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***KEY ITEMS*.**

1. **Track and Field – Championship Format.** The NCAA Division I Championships/ Sport Management Cabinet reviewed and discussed information submitted by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee related to the outdoor championship format. The information was submitted in response to several items the cabinet requested the committee consider after its previous discussion in June. The cabinet expressed appreciation for the thorough information presented and was interested in learning more about the identified opportunities for improvement to the current two regional format. To that end, the cabinet requested that the committee develop and forward specific recommendations related to these opportunities for improvement for the cabinet to consider at its February 2011 meeting. Further, the cabinet requested that the committee continue working on the development of a schedule for a single-site championship and present that to the cabinet in February 2011. Finally, the cabinet noted that the information related to the participants and the success of those participants was very beneficial and requested that similar information from the 2011 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships be provided to the cabinet at its June meeting, if possible.

2. **Men's and Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball – Automatic Qualification.** The cabinet requested that the NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball Committees develop recommendations as to how it will administer the respective championships within the parameters of NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.7 (i.e., 50 percent of the field shall be reserved for at-large teams) beginning with the 2011-12 academic year. The cabinet will review the recommendations during its February 2011 meeting.

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. **Legislative Items.**

   a. **Bylaw 31.1.4.4 (Noon Start Time).**

      (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to provide an exception for the men's golf championship to begin prior to noon on Sunday.

      (2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The men's golf championships team match is played on Sunday and takes a minimum of approximately five hours of good weather to ensure completion of each individual match within the team match. With the chance for inclement weather being greater in the afternoon, the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee believes a permanent exception would ensure that the championship is administered most effectively. The committee notes that the Sunday round would likely begin at 10 a.m. Even though an exception (Bylaw 31.1.4.4.1) is available on an annual basis for extenuating circumstances (e.g., inclement weather) it would be more beneficial to have a consistent start time each year.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Starting the matches earlier on Sunday may allow student-athletes from the two participating teams to return to campus that same day rather than a day later.

b. NCAA Constitution 6.5 (Financial Disclosure).

(1) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the financial disclosure requirements set forth in NCAA Constitution 6.5.1.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The legislation was designed to assist in identifying potential conflicts of interest in the men's basketball recruiting process by providing "sunshine" on the relationships between institutional staff members and individuals who have access to prospective men's basketball student-athletes. It was thought that such information would prove valuable in determining whether improper activities are occurring and whether additional regulations are necessary. However, the NCAA basketball event certification staff at the national office experienced significant difficulty collecting accurate information. At the direction of the NCAA president, the staff ceased enforcing the rule and collecting the data as the benefit derived from such data was determined to be minimal in relation to the resources expended to collect and process the information. At its January 2006 meeting, the former NCAA Division I Management Council actually adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2006-1 as noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the legislative requirement.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors, though, overturned the action of the Management Council at its April 2006 meeting and, thus, technically the financial requirements remained in effect. However, due to a lack of resources to effectively collect the necessary information to further the intended goal of the original legislation, as well as a reorganization of NCAA national office priorities, the staff was directed not to begin collecting the data again. Thus, for the last four years, the legislative provision has remained in the NCAA Division I Manual, but has not been enforced. It has generated confusion among the Division I membership and, as a result, it is suggested that the legislation again be eliminated.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Bylaw 17.1.5.1 (Sickle Cell Solubility Test).

(1) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the written release opportunity available to student-athletes for sickle cell solubility testing.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2011.

(3) Rationale. Historically, the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports supported the original legislative proposal that did not allow a student-athlete to decline a sickle cell solubility test through a written release. It is important that athletics departments confirm sickle cell trait status in all student-athletes during the medical examination period prior to participation and there is a belief that the current written release option serves as a blanket waiver option contrary to the intent of the original proposal. While the cabinet believes this recommendation is not controversial, it recognizes that an immediate effective date would not be practical. Therefore, the cabinet is recommending that the written release option be eliminated for those examinations that occur prior to fall 2011.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Student-athletes without documented results of a prior test for sickle cell trait would be required to be tested.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Sickle cell trait screening and knowledge of the condition can be used as a gateway to targeted precautions in the interest of student-athlete well-being.

d. Bylaws 17.9.4.1 (Gridiron Classic Restrictions) and 17.9.5.2-(i) (Gridiron Classic).

