. 2009-77 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Women's Basketball - Preseason Practice - On-Court Practice - 30 Practices Within 40 Days Prior to First Contest.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-77 which would, in women's basketball, specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of practice prior to its first regular-season contest. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale but noted the position of the Women's Basketball Issues Committee and the potential change to preseason practice that may come as a result of their review.

d. **Proposal No. 2009-78 - Playing and Practices Seasons - Women's Basketball - Number of Contests - Maximum Limitations.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-78 which would, in women's basketball, specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition to 26 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple team event or 28 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

e. **Proposal No. 2009-79 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Nonchampionship Segment - Number of Contests and Dates of Competition and Travel Restrictions - Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball.** The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2009-79 as written, which would specify, in cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, that team travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground

transportation. The cabinet recommended that the sponsor modify the proposal to include an exception to permit those institutions that do not have any Division I institutions located within 400 miles of campus to fly to nonchampionship segment competition. If the sponsor does not agree to modify the proposal, the cabinet will sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet is supportive of the concept outlined in the proposal; however, some members expressed concern that geographically isolated institutions would be detrimentally impacted by the current proposal. The cabinet noted that the 400 mile radius is consistent with the current ground transportation policies related to when an institution must drive to a championship site. The cabinet also discussed a possible second exception for the University of Hawaii; however, it suggested that the Western Athletic Conference discuss the most appropriate way to draft such an exception and submit that amendment through the legislative process.

f. **Proposal No. 2009-80 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Football - First Contest - 14 Weeks Prior to December 1.** The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2009-80 as written which would, in football, specify that an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Thursday preceding the 14th Saturday prior to December 1. The cabinet noted concerns related to the increased cost of housing football student-athletes for an additional week as compared to current schedules.

g. **Proposal No. 2009-81 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Football - Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities - Summer Conditioning Period.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-81 which would, in football, permit an institution to designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

h. **Proposal No. 2009-82 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Limit on Number of Student-Athletes on an Outside Team - Vacation Period Exception and Outside Team Tours - Women's Rowing.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-82 which would, in women's rowing, specify that the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog and who may participate in international competition as a member of an outside team on a foreign tour shall not exceed two. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

i. **Proposal No. 2009-83 - Playing and Practice Seasons and Division Membership - Regulations for Playing Season and Minimum Contest Requirements for Sports Sponsorship - Women's Sand Volleyball.** The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2009-83 as written which would, in women's sand volleyball, establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes. The cabinet would support the proposal if the proposal was amended as follows:

(1) Limit the championship segment playing season to eight weeks beginning with the first Thursday in March. The cabinet intends this season to include the weekend following the Thursday that is eight weeks from the first Thursday in March.

(2) Limit the number of dates of competitions to 18, regardless of the segment in which the date of competition is conducted. The recommendation would not establish a separate limit for championship and nonchampionship segments.

j. **Proposal No. 2009-84 - Playing and Practice Seasons - General Playing and Practice Season Regulations - Preseason Practice - Women's Soccer.** The cabinet took no position on Proposal No. 2009-84 which would, in women's soccer, increase the preseason practice units from 21 to 29; further, it would establish criteria governing the activities permitted during the preseason practice period, as specified.

k. **Proposal No. 2009-85 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Softball - Preseason Practice and First Contest Date - Nonchampionship Segment.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-85 which would, in softball, specify that an institution that has not begun classes by September 15 may commence preseason practice sessions on or after that date and may play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition on or after that date. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

l. **Proposal No. 2009-87 - Administrative Regulations - Foreign Tours and Competition - No Institutional or Conference Foreign Tours.** The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-87 which would specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour. Some cabinet members were opposed to taking away the cultural opportunities gained by student-athletes on foreign tours; however, the majority of the cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

m. Proposal No. 2009-88 - Administrative Regulations - Foreign Tours and Competition - Eligibility of Student-Athletes - Incoming-Student Participation - Basketball. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2009-88 which would, in basketball, permit an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided: (a) he or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and (b) he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; further, to specify that a basketball student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

3. Proposals to be sponsored by the cabinet in the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

a. Personnel – Institutional staff member responsibility for banned drug use deterrence.

(1) Recommendation. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation to amend Bylaws 11 and 30 to specify that an institution is responsible for identifying a resource for questions related to NCAA banned substances and supplement use; further, to specify that any athletics staff member who has regular interaction with student-athletes shall be responsible for awareness of NCAA banned drug policies as specified below:

11.1.2.2 Involvement for approving the use of a banned substance. All athletics staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes should be made aware that: (1) The NCAA has a banned substances list; (2) that any nutritional supplement use may present risks to student-athlete health and eligibility, and (3) that student-athletes with questions about nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics resource person or persons as noted in 30.5.1.

30.5.1 Responsibility of Institution. Institutions must designate, educate and identify a person or persons to serve as the athletics resource for student-athletes' nutritional supplement questions or review. In addition, each member institution is responsible for ensuring compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug Testing Program [remainder of 30.5.1 unchanged].

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2011.

