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Jeffrey Long, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was not able to attend the meeting. Gil Grimes, assistant commissioner, Southeastern Conference, attended as an alternate.

Jim Fiore, Stony Brook University, was not able to attend and no alternate attended in his place.

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS/SPORTS MANAGEMENT CABINET
FEBRUARY 15, 2011, MEETING

The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet submits this report from its February 15, 2011, in-person meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

***KEY ITEMS*.**

1. **NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Committees – Joint Championship.** The cabinet was informed that the Men's and Women's Soccer Committees have agreed that it is not in the best interest of the sport to combine the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. Furthermore, it was noted that the Women's Soccer Committee is discussing standardizing the date formula of the Women's College Cup, and will submit a recommendation to the cabinet for its June meeting.

2. **Men's and Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball – Automatic Qualification.** The cabinet agreed to request adoption of a noncontroversial legislative exception for these three sports to the requirement that 50 percent of the championship bracket be reserved for at-large bids (see Action Item No. 1 below). Further, the cabinet requested that each sports committee confirm how it would administer their respective championship if the proposal is adopted. The cabinet noted that any request for bracket expansion would need to be submitted during the cabinet's September 2011 meeting when it considers all budget requests.

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. **Legislative Items**.

- **NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.7 – Automatic Qualification – Men's and Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball.**

  (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to provide an exception to Bylaw 31.3.4.7 for the sports of men's and women's water polo and men's volleyball, effective with the 2011-12 academic year.

  (2) Rationale. Currently, every sport is required to reserve 50 percent of their respective championship bracket for at-large bids. Historically, these three championships have been challenged in selecting a bracket that provides expected regional diversity and a quality championship experience for the student-athlete within the parameters of the bylaw.

These sports have low sponsorship, small brackets and the geography and multidivisional classification of the sponsoring institutions creates unique challenges to administering play-in competition. In order to provide the appropriate access to the championship and a quality experience for the participating student-athletes, a legislative exception to the current bylaw is warranted. The cabinet agreed that the proposal should be adopted as noncontroversial legislation because the scope is limited and further debate would not significantly enhance the proposal. Finally, adopting this recommendation as noncontroversial legislation will allow each sports committee adequate time to make any necessary accommodations for the 2012 championships.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings to institutions due to not being required to participate in play-in competition, the cost of which is borne by the participating institutions.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. Potential less missed class time for student-athletes who would be required to participate in play-in competition the weekend before the championship.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Comments on NCAA Proposal No. 2010-82-A-B Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Licensed Bowl Games. In response to the Legislative Council's request for the cabinet to provide feedback related to the appropriate value to cover unitemized incidental expenses, the cabinet voted to recommend that $35 per day is an appropriate value to cover student-athletes' unitemized incidental expenses for these events. The cabinet noted that $35 per day accounts for the decrease in buying power of $20 since 1995, which was the last time the amount was increased.

2. Bylaw 20.8.2 – Participation of Division II Institutions not located in the United States in Division I Championships. In response to a request for feedback from the

NCAA staff, the cabinet agreed that it should not be permissible for a Division II institution that does not meet the general criteria for Division I membership outlined in NCAA Constitution 3.1.1 to participate in a Division I championship. Specifically, Division II now offers the opportunity for membership to Canadian institutions; however, Divisions I and III have not changed their requirement that a member must be located in the United States, its territories or possessions. The cabinet noted that this requirement is core to the division's membership philosophy and agreed that an institution that does not meet this requirement should not participate in a Division I championship.

3. **Bylaw 31.6.4.5 – Live Microphone on Coach.** The cabinet continued its discussion of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee's recommendation to provide flexibility for each sports committee to permit microphones on a coach and in the bench area during championship competition. After much discussion, the cabinet requested the staff provide additional information on a protocol for approving the placement of microphones on coaches and in the bench area. While the cabinet expressed a desire to review the protocol before establishing a position on the recommendation, if ultimately supported and implemented, it was the sense of the cabinet that participation by a coach should be optional and that the sports committee's protocol shall be subject to the cabinet's review. The cabinet requested that this information be available for discussion at spring conference meetings.

NONLEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Report from the September 14-15, 2010, In-Person Meeting.** The report from the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's September 14-15, 2010, in-person meeting was approved as previously distributed.