(1) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the Gridiron Classic from the list of exceptions to the end of the season and maximum number of contests in football.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Due to recent bracket expansion for NCAA Football Championship Subdivision football, the two conferences that send teams to participate in this game, the Northeast Conference and Pioneer Football League, will no longer hold the contest.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Bylaw 13.1.7.8-(c) (Basketball Evaluations – Coaches Attendance at Basketball Events).

(1) Recommendation. That the Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that all noninstitutional organized men's and women's basketball events, including those approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body, that are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose shall be subject to the event certification process per Bylaw 13.18 in order for Division I men's and women's basketball coaches to attend such events.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Currently, the basketball event certification program is not applicable to noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests). The event certification program

was not designed to apply to regular scholastic competitions, all-star games that are either approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable governing body and international competitions organized and administered by the applicable athletics governing body [e.g., Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)] as these activities are not organized primarily for a recruiting purpose. However, recruiting events (e.g., showcases, tryout camps) are being organized and/or approved by scholastic governing bodies (e.g., high school athletics associations) in an effort to provide evaluation opportunities for Division I college coaches. Such events currently are not subject to the certification event program guidelines, yet the primary, if not sole, purpose of such events is to provide recruiting showcases for the participating prospects. The basketball event certification program is designed to ensure that events in which Division I men's and women's basketball coaches are observing basketball prospects are being conducted in a manner consistent with core principles of the NCAA and in a manner that does not compromise the healthy, safety and well-being of the participants. In that regard, these noninstitutional organized basketball events organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose involving prospective basketball athletes conducted during the July evaluation period should be subject to the basketball event certification program guidelines. This change is requested as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view are not likely generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Comments on Proposals Currently in the 2010-11 Legislative Cycle. The cabinet reviewed proposals assigned to it for review that will be considered by the Division I

membership as part of the 2010-11 legislative cycle and offered the comments below. Proposals previously sponsored by the cabinet were provided for informational purposes.

a. Proposal No. 2010-45 Recruiting and Playing And Practice Seasons -- Tryout Exceptions and Out Of Season Restrictions -- Recognized Training and Development Programs. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-45, which would specify that in order for an athletics department staff member or coach to participate in state, regional, national and international training programs involving prospective student-athletes, the staff member must be selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution; further, it would specify that Olympic and national team development programs may involve a coach and current student-athletes from the same institution, provided (in addition to existing criteria) a committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants and the national governing body funds the program. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

b. Proposal No. 2010-54 Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule -- Hardship Waiver -- First Half of Playing Season Calculation -- Tennis. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-54, which would, in tennis, specify that the first half of the season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championships, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team after the conclusion of the institution's fall term and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season. The cabinet expressed philosophical concerns that competition factoring into championships selection for tennis student-athletes would not count when determining the first half of the season for the purpose of hardship waivers.

c. Proposal No. 2010-58 Eligibility, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Academic Preparation and College Acclimatization -- Men's Basketball. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-58, which would, in men's basketball, establish a summer academic preparation and college acclimatization model, as specified. Cabinet members expressed concern about an approach that would require incoming student-athletes to be enrolled in six hours of academic credit to receive financial aid but only pass three of those hours to maintain eligibility. The cabinet was concerned that this is not an appropriate level of success. Finally, with the addition of formal athletics development

activities in the summer, the additional impact on support staff (e.g., trainers) was a concern.

d. Proposal No. 2010-80 Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice -- Swimming and Diving -- Exception for Platform Diving. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-80, which would, in swimming and diving, specify that if an institution does not have access to a diving platform within the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1, the institution may provide expenses for diving practice sessions at a site located outside the mileage limitations that includes a diving platform. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

e. Proposal No. 2010-81 Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Permissible Expenses Provided by the Institution for Competition -- Travel Squad Limits. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-81, which would establish travel squad limits for regular season, away-from-home competition, including exhibitions/ scrimmages, nonchampionship segment competition and conference championships and neutral site competitions, as specified. The cabinet noted that the establishment of travel squad limits for regular-season competition is best left to the discretion of institutions and conference offices.

f. Proposal No. 2010-82 Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Travel to NCAA Championships, NGB Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games during Vacation Period -- Exceptions and Incidental Expenses. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-82, which would specify that if a student-athlete does not use team travel to NCAA championships, NBG championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games during a vacation period, the institution may only provide actual and necessary transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: campus to the event site and back to campus; campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home; further, to specify that reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one-way; finally, to increase, from $20 to $55, the amount of money that an institution may provide to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for such events. Although the cabinet agreed to support the proposal, there was much discussion about how the sponsor determined the appropriate dollar amount for the incidental expense money. Further, while there was considerable discussion about this proposal applying to Football Bowl Subdivision football only, the

cabinet ultimately decided that consistent application across all sports should be supported.