(3) Rationale. In some drug-test appeal cases heard by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, student-athletes have provided mitigation for a positive test noting that they were provided approval by an athletics department staff member to use a supplement product or medication that contained NCAA banned substances. Current NCAA rules require that student-athletes be educated about NCAA banned substances and the products that may contain them and holds student-athletes responsible for anything they ingest. Further NCAA policy advises student-athletes to check with appropriate athletics staff prior to ingesting any supplement or medication. However, current legislation makes it difficult to hold the staff member accountable for poor, and at times incorrect, advice. The cabinet agreed with the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports that institutions should be required to identify an educated resource person and ensure that staff members who interact regularly with student-athletes are educated on this topic. Failure to follow these steps will result in an institutional violation. Further, this should create a framework for a process that minimizes, if not eliminates, the number of times that student-athletes are not advised properly on this topic. All institutions will continue to receive information about NCAA banned drugs and contact information for the Resource Exchange Center, an authoritative resource for staff and student-athletes to inquire about medications and supplement products and whether they contain banned substances on the ingredients label.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athlete health, safety and eligibility will be better protected when athletics staff is held accountable for following NCAA drug policies and properly advising student-athletes.

b. Playing and Practice Seasons and Recruiting – Voluntary workouts – Requirements of strength and conditioning staff and sports medicine personnel.

(1) Recommendation. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation to specify that all strength and conditioning coaches conducting non-mandatory/voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities shall be required to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid

certification. Further, to specify that if sports medicine personnel are in attendance at the voluntary workouts, they must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deem appropriate.

(2) Effective Date. May 1, 2011. This effective date allows the proposal to proceed through the full 2010-11 legislative cycle and, if adopted, become effective for summer 2011 voluntary workouts.

(3) Rationale. The cabinet noted that since this legislation was added for football, other sports have added summer workout opportunities for incoming prospective student-athletes but have not adopted similar legislation pertaining to strength and conditioning coaches. The cabinet believes similar standards should be in place for all sports, noting that current legislation does not require sports medicine staff attendance at the voluntary workouts in these other sports. However, if sports medicine staff members do attend, the cabinet believes that they should have the same authority that exists for football workouts. Finally, the cabinet believes this legislation empowers institutions to implement similar standards for conditioning workouts in all sports and believes that requiring the strength and conditioning professionals to be CPR and First Aid certified provides an appropriate baseline for emergency response.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athlete health and safety would be enhanced.

4. Other Legislative Informational Items.

a. Proposal No. 2009-36 – Recruiting – Evaluations – Nonscholastic Evaluations During Academic Year – National Standardized Testing Weekends – Women's Basketball. Based on a recommendation from the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet withdrew Proposal No. 2009-36, which, in women's basketball, would have specified that evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur on any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered. The cabinet noted that the Women's Basketball Issues Committee and the Women's Basketball Coaches

Association would like more time to discuss the impact of this proposed change on the recruiting calendar.

b. **Exception to Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) for sports with multiple tryout events.** Based on a recommendation from the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, the cabinet referred to the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee a recommendation from the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee requesting an exception to Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) because the national team tryouts in fencing include multiple tryout events. The cabinet noted that other sports include multiple tryout events for national team selection and the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee has been asked by those sports to review the issue.

5. **2010-11 and 2011-12 Budget Items**. The cabinet discussed numerous budget requests and agreed to support the Division I initiatives listed in priority order below. It was noted that there is very little separation between the initiatives. Immediately following the list of supported Division I initiatives is a list of initiatives that will be funded internally from a championships officiating account.

New Division I initiatives.

a. **NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.**

- Budget increase for video replay.

(1) Recommendation. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee approved the use of video replay to be instituted during the season, as well as in championships competition. Video replay may be used at the meet at the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee's discretion (in consultation with the meet referee), provided it was previously set up for that purpose, aligned with a direct side view of the exchange end and maintain a speed of at least 25 frames/second (.04s). Video of this speed allows for two frames in each direction of what should have been 0.0, allowing for sufficient evidence to be indisputable and clear.

(2) Rationale. Timing and judging systems are mechanical and thus prone to periodic failure. The relay takeoff judging uses two mechanical devices to compare times, one on the top of the starting block and the finish pad at the end of the course. The current rules

have provision for making timing adjustments when the finish pad fails to record a time, but make no provision when the pad failure occurs as a part of a relay exchange. With the current rules there is no provision to deal with equipment malfunction in the interval +0.09 seconds to -0.09 seconds. This rule, proposed to protect the student-athletes, provides for a means to determine whether an equipment malfunction has occurred and a high standard for overturning the decision of the equipment.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. The costs to tie this system into the timing system used at the national championships would potentially be $5,000 for the men's championships budget and $5,000 for the women's championships budget.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. This initiative promoted fair competition. If the referees perceive that an erroneous call was made due to equipment failure, he or she can review the action and make a judgment based on the video evidence.

b. Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.

- Electronic verification of results.

(1) Recommendation. That electronic verification of results be implemented for the indoor and outdoor track and field championships, effective with the 2011 championships.

(2) Rationale. Verification equipment will give referees the resources to officiate more effectively in the field events thereby protecting the integrity of the competition. Video review is permissible per NCAA track and field rules and has already been incorporated into the championships for running events. The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee also looks to the precedent set by the national governing body for the sport, USA Track & Field, which has incorporated such equipment into standard meet operations for open events, including the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Track and Field trials.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $14,500. This figure is an estimate based on an annual cost of $5,500 for the indoor championships and $9,000 for the outdoor championships.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. The equipment will enhance the championship experience for the student-athletes by enabling referees to make informed officiating decisions.

c. NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

- Stipend increase for first- and second-round hosts.

(1) Recommendation. That the stipends for the first- and second-round hosts be increased by the amounts indicated below, effective with the 2011 championships.

Single gender sites – from $4,500 to $5,000.

Dual gender sites – from $8,000 to $9,000.