2. **Report of the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee.** The Administrative Committee reported the following:

   a. Administration Cabinet Sport Committee Composition Request. The Administrative Committee reviewed a request by the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet to review the regional alignments of 10-member/eight-regional sport committees and consider sponsoring legislation to reduce the number of regions for those committees as a way to enhance representation opportunities. The Administrative Committee referred the request to the respective sport committees (i.e., baseball, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball

and women's volleyball), and asked that each of the sport committees provide feedback in a supplement report to the cabinet for its June 2011 meeting.

b. Officials. The Administrative Committee reviewed a letter sent from a conference commissioner regarding the process for assigning officials to NCAA postseason men's soccer games. The Administrative Committee noted that the Men's Soccer Committee is working on refining and clarifying the requirements and process.

c. Committee Appointment Eligibility Requirements. The Administrative Committee agreed to permit a current cabinet member to complete his final year on a sport committee, while maintaining his service as a current cabinet member. It was noted that during the September 2010 meeting, the cabinet approved a committee appointment requirement that a cabinet member may not serve on a sport or rules committee concurrent with his or her cabinet term, with the provision that any current members who might be affected by this change in policy would be allowed to complete their current service commitments.

d. Site Selections. The Administrative Committee approved the following championships site selections:

- NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

  (1) Regional Hosts for 2011. The host for the Mid-Atlantic regional will be the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, and the regional host for the Northeast regional will be the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.

  (2) Regional Host for 2012. The host for the Great Lakes regional will be the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

3. President's Update. The cabinet welcomed NCAA President Mark Emmert. President Emmert addressed the cabinet and engaged in a question and answer session on various topics of interest to the group.

4. Strategic Update on Championships. Greg Shaheen, NCAA interim executive vice president for championships and alliances, provided the cabinet with an overview of the new unified management model that has been implemented by the NCAA championships and alliances group. Mr. Shaheen noted that one of the primary goals of this

management model is to provide a clear, strategic approach along with a comprehensive commitment to assuring the highest quality delivery and student-athlete experience in all 89 NCAA national championships.

5. Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.

a. NCAA Division I Softball Committee.

- Softball Bat Testing. Based on a recommendation from the Softball Committee and pursuant to Bylaw 31.1.11.1-(d), the cabinet approved the use of the following penalties to be assessed to an institution if it allows a bat into a game during the NCAA postseason tournament (regional, super regional or Women's College World Series) that (1) has not been tested; (2) has not passed the Bat Compression Test; or (3) was not on the approved bat list.

  (1) First offense: public reprimand of the head coach, monetary fine ($600) and loss of bat.

  (2) Second offense: head coach receives multigame suspension (three games) to be served immediately following notification and which can be carried over to the following year's postseason competition. In the event a coach with a suspension is employed by a different institution the following year, the suspension will apply at the coach's new institution (i.e., suspension "follows" the coach).

b. NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee.

- Big 12 Conference Automatic Qualification Waiver Request. Based on a recommendation from the Wrestling Committee, the cabinet denied a request from the Big 12 Conference for a waiver of Bylaw 31.3.4.6-(c). The cabinet agreed that it was not appropriate to provide automatic qualification to a conference with four schools sponsoring the sport. In June, the cabinet will review a recommendation from the Wrestling Committee to alter the qualifying tournament structure for future championships. The Wrestling Committee believes this will create a more fair and balanced approach to championship qualification in wrestling. Finally, the cabinet noted that waivers of the automatic qualification requirements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with an

understanding of the conference's past automatic qualification history in the particular sport.

6. **NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.** The cabinet received an update on the committee's response to the NCAA Division I Leadership Council's request for it to review the topic of endangered sports and sports that face challenges to sponsorship growth. The cabinet noted that the Leadership Council is expected to discuss the committee's recommendations at their upcoming meeting. The cabinet expressed interest in providing feedback during the review.

7. **Informational Reports.** The cabinet received informational reports from the following committees: Baseball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Women's Basketball Issues, Playing Rules Oversight Panel and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.

8. **Committee Chair Appointments.**

- The cabinet appointed Greg Christopher, director of athletics at Bowling Green State University, as the Women's Basketball Committee chair effective September 1, 2011.

9. **Bus Transportation Pilot Program.** The NCAA travel staff updated the cabinet on the overall success of the charter bus transportation pilot program that was initiated during the fall championships season. Staff indicated that the preliminary goals of improved safety, increased efficiencies for member institutions and reduction in overall costs were achieved. Current plans are underway to continue the pilot program for designated winter and spring championships. At the completion of spring championships, the program will once again be evaluated to determine if it will be continued next year.

10. **Presentation of GOALS Survey Results.** The cabinet received information from the NCAA research staff on the results of the GOALS survey, which is completed by enrolled student-athletes in all sports. The information included responses related to the attitudes of student-athletes toward their recruitment and their academic and athletics experience to that point in their careers, as well as information on student-athlete reported time demands. The cabinet requested additional context to the information, including

information on the transfer rates of student-athletes in the sports reviewed and any demographic information on the survey participants (e.g., class in school, individual and team athletics success).

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