g. Proposal No. 2010-87 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Travel Restrictions -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball -- Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Once in Four Years. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-87, which would, in men's and women's cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, men's and women's soccer, softball and men's and women's volleyball, specify that, once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

h. Proposal No. 2010-88 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball -- Two Dates of Competition -- One Away-From Home Date. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-88, which would, in men's and women's cross country, field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball, specify that an institution is limited to two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, of which only one date may be an away-from-home date of competition. The cabinet noted that it has discussed issues surrounding the nonchampionship segment previously and determined that it is best to wait until the development of guiding principles related to cost containment were finalized by the NCAA Value-Based Decision-Making Task Force. To that end, the cabinet did not support reducing competitive opportunities in these identified sports at this time.

i. Proposal No. 2010-89 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Location of Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- The Bahamas. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-89, which would, in basketball, specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

j. Proposal No. 2010-90 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition -- October 1. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-90, which would, in women's bowling, specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

k. Proposal No. 2010-91 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Number of Dates of Competition. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-91, which would, in women's bowling, specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to, and that an individual student-athlete may participate in, each academic year, 32 dates of competition; further, to include all dates of competition of a tournament in the maximum limitation. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

l. Proposal No. 2010-93 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Rifle -- Dates of Competition -- Multiple-Day Contests. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-93, which would, in rifle, specify that an institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition; further, to specify that if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contest, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

m. Proposal No. 2010-94 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Men's Soccer -- First Contest or Date of Competition -- 12-Week Season. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-94, which would, in men's soccer, specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the applicable Division I Soccer Championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

n. Proposal No. 2010-95 Playing and Practice Seasons -- First Contest or Date of Competition -- Cross Country and Soccer -- 10-Week Cross Country Season and 11-Week Soccer Season. The cabinet agreed to support Part A of Proposal No. 2010-95, which would, in cross country, specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 10th weekend before the weekend of the NCAA Division I cross country regional competition. The cabinet agreed to oppose Part B of Proposal 2010-95 which would, in soccer, specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Soccer Championship. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale as it relates to cross country. However, the cabinet noted its support of a 12-week season in soccer with its support of Proposal No. 2010-94.

o. Proposal No. 2010-96 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Volleyball -- Preseason Practice -- 21 Units. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-96, which would, in women's volleyball, reduce, from 29 to 21, the number of units used to determine the start of preseason practice. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

p. Proposal No. 2010-99 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Foreign Tours and Competition -- No Institutional or Conference Foreign Tours. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-99 as written, which would specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour; further, to specify that competition in a U.S. territory shall be restricted to once every four years on one trip during the prescribed playing season. The cabinet recommends the sponsor modify Proposal No. 2010-99 to specify that contracts before August 13, 2010, may be honored or foreign tours that will take place during summer 2011 may occur. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified. Further, in the event the sponsor does not support the suggested modification, the cabinet shall sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet is supportive of the elimination of foreign tours. However, the cabinet noted that an institution may have begun planning a foreign tour prior to the publication of this proposal that would occur during summer 2011 but may not have executed a final contract by August 13.

q. Proposal No. 2010-103 Division Membership -- Division I Membership Requirements -- Sports Sponsorship -- Minimum Contests for Sports Sponsorship -- Swimming and Diving. The cabinet agreed to support Proposal No. 2010-103, which would, in swimming and diving, reduce, from 10 to six, the minimum number of contests required to satisfy sports-sponsorship requirements. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

r. Proposal No. 2010-108 Executive Regulations -- Administration of NCAA Championships -- Sites and Dates -- Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. The cabinet agreed to oppose Proposal No. 2010-108, which would specify that in championships that do not generate revenue and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded, seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds and that conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championship. The cabinet noted that, because of the budget impact, it may be more appropriate to consider this proposal after the NCAA Division I Revenue Distribution Task Force completes its work. Finally, the cabinet noted that avoiding conference matchups as specified in the proposal may not be possible with each of the impacted championships (e.g., small bracket championships).

s. 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 establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes, as specified. The cabinet recommends the sponsor modify Proposal No. 2009-83 to specify that an institution and student-athlete, in sand volleyball, may participate in a maximum of 16 dates of competition, with no more than two dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment. The cabinet would support the proposal if modified. Further, in the event the sponsor does not support the suggested modification, the cabinet shall sponsor an alternative proposal. The cabinet reviewed the work of the Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators working group that studied proposed sand volleyball legislation and agreed that fewer dates of competition is more appropriate. The cabinet is supportive of permitting an institution to play all 16 dates of competition in the championship segment if it so desires.