(2) Rationale. The current first- and second-round host stipends have been in place since 2004. During the past six years, the expenses incurred by the hosting institutions have increased as expectations to enhance the championships experience for the participating student-athletes have risen. The hosts stipends are intended to be used to off-set expenses incurred for securing the required officials (six chair officials and one head referee) for the competition, NCAA site representative travel expenses, and the hospitality area for coaches and student-athletes. The modest stipend increase seems appropriate given the length of time since the stipend was first set, coupled with rising costs to the hosting institutions to provide the basic championships requirements.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $16,000.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. The cabinet believes that the requested increase along with the elimination of the requirement of the hosts to provide a student-athlete banquet and/or reception will help maintain the current experience of the participating student-athletes at first- and second-round sites.

d. NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee.

- Regional stipend.

(1) Recommendation. That the stipend provided to regional hosts be increased from $16,667 to $20,000 effective with the 2011 regionals.

(2) Rationale. The cabinet believes that the additional stipend will allow the host to enhance the championship experience without creating an undue financial burden on the host. This year several hosts had to use their own money to offset some expenses incurred while operating the regionals.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $20,000.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. The additional dollars will be used to enhance the student-athlete experience at the regional sites.

e. Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.

- Timing group for outdoor track and field preliminary rounds.

(1) Recommendation. That the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee select the timing groups for the regionals and that the host sites be reimbursed for the groups' expenses.

(2) Rationale. The timing group is the foundation of meet operations and serves as the steward of data critical to the conduct of track and field. Furthermore, it is a critical labor-intensive and equipment-intensive component of the meet. The cabinet believes that a common timing group at the two championship sites will provide the consistency and expertise necessary to conduct an efficient and accurate meet that upholds the integrity of the sport. Currently, the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee leaves the decision of the timing group to the host institutions as the host is responsible for the expense. The level of expertise and familiarity with NCAA policies and procedures established by the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee varies widely across the timers hired by the hosts. In addition to establishing consistency across the two championships sites, this proposal offers significant budget relief to the hosts which, in turn, will generate greater hosting interest.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $45,000. This estimate is the combined expense for two preliminary round sites held over the course of three days. The going rate for a timing group at an outdoor track and field meet is approximately $7,500 per day of competition.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

f. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

- Regional host stipend increase.

(1) Recommendation. That the regional host stipend increase from $3,500 to $7,000, effective for the 2011 championships.

(2) Rationale. Currently, hosts charge institutions a fee per-student athlete entry to help pay the costs for hosting a large regional event. The current stipend is not enough to pay the officials for the larger regional events. Increasing the stipend will alleviate the financial burden on the host institution so, in turn, they will not have to charge as much (or possibly anything) for entry fees.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $14,000 ($3,500 each for four regional sites).

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

g. NCAA Women's Softball Rules Committee.

- Enhanced softball bat compliance testing.

(1) Recommendation. That the funds be allocated to support the enhancement of softball bat-compliance testing and additional bat testing.

(2) Rationale. Securing bats from teams as they are eliminated from any round of 2010 postseason competition creates a wider base for post-competition compliance testing. Addition of barrel-compression testing before the 2010 postseason competition, and the continuation of post-competition lab tests, will provide assurance that barrel compression testing is valid and will lead to compliance efforts in the regular season beginning in 2011. After

applicable notification to the membership in general, and further notification specifically to teams that had bats that exceeded the standard in the first three years of testing, implementation of penalties for noncompliance will help ensure competitive equity and student-athlete safety and welfare.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $81,250. Current budget of $30,000 would be reallocated to cover any possible increased expanded testing costs before the next budget cycle in 2010-11.

(a) $45,000 to test 60 additional bats ($500-$750 each), which would include a bat from half of all teams across all three divisions in postseason competition.

(b) $2,250 for shipping expenses.

(c) $9,000 to purchase 12 barrel compression testing machines.

(d) $20,000 additional travel expenses.

(e) $5,000 Equipment Consultant stipend effective September 2011.

[Note: It is anticipated that this initiative would be covered by Association-wide funds.]

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes who own a bat secured for lab testing would receive a replacement bat or reimbursement following test results. If the results showed the bat exceeds the standard, the bat may not be returned, replaced or reimbursed.

h. NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee.

- Increase Travel Party Size.

(1) Recommendation. Increase the squad size travel party from 12 to 15.

(2) Rationale. Men's gymnastics is a sport decreasing in sponsorship. Providing three additional spots on the travel party would create more opportunities for student-athletes to potentially compete in

NCAA competitions, specifically the national qualifier and the national championships. The average gymnastics team has 16.9 student-athletes. Only 17 institutions in the country remain that sponsor men's gymnastics. There are fewer opportunities for men to participate and compete in NCAA gymnastics. Increasing the squad size will create opportunities for gymnasts to join one of the existing NCAA programs and be provided with chances to compete. If more student-athletes are able to compete at the national championship, it can potentially increase the visibility and promotion of the sport. Allowing an increase in squad size opens competition opportunities to those who would not have that opportunity if there were numerous other institutions that sponsored men's gymnastics. In addition, many student-athletes are specializing in one event. By increasing the squad size, a team can bring more specialists in a specific apparatus, which can contribute to the quality of the event and competition.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. There would be no direct budgetary impact for the 2009-2010 year. Beginning with the next budget cycle, the budget for this initiative would be $18,000. Institutions would have to cover the financial expenses associated with per diem and hotel expense for the three additional student-athletes during the 2009-10 year.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

i. NCAA Women's Rowing Committee.

- Mandate of administrator at the NCAA championship administration meeting/increase in travel party size.

(1) Recommendation. That an administrator from each team be required to attend the administration meeting at the NCAA championships. Further, that the travel party increase from 31 to 32.

(2) Rationale. The cabinet previously approved rowing to be treated as a team sport at its September 2007 meeting, and it took effect for the first time this past season with 16 full teams at the 2009 championship. Currently, every team sport mandates that an administrator is on site at the administration meeting that is held at

the national championship. Rowing is the only championship that does not have this requirement. Currently, the travel party size of 31 allows teams to bring 25 student-athletes, four coaches, team boatman/rigger and SID or trainer. It would be very difficult to have an administrator added to the 31-person travel party due to the other people that are essential to the team. The Women's Rowing Committee feels that during these economic times that it would be unfair to ask for an administrator to be mandated at the meeting without the increase in travel party. As in other championships, the Women's Rowing Committee would like for the administrator to be someone that does not have SID or athletic training responsibilities to be free to handle any administrative situations that come up during the championships.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $18,000.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. This would make sure an administrator from each institution is on site to support the student-athletes.

j. NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

- Umpire improvement program.

(1) Recommendation. Provide resources to support the baseball umpire improvement program to increase the amount of in-season evaluations of umpires.

(2) Rationale. As the baseball championship continues to improve and grow, it is important that the level of officiating similarly improve. Increasing the amount of frequency of in-season evaluations by the national coordinator and regional advisors will provide for a better assessment of Division I umpires and better ensure that the best umpires work the championship each year.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $4,000.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

k. Women's Bowling Committee.

- Women's Bowling Committee Composition.

(1) Recommendation. That the Women's Bowling Committee consists of six members and an additional member who shall be a nonvoting secretary-rules editor (SRE).

(2) Rationale. The current legislation governing the composition of the Women's Bowling Committee mandates that the Women's Bowling Committee have six members, including one member who shall serve as the SRE. The SRE was included in the Women's Bowling Committee composition initially because a member of the Women's Bowling Committee at the time the SRE position was created was designated to serve in that role. That individual was selected as a Women's Bowling Committee member initially and then as the SRE due to his extensive knowledge of the sport and his familiarity with the rules of other bowling entities as the Women's Bowling Committee developed playing rules and policies. The expertise of the SRE continues to be a valuable resource to the Women's Bowling Committee, and the Women's Bowling Committee strongly supports the SRE's continued attendance at the annual Women's Bowling Committee meeting and at the championship. However, as the number of institutions sponsoring women's bowling continues to grow, a larger pool of administrators and coaches from which to draw Women's Bowling Committee members is available. With only five Women's Bowling Committee positions available due to one position being allocated to the SRE, it is sometimes challenging to meet the legislated divisional requirements for the composition of the Women's Bowling Committee, and an additional Women's Bowling Committee position will provide more opportunity for diverse representation on the Women's Bowling Committee.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. $3,065. [Note: It will be requested that the Association-wide committee budget cover this allocation.]

Meeting	Transportation Costs	Per Diem Days	Per Diem Rate	Hotel Nights	Hotel Rate	Total Cost
Annual	$600	3	$75	2	$170	1,165
Champ	$600	6	$75	5	$170	$1,900
						$3,065

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

l. NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee.

- Secretary-rules editor (SRE).

  (1) Recommendation. That funding for the position for a women's gymnastics SRE be made available, effective with the 2010-11 season.

  (2) Rationale. NCAA women's gymnastics currently follows Junior Olympic (JO) Women's Code of Points Requirements (Level 10), with approximately nine pages of NCAA rules modifications. Currently, the Women's Gymnastics Committee chair, along with input from a women's gymnastics judge, provides rules interpretations throughout the year. Creating a SRE will eliminate the need of having a current Women's Gymnastics Committee member serve in this role. This person would also attend the coaches' association and annual Women's Gymnastics Committee meetings as needed.

  (3) Estimated Budget Impact. $5,200.

  (4) Student-Athlete Impact. Rules would be interpreted consistently throughout the country, which stresses the importance of safety, equity and quality experience for the participants.

m. Officiating allocations.

- The following initiatives will be funded from an internal championships account.]

  (1) Men's Baseball Committee – Championship Fees for Umpires - $30,969;

  (2) Women's Gymnastics Committee – Judges Fees - $8,150;

  (3) Men's Ice Hockey Committee – Frozen Four Officials - $5,175;

  (4) Women's Ice Hockey Committee – Officials fees - $2,400;

  (5) NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee – Umpire fees - $4900;

(6) NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee– Officials fees - $1,100;

(7) Men's Golf Committee– Stipend for Regional Head Rules Official - $3,000;

(8) NCAA Division I Women's Softball – Umpire fees - $26,150;

(9) Men's and Women's Track and Field– Fees for key officials - $13,440; and

(10) Men's and Women's Track and Field – Cross Country Officials - $1,150

6. Approval of Report from June 25, 2009, Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Teleconference. The report from the cabinet's June 25, 2009, teleconference was approved as previously distributed.