2. Modifications to Cabinet-Sponsored Proposals in the 2010-11 Legislative Cycle.

- **NCAA Proposal No. 2010-105 Division Membership – Division I Membership Requirements – Basketball Scheduling – One-Third of Contests in Home Arena – Women's Basketball.** Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2010-105 to include a requirement that an active or provisional member must schedule one-third of its women's basketball regular-season contests away from home or at neutral sites. The proposal, if adopted, would require women's basketball teams to play one-third of their regular-season basketball games at home and one-third of their regular-season basketball games away from home or at neutral sites.

3. Other Legislative Informational Items.

- **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The cabinet discussed a recommendation by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee to sponsor legislation to eliminate the prohibition against the placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas in NCAA championships (Bylaw 31.6.4.5). The decision to place microphones in such circumstances would be determined by each sports committee. The cabinet requested that it be provided more information on how such a practice would be

implemented before sponsoring legislation. Specifically, the cabinet asked the NCAA staff to develop materials outlining the experiences of other entities that have placed microphones on coaches, whether participation will be voluntary or mandatory, examples of a process that may be used by the sports committees when it receives a request to participate and specific parameters that may be used for media entities using the material. Finally, the cabinet agreed that feedback from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee would be beneficial and requested that feedback be provided at its February 2011 meeting.

4. Approval of Report from June 15-16 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Meeting. The report from the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's June 15-16 in-person meeting was approved as previously distributed.

5. Report of the Administrative Committee.

a. Committee Appointment Eligibility Requirements. The NCAA Division I Championships/Sport Management Cabinet Administrative Committee received a summary of the committee appointment eligibility requirements that were used in the prior governance structure by the former NCAA Division I Championships/ Competition Cabinet to provide greater continuity for sport committee service, and to prevent potential conflicts of interest. It was noted that in the current governance structure the Championships/Sport Management Cabinet no longer has oversight of sport committee appointments and recommended that the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet consider implementing the previous committee appointment eligibility requirements as part of their guiding principles.

The following committee appointment eligibility requirements have been identified for the Administration Cabinet's consideration.

(1) An individual may not serve on an NCAA sport or rules committee unless the individual's institution sponsors that sport on a varsity intercollegiate basis. Conference office personnel may not serve on an NCAA sport or rules committee unless the conference sponsors the sport.

(2) No more than one individual from the same institution may serve on the same committee.

(3) No more than one individual from the same conference may serve on the same committee unless special circumstances warrant.

(4) An individual may not serve concurrently on more than one committee that has championships-administration responsibilities; however, an individual may serve concurrently on a committee with championships-administration responsibilities and on a committee with only rules-making responsibility.

(5) Individuals currently serving on sports committees are not eligible for consideration for appointment to different sports committees unless their current term will expire prior to the beginning of the new committee appointment.

Furthermore, the Administrative Committee approved adding a requirement to the cabinet's current policies and procedures manual noting that a cabinet member may not serve on a sport or rules committee concurrent with his or her cabinet term. It was further noted that any current cabinet members affected by this policy shall be allowed to complete their current service commitments.

b. Wrestling Automatic Qualification. The Administrative Committee reviewed a request from the Big 12 Conference for consideration to maintain their automatic qualifier status in the sport of wrestling beyond the 2010-11 season. The Administrative Committee referred the Big 12 request to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee and asked that the committee provide feedback in a supplement report to the cabinet for its February 2011 in-person meeting. Additionally, the Administrative Committee remains interested in ongoing discussions related to Division I membership requirements and the impact of those on automatic qualification.

c. Cabinet Liaisons. The cabinet appointed the following cabinet members as liaisons:

(1) NCAA Division I Women's Gymnastics Committee – Jeff Long;

(2) NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee – Shelley Appelbaum; and

(3) NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee – Warde Manual.

6. Update on the NCAA Media Rights Agreement. The cabinet received an update from NCAA staff on recent developments related to the implementation of the new media rights agreement.