7. Report of the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee. On behalf of the full cabinet, the Administrative Committee took the following action:

a. Strategic fiscal planning. It was noted that over the next several months each sports committee will be asked to develop financial plans that prepare for either budget growth or budget reduction as a component of responsible fiscal planning. Sports committees will have an opportunity to engage in this planning exercise at their summer in-person meetings and report the results of those planning efforts for the cabinet's review at its summer or fall 2010 meetings.

b. National and regional coordinators for officials. The Administrative Committee approved the request from the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Committees to establish the positions of national assignor and regional coordinators for officials for the sport of soccer. It was noted that creating these officiating positions would streamline the officiating process and provide for greater consistency, accountability and quality control. Additionally, it was further noted that the positions would provide an opportunity to develop national educational strategies for officials throughout the country, assist in the recruitment of new officials and build upon the relationship with the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA). Funding for the positions will be achieved through budget neutral management.

c. **Bylaw 31.1.11 (Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures).** The Administrative Committee agreed to recommend that noncontroversial legislation be adopted to increase the maximum fine that may be imposed (without prior cabinet approval) against an institution for failure to adhere to published administrative procedures (see legislative action Item No. 1a).

d. **Endangered and emerging sports.** It was noted that the cabinet will discuss issues related to endangered and emerging sports at its February 2010 meeting.

8. **Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Policies and Procedures.** The cabinet appendixes have been reorganized, old appendix J, "Excerpted Legislation Governing Division I Cabinets and Committees" has been removed and the following four appendixes have been added: App C, DI Governance Structure; App I, DI Participation and Sponsorship Ratios Sheets; App N, Budget Timeline; App O, DI Academic Performance Program.

9. **NCAA.com Redesign.** The cabinet received a presentation from NCAA staff on the re-designed championships Web site. It was note that the previous Web sites tried to be all things to all people and that the new Web site would re-focus on NCAA championships. Coverage on regular season competition will continue but will be designed to build up to the championships.

10. **Officiating Web Site.** NCAA staff provided an update on the development of Web sites designed to expand and enhance the NCAA's officiating improvement efforts. It was reported that the NCAA acquired majority ownerships in Arbiter and Excel Sports Officiating which will assist the NCAA in providing education, training, and information to all officials. The first set of Web sites will be developed for baseball, basketball, football, soccer and softball.

11. **Bylaws 17 and 31 Review.** The cabinet engaged in a review of Bylaws 17 and 31 and identified areas for possible cost reduction. The cabinet directed NCAA staff to develop a document containing the identified concepts and agreed to take formal positions on the concepts at the cabinet's February 2010 meeting.

12. **Travel Safety Review.** The cabinet heard a report with respect to travel safety and championships. It was noted that the NCAA Travel and Risk Management group in

conjunction with its agent, Short's Travel, conducts an annual review of the air travel providers used for championships travel, and that the process is one of serious consideration of a variety of performance data. The publication *Safety in Student Transportation*, which the NCAA co-sponsored, was referenced as a resource available to all membership institutions and conferences with best practices regarding many aspects of transportation, including ground transportation—a mode where decision-making is exclusively within the domain of the membership institutions engaged in such travel. It was noted that recent history shows relatively few air or ground incidents in connection with championships travel, especially considering the large numbers of student-athletes, travel parties and miles traveled.

13. **Bid Cycle Update.** NCAA staff presented an overview of the improved championships bid/site selection process. In pursuit of the goals of delivering the student-athlete experience and the efficient use of resources, an emphasis is emerging as to the strategic importance of site selection. The two primary objectives of the new bid cycle are: (1) to increase the awareness of prospective hosts for timely bid submissions thereby increasing the number of bid alternatives to consider across all championships; and (2) to evaluate and present recommended bids for award and approval in a comprehensive, integrated timeframe rather than current practice of one or two at a time, continuously. The cabinet was apprised of the promotional plan to "get the word out" to key stakeholders through a series of targeted communications and news articles. Bids for most sports (not including men's and women's basketball, football or baseball) are to be posted in December 2009 for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic cycle, along with 2012-13 and 2013-14 for wrestling, softball, women's volleyball, men's lacrosse, and men's ice hockey.

14. **Performance Standards Year-End Results/Observations.** The NCAA staff presented information concerning the performance standards measurement process which was reviewed in February 2009. Championships have been surveyed during the 2008-09 academic year, with results measured and averaged to determine both areas of strength and those that need improvement with respect to core deliverables included in each championship. NCAA staff reviewed the results (which generally accomplished or exceeded goals) and shared areas where the process of gathering data can be improved during the next championship cycle. It was also noted that through this process best practices can be shared among championships thereby strengthening all.

15. **Sports Wagering**. The cabinet reviewed the recently adopted policy (August 6, 2009) by the NCAA Executive Committee pertaining to legalized sports wagering and the location of championship competition which now states: "No predetermined or non-

predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship."

16. **Championships Travel**. The cabinet approved a continuation of the 400 mile fly/drive (150 ground) threshold for all sports (350 miles for men's and women's basketball).

In addition, the NCAA championships staff presented an update on continued monitoring and management of championships travel through the 2008-09 championships season. The actual results were encouraging when compared with the previous year, with an overall Division I reduction of $5.7 million or almost 20 percent.

It was noted that several items contributed to the savings, including the increased fly/drive mileage threshold, the baggage reimbursement limitation, and the availability and usage of the travel mileage calculation software as a tool during bracketing and selections. A forecast for the 2009-10 year was presented, with a hope that this past year's performance will stabilize and slow the growing escalation of travel costs for championships.

17. **SLOT Exercise.** At the request of NCAA staff, the cabinet agreed to participate in an analysis of championships strengths, limitations, opportunities and threats. Using a NCAA staff developed instrument to gather feedback, cabinet members agreed to provide feedback from both the institutional and conference levels by January 2010.