7. Selection, Seeding and Bracketing. As a follow-up to the June presentation on this subject, NCAA staff examined a number of scenarios posed by members of the cabinet with respect to geographic proximity, seeding more deeply into brackets and greater assurances of seeded teams hosting at non-predetermined sites. The applicability of these scenarios to specific championships was discussed. Further, a mock selection and bracketing exercise based on these model scenarios was conducted focusing on the 2010 NCAA Division I Softball Championship. From that demonstration, staff then provided information relative to additional hosting opportunities and projected financial and travel capacity implications. As with the June presentation, it was an interactive process allowing the cabinet members to engage in discussion with the goal of enhancing the understanding of this process and how the scenarios impact a championship bracket. Finally, the cabinet provided suggestions to enhance the understanding of these issues across the membership, with particular focus among the coaches associations and conferences.

8. Posting/Reporting Procedures of Rating Percentage Indices by Sport. Based on a request from the cabinet at its June meeting, the NCAA statistics staff forwarded a process recommendation that allows for a more consistent approach to the release of rating percentage indices (RPI) information for sports currently using the RPI. The process is specific to the posting of in-season RPI rankings on NCAA.com, and the distribution and content of the actual RPI reports at the end of the season. The cabinet commended the statistics staff on the development of a more consistent RPI reporting process and approved implementation beginning fall 2010.

9. Men's and Women's Soccer – Combined College Cup. The NCAA championships staff presented preliminary results from the NCAA survey that was recently completed by the membership and conference offices requesting feedback on potential championship formats, opportunities for growth of college soccer, brand identity of the College Cups and ways to develop greater assets in the respective College Cups. It was noted by the championships staff that the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Committees will continue the review of both the NCAA and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America survey results to determine potential opportunities for enhancing the men's and women's championships. The cabinet requested that any recommendations for enhancement be provided to the cabinet for consideration at its February 2011 in-person meeting.

10. Emerging Sports for Women. NCAA staff presented an overview of the process used to identify emerging sports for women, including the oversight responsibilities that the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics has for monitoring the progress of growth for those sports on the emerging sports list.

11. Bus Transportation Pilot Program. The NCAA travel staff updated the cabinet on a new pilot program designed to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating charter bus transportation in much the same way as the national office currently schedules air transportation. The purpose of the program will be to improve safety, increase efficiencies for member institutions and reduce overall costs. The pilot program this fall will include Divisions I, II and III football and Division I women's volleyball. The program will be evaluated during the fall for possible continuation this winter and spring.

12. Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.

a. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee. The cabinet was updated on the format for the 68-team men's basketball championship.

b. NCAA Women's Bowling Committee. The cabinet was notified that the modified Baker roll-off shall be the only tiebreaker used for all sudden death roll-offs throughout the season.

c. NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee. The cabinet received an informational report from the Division I Men's Golf Committee that noted its lack of support for a waiver of the automatic qualification requirements for the America Sky Conference. The Administrative Committee confirmed its support of the Men's Golf Committee's position.

d. NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee.

(1) Additional Individuals Selected to Regional Championship. The cabinet approved a recommendation, effective with the 2011 championship, that will add three additional individuals to each of the three regional championships fields, noting that these individuals will fill open tee times not currently being used.

(2) Big West Conference Waiver. The cabinet approved a recommendation that the Big West Conference be granted an exception to the six "core

member" requirement to receive automatic qualification for its 2011 conference champion.

e. NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. The cabinet approved the committee's recommendation to change the selection criteria to include results against teams with an RPI of .500 or better as opposed to results against teams in the top 25 of the RPI.

f. NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee. The cabinet approved a change to the definition of "Teams Under Consideration" to include only those teams in the top 12 of the RPI, effective with the 2011 championship.

g. NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee. The cabinet received information related to the committee's ongoing discussions of issues surrounding officiating in women's lacrosse, including discussing the establishment of a conflict of interest policy in the selection and evaluation of officials.

h. NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee.

(1) Championships Format. The cabinet approved a championships format change, effective with the 2010-11 season, to permit five student-athletes to shoot and count only the top four scores.

(2) National Qualifier. The cabinet approved the committee's recommendation to change the national qualifier to the third weekend in February, effective with the 2011-12 academic year. The change will move the national qualifier to February 18-19, 2012, and championships selections to February 21, 2012.