18. **Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.**

a. **Men's Baseball Committee.**

- Championship Squad Size Increase. The cabinet agreed to increase the squad size for the championship from 25 to 27. The official travel party size would remain at 35.

b. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.**

(1) Women's Final Four Travel Party Size. The cabinet did not approve a recommendation to reduce the size of the travel party for the NCAA Women's Final Four from 100 to 85. The cabinet commended the Women's Basketball Committee for identifying cost reductions but did not

feel comfortable taking such action independent of any action taken related to the travel party for men's basketball.

(2) Preliminary Round Host Travel Party Size. The cabinet did not approve a recommendation that would have reduced the travel party size for the host institution's team (if selected to the tournament field) in the first and second rounds from 52 to 32.

(3) Championship Mileage Threshold. The cabinet did not approve a recommendation to increase the travel party mileage threshold for the women's championship be increased from 350 to 400.

c. Women's Bowling Committee.

(1) Format change for qualifying rounds. The cabinet approved a recommendation specifying that the qualifying rounds at the championship will consist of round robin play in which each team will bowl one game against each of the other seven teams and that seeding for championship competition will be based on the teams' won-lost record during qualifying rounds.

(2) Selection criteria related to regular-season nonconference tournaments. The cabinet approved a change in the committee's selection criteria such that the daily formats for regular-season nonconference tournaments be consistent based on the number of days of competition. Specifically, one-day tournaments using Baker format (either match play or total pinfall); two-day tournaments using five-person team matches the first day and Baker format (match play) the second day; and three-day tournaments using Baker format the first day (total pinfall), five-person team matches the second day and Baker format (match play) the third day will be considered for selection purposes.

d. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

(1) Selection criteria – minimum number of bouts. The cabinet agreed to decrease the minimum number of bouts to be eligible for the championship from 21 to 18, effective with the 2010 championships.

(2) Selection criteria – 50 percent requirement. The cabinet agreed to eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete be required to participate in

50 percent of an institution's dual meets to be eligible for the championship, effective with the 2010 championship.

(3) Regional qualification requirement – win-loss requirement. The cabinet approved a recommendation that 20 percent be the required minimum win-loss percentage in scheduled dual meets in the same weapon to qualify to compete in a regional tournament, effective with the 2010 championships.

(4) Championships awards structure – change in format. The cabinet discussed but did not approve a change to the championship's award format. The change would have been to award only first place to the combined team winner and first through fourth place for each gender.

e. NCAA Division I Field Hockey Committee.

- Inclement weather policy. The cabinet approved a modification to the inclement weather policy such that in the event play is suspended during NCAA championship competition and all efforts have been exhausted, the Field Hockey Committee shall determine the advancing team as follows:

  If less than 35 minutes have been played the game must be completed within 24 hours. If the game cannot be completed within 24 hours, the advancing team is determined using current selection criteria. If more than 35 minutes have been played, the leading team shall advance. If at least 35 minutes have been completed when play is suspended, and the score is tied, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place.

  In addition, the above policy shall be applied to play-in games that cannot be completed before the selection of teams to the championship.

f. NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee.

- The cabinet granted an exception to the six core member requirement allowing the Big West Conference to be eligible to receive automatic qualification into the 2010 championship. It was noted that the Big West previously had six members and previously used the two-year grace period to retain its eligibility for automatic qualification. The cabinet did not approve a request by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference to waive the two-year continuity of membership requirement noting that the waiver was not supported by the Women's Golf Committee and that the relevant legislation specifically prohibits waivers of the two-year period.

g. Men's Gymnastics Committee.

- The cabinet approved an increase in the official travel party from 12 to 15 (see Information Items No. 5h). It was noted that the funding for the increase would not be available until the 2011 championship; however, institutions would be permitted to pay expenses (but not be reimbursed) for the additional three competitors for the 2010 championship.

h. Women's Gymnastics Committee.

(1) Date formula. The cabinet approved a modification to the date formula as follows: Regional's shall be conducted the first Saturday of April, with nationals moving to a Friday-Saturday-Sunday format the third weekend of April, effective with the 2011 championships.

Friday, April 15, 2011
Semifinal 1 – noon
Semifinal 2 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 2011
National Championship – between noon and 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, 2011
Individual Event Finals – between noon and 2 p.m.

(2) Assignment of teams to regionals. The cabinet approved a recommendation that for regional's, teams 19-36 be assigned to a site based on geographic proximity rather than remain in region or be moved to the next closest region, effective with the 2010 championship.

(3) Championships format. The cabinet approved a modification of the national championship format such that the top two teams (rather than three) advance from each preliminary session. As a result, four teams will compete in the national championship, effective with the 2011 championship. In addition, the cabinet discussed a recommendation that all six scores count toward the team total for NCAA regional and national competition. The cabinet referred this issue back to the Women's Gymnastics Committee to ensure that this recommendation reflects the positions of gymnastics coaches.

(4) Judges. The cabinet agreed to permit the Women's Gymnastics Committee to select six judges, one from each region and assign them to

regional sites. All remaining judges will be selected and assigned based on geographic proximity. It was noted that this modification would save the Association approximately $10,000.

i. Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

- The cabinet approved a waiver of the six institution requirement for College Hockey America, noting that ice hockey falls under the provision that in a sport with less than 30 percent sponsorship a conference with less than the six required schools is eligible for such a waiver. The waiver was endorsed by the Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

j. Women's Ice Hockey Committee.

- Per the request of the Women's Ice Hockey Committee, the cabinet discussed a possible waiver of the automatic qualification standards for College Hockey America. The cabinet confirmed its belief that waivers should not be granted for conferences that never met the standards (versus a conference that once met the standards but subsequently fell below). The cabinet did express sympathy for conferences in sports that are struggling to remain viable and agreed to provide feedback to the Leadership Council during its review of membership standards.

k. Women's Lacrosse Committee.

- The cabinet approved a modification effective with the 2010 championship such that hosts will have the ability to host first rounds on Saturday (in addition to the current format of Sunday) and the quarterfinals on Sunday (in addition to the current format of Saturday).

l. Women's Rowing Committee.

(1) Automatic qualification. The cabinet agreed to permit the Women's Rowing Committee to grant automatic qualification into the championship beginning with the 2011 championship. The cabinet directed the Women's Rowing Committee to provide a plan for providing automatic qualification when eligible conferences exceed 50 percent of the bracket.

(2) Individual awards. The cabinet approved a recommendation from the Women's Rowing Committee that no individual awards be given at the championship. It was noted that this change will result in a savings of approximately $3500.

(3) The cabinet approved a recommendation that the selection criteria of "results versus regionally ranked teams" be changed to two separate criteria which would be "results versus ranked teams in other regions" and "results versus regionally ranked teams in own region."

m. NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Committee.

- The cabinet approved an adjustment to the regional allocation formula such that the maximum number of slots a region may receive is three times the number of schools that sponsor the sport minus one.

n. Men's Soccer Committee.

(1) Date Formula. The cabinet approved an adjustment to the date formula such that the first rounds will be conducted on the Thursday after selections, the second rounds will be conducted on the Sunday three weeks prior to the finals, the third rounds will be conducted on the Sunday two weeks prior to the finals, the quarterfinals will be conducted on the Friday, Saturday or Sunday one week preceding the finals and the College Cup will be conducted the second weekend in December (Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday). It was noted that this change would be cost neutral and, therefore, would not have a budgetary impact.

(2) Inclement weather – alternate sites. The cabinet agreed to modify the Men's Soccer Committee's inclement weather policy as follows:

For preliminary-round sites, a team in the top 16 will automatically be selected as hosts, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host. If a game involves two seeded teams, the higher seed will host, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host.

If the field is unplayable, the host will have the opportunity to find a suitable alternate site. The criteria for an alternate site would be for the field to have a minimum dimension of 70x110 yards, and the field must be deemed playable by the games committee and approved by the Men's Soccer Committee.

o. Women's Softball Committee.

- The cabinet did not approve a recommendation that the minimum guarantee be increased from $5,000 to $7,500 and from $7,500 to $10,000 for super regionals.

p. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.

- The cabinet approved the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee's recommended zone diving zone realignments.

q. Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

(1) America East Conference waiver. The cabinet approved a request to grant the America East a waiver of the six "core member" requirement which will enable the conference to be eligible for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship. It was noted that the conference previously met the six core member requirement.

(2) Big West Conference waiver. The cabinet approved a request to grant the Big West a waiver of the six "core member" requirement which will enable the conference to be eligible for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship. It was noted that the conference previously met the six core member requirement.

(3) Change in hosting for top sixteen seeds. The cabinet discussed but did not approve a request that the Men's and Women's Tennis Committee be permitted to have the top sixteen seeds host first- and second-round competition regardless of their geographic location.

(4) Adjustment in bracketing principles. The cabinet did not approve a recommended adjustment that would have allowed the Men's and Women's Tennis Committee, when assigning teams to first- and second-round sites, to match teams seeded 1-8 with teams 25-32 and teams 9-16 with teams 17-24.

r. Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.

(1) Preliminary rounds. The cabinet engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding track and field regionals. After reviewing and discussing significant feedback from the membership and the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, the cabinet agreed to maintain the current regional qualifying system and directed the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee to review the current model and consider alternative models that will continue to provide appropriate access and accommodate as well as provide some deference to obvious qualifiers. In addition, the cabinet charged the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee with developing a system that will mitigate the financial burden of a regional

qualifying system. The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee should forward recommendations to the cabinet for review in September 2010. [Note: A motion to eliminate the regional qualifying system was defeated as was an initial motion to refer to the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee the issue of whether to maintain or eliminate regionals.]

(2) Officials for Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The cabinet did not approve a recommendation that would have provided lodging and fees for 110 outdoor track and field officials. In addition, the cabinet did not approve a request to provide 90 indoor track and field officials with lodging and fees.

s. NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee.

- The cabinet approved a modification to the selection criteria to include "results vs. non-conference opponents."

t. NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee.

(1) Automatic qualification waiver for the Big 12 Conference. The cabinet granted the Big 12 Conference a waiver of the six core institution requirement to enable the conference to be eligible for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship.

(2) Bracketing Exception. The cabinet approved a modification that effective with the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, if a replacement is needed for the championships and it involves an unseeded wrestler, the brackets would not need to be redrawn to avoid a conference/regional match-up that may inadvertently occur in the first round. If the replacement is for a seeded wrestler, then the brackets would still be redrawn to avoid conference/regional match-ups in the first round.

19. Committee Chair Appointments. The cabinet took the following action related to committees:

a. Women's Bowling Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Frank Parisi, head women's bowling coach at New Jersey City University, as the Women's Bowling Committee chair effective immediately.

b. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Wendell Jack, director of athletics at California Institute of Technology, as the Men's and Women's Fencing Committee chair effective immediately.

c. Women's Rowing Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Marshall Foley as the Women's Rowing Committee chair effective immediately.

d. Softball Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Craig White, associate athletics director at the University of Georgia, as the Softball Committee chair effective immediately.

e. Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Holly Sheilley, assistant athletics director for student development and Olympic Championships at the University of Louisville, as the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee chair effective immediately.

f. NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee.