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

(1) Selection Criteria for Central Region. The cabinet approved the automatic qualification of a skier who qualifies for the U.S. World Junior Championship team into the NCAA championship; provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The athlete must finish in a "qualifying spot" on the Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA) list in the U.S. Nationals distance event in which both seniors and juniors participate; and

(b) At either the CCSA Championships or the NCAA Central Region Championships, the skier must finish in a "qualifying spot" on the CCSA list in the technique which was not contested by both juniors and seniors at U.S. Nationals.

(2) Selection Criteria for East Region. The cabinet approved the automatic qualification of a skier named to the United States World Junior Team or the United States Under-23 Team who achieves a top 15 finish at the official World Junior or Under-23 Championship events. The top 15 finish must come in an individual distance race event with minimum distances being five kilometers for women and 10 kilometers for men.

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

(1) America East Conference Waiver. The cabinet approved a request to grant the America East Conference a waiver of the six "core member" requirement which will enable the conference to be eligible for automatic qualification into the 2011 championships.

(2) Big West Conference Waiver. The cabinet approved a request to grant the Big West Conference a waiver of the six "core member" requirement which will enable the conference to be eligible for automatic qualification into the 2011 championships.

k. NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee. The cabinet approved the addition of the Big West Conference to the automatic qualifying conferences for the 2011 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship. Further, a play-in game will be contested between the fifth and sixth ranked RPI conferences at the end of the prior year's season to play into the eight-team championship. This game will be contested the weekend prior to the championship and at a site approved by the Women's Water Polo Committee, ideally the home site of the institution in the higher-ranked conference. The conference must submit the proposed facility to the committee by December 1, 2010, with approval being provided by December 15, 2010.

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

a. NCAA Women's Bowling Committee. The cabinet appointed Jeff McCorvey, head women's bowling coach at Alabama A&M University, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

b. NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee. The cabinet appointed Velvet Milkman, senior woman administrator and head golf coach at Murray State University, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

c. NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. The cabinet appointed Bob Driscoll, director of athletics at Providence College, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

d. NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee. The cabinet appointed Chris Schneider, associate director of athletics at The Ohio State University as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

e. NCAA Women's Lacrosse Committee. The cabinet appointed Teddi Burns, associate director of athletics at Loyola University Maryland, as chair, effective September 10, 2010.

f. NCAA Division I Softball Committee. The cabinet appointed Scott Farmer, associate athletics director at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

g. NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The cabinet appointed Beth Goode, senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator at Stanford University, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

h. NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. The cabinet appointed Todd Patulski, executive associate athletics director at Baylor University, as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

i. NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee. The cabinet appointed Bob Krimmel, director of athletics at Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania), as chair, effective September 1, 2010.

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

a. Men's Baseball Committee. That the following 30 conferences receive automatic bids for their conference champion into the 2011 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, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, The Patriot League, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

b. Men's Basketball Committee. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 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, The Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

c. Women's Basketball Committee. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 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.

d. Division I Men's Golf Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 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.

e. Division I Women's Golf Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun 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, 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 Western Athletic Conference.

f. NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and the Big Ten Conference.

g. Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. That the following five conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Atlantic Hockey Association, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, ECAC Hockey League, Hockey East Association and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

h. NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: ECAC Hockey; Hockey East Association; and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

i. Women's Lacrosse Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Ivy Group and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

j. NCAA Division I Softball Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification privileges for the 2011 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 Western Athletic Conference.

k. Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification privileges for the 2011 championships:

(1) Men's Conferences: 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: 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.

l. Men's Volleyball Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball

Association, Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

m. Women's Water Polo Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Big West Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Collegiate Water Polo Association, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and Western Water Polo Association.

15. Site Selections. The cabinet approved the following championships site selections:

a. NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.

(1) Quarterfinal Hosts for 2012. The hosts for 2012 will be U.S. Naval Academy and Drexel University.

(2) Championship Host for 2013. The host will be Drexel University.

(3) Championship Hosts for 2014. The hosts will be Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University Maryland, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Towson University.

b. NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships.

(1) Championship Host for 2011. The host will be Washington State University.

(2) Championship Host for 2012. The host will be the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

(3) Championship Host for 2013. The host will be Clemson University.

c. NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving. The cabinet has approved the following zone diving sites for 2011 as follows:

Zone A	U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland;
Zone B	University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia;
Zone C	The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio;
Zone D	University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas; and
Zone E	U.S. Air Force Academy, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

d. NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The cabinet has approved the following preliminary round sites for the 2011 championship:

(1) East Region. The host will be Indiana University, Bloomington.

(2) West Region. The host will be the University of Oregon.

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