- The cabinet appointed Andrew Schwartz, associate athletic director at Wagner College, as the Women's Water Polo Committee chair effective immediately.

20. Automatic Qualification. The cabinet awarded automatic qualification as follows:

a. Men's Baseball.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast

Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, Patriot League, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

b. Women's Basketball.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

c. Men's Golf.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference be granted automatic qualification for the 2010 championships.

d. Women's Golf.

- That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky

Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Big 12 Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon Conference, Ivy Group, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference and the Western Athletic Conference."

e. Men's Ice Hockey.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: Atlantic Hockey Association, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, College Hockey America, ECAC Hockey League, Hockey East Association and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

f. Women's Ice Hockey.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: ECAC Hockey, Hockey East Association, and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

g. Men's Lacrosse.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Eastern College Athletic Conference, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the Patriot League.

h. Women's Lacrosse.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Ivy Group and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

i. Softball.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Sun

Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific Coast Softball Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

j. Men's and Women's Tennis.

(1) Men's Conferences: The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

(2) Women's Conferences: The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

k. Men's Volleyball.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

l. Women's Water Polo.

- The cabinet approved the following conferences for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SCIAC), and the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA).

21. Site Selections.

a. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. The cabinet approved the following site as host institution for the 2010 zone diving competitions: Zone D Texas A&M University, College Station.

b. Men's Basketball Committee. The cabinet approved the following sites for the 2011-13 Final Four.

(1) 2011 Championship.

- The 2011 Final Four will be played in Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Championship Dates, Rounds	**City, State**	**Facility**	**Host(s)**
March 15 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton
March 17/19 1st/2nd Rounds	Denver, CO	Pepsi Center	Mountain West Conference
March 17/19 1st/2nd Rounds	Tampa, FL	St. Pete Times Forum	University of South Florida
March 17/19 1st/2nd Rounds	Tucson, AZ	McKale Center	University of Arizona
March 17/19 1st/2nd Rounds	Washington, DC	Verizon Center	Georgetown University
March 18/20 1st/2nd Rounds	Charlotte, NC	Time Warner Cable Arena	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
March 18/20 1st/2nd Rounds	Chicago, IL	United Center	Big Ten Conference
March 18/20 1st/2nd Rounds	Cleveland, OH	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland State University
March 18/20 1st/2nd Rounds	Tulsa, OK	BOK Center	University of Tulsa
March 24/26 West Regional	Anaheim, CA	Honda Center	Big West Conference
March 24/26 Southeast Regional	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Superdome	Tulane University
March 25/27 East Regional	Newark, NJ	Prudential Center	Seton Hall University
March 25/27 Southwest Regional	San Antonio, TX	Alamodome	University of Texas-San Antonio

(2) 2012 Championship.

- The 2012 Final Four will be played in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Championship Dates, Rounds	**City, State**	**Facility**	**Host(s)**
March 13 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton
March 15/17 1st/2nd Rounds	Albuquerque, NM	The Pit	University of New Mexico
March 15/17 1st/2nd Rounds	Louisville, KY	Louisville Arena	University of Louisville
March 15/17 1st/2nd Rounds	Pittsburgh, PA	Consol Energy Center	Duquesne University
March 15/17 1st/2nd Rounds	Portland, OR	Rose Garden Arena	University of Oregon
March 16/18 1st/2nd Rounds	Columbus, OH	Nationwide Arena	Ohio State University
March 16/18 1st/2nd Rounds	Greensboro, NC	Greensboro Coliseum	Atlantic Coast Conference
March 16/18 1st/2nd Rounds	Nashville, TN	Sommet Center	Ohio Valley Conference
March 16/18 1st/2nd Rounds	Omaha, NE	Qwest Center	Creighton University
March 22/24 East Regional	Boston, MA	TD Garden	Boston College
March 22/24 West Regional	Phoenix, AZ	US Airways Center	Arizona State University
March 23/25 South Regional	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Dome	Georgia Institute of Technology
March 23/25 Midwest Regional	St. Louis, MO	Edward Jones Dome	St. Louis University

(3) 2013 Championship.

- The 2013 Final Four will be played in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia.

Championship Dates, Rounds	**City, State**	**Facility**	**Host(s)**
March 19 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton
March 21/23 1st/2nd Rounds	Auburn Hills, MI	Palace of Auburn Hills	Oakland University
March 21/23 1st/2nd Rounds	Lexington, KY	Rupp Arena	University of Kentucky
March 21/23 1st/2nd Rounds	Salt Lake City, UT	Energy Solutions Arena	University of Utah
March 21/23 1st/2nd Rounds	San Jose, CA	HP Pavilion	West Coast Conference
March 22/24 1st/2nd Rounds	Austin, TX	Frank Erwin Center	University of Texas
March 22/24 1st/2nd Rounds	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton
March 22/24 1st/2nd Rounds	Kansas City, MO	Sprint Center	TBD
March 22/24 1st/2nd Rounds	Philadelphia, PA	Wachovia Center	Temple University
March 28/30 West Regional	Los Angeles, CA	Staples Center	Pepperdine University
March 28/30 East Regional	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 29/31 South Regional	Arlington/Dallas /Fort Worth, TX	Cowboys Stadium	Big 12 Conference
March 29/31 Midwest Regional	Indianapolis, IN	Lucas Oil Stadium	Butler University/ IUPUI/Horizon League

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