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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division II Legislation Committee

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February 28, 2012
1 p.m. Eastern Time

1. Welcome and announcements. (Jill McCartney)
2. Approve the November 2011 and December 2011 NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reports. [Supplement Nos. 1-a and 1-b] (McCartney) [**Action anticipated.**]
3. Review the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council January Summary of Actions. [Supplement No. 2] (McCartney)
4. Discussion regarding NCAA Interpretations Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee and review of Division II interpretations. (McCartney)
5. Update on the NCAA Manual consistency project and e-publications. [Supplement No.3] (Amanda Conklin)
6. Update on the enforcement process. [Supplement Nos. 4-a and 4-b] (McCartney)
7. Update on Division II academic standards review. [Supplement No. 5] (Jenn Fraser)
8. Update regarding Division I collegiate model working group. [Supplement Nos. 6-a and 6-b] (Stephanie Smith).
9. Discuss future topics for NCAA Convention educational sessions. (Smith)

10. Subcommittee appointments. (McCartney) [**Action anticipated.**]

Background: *Effective January, 14, 2012, Timothy Ladd, faculty athletics representative, Palm Beach Atlantic University, joined the committee. The committee will appoint Mr. Ladd to a subcommittee.*

11. Other business.

12. Future meetings.

- a. March 6-7, 2012; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- b. June 19-20, 2012; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- c. November 13-14, 2012; Indianapolis, Indiana.

13. Adjournment.

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2-3, 2011, MEETING**

Participants:

Curtis Campbell, Stillman College
Sarah Hebbard, Pfeiffer University
Dean Johnson, Caldwell College
Eliane Kebbe, South Atlantic Conference
Dan Kenney, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Jill McCartney, Washburn University of Topeka, chair
Frances Nee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Jay Newton, University of Southern Indiana
Charles Pinckney, Livingstone College
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association
Ann M. Traphagen, Augustana College (South Dakota)
Christina Whetsel, Angelo State University
Amanda Conklin, NCAA
Jennifer Fraser, NCAA
Stephanie Smith, NCAA
Kelley Sullivan, NCAA
Jill Waddell, NCAA

Rick Cole, Dowling University, participated in a portion of the meeting via teleconference.

Maritza Jones, NCAA Consultant; Binh Nguyen, NCAA; Terri Steeb-Gronau, NCAA; Chris Strobel, NCAA; and Gregg Summers, NCAA, attended portions of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action Items.

a. 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4.4 – Awards and Benefits – Purchase Restrictions – Student Contribution to Purchase.

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4.4 (student contribution to purchase) to permit a student-athlete to make financial contributions to the purchase of an award up to the legislated limits in Bylaw 16.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation precludes a student-athlete from making a financial contribution to the purchase of an award regardless of whether the value of the award remains within the legislated limits or the student-athlete's contribution would cause the award to exceed the limits set forth in Bylaw 16. Permitting a student-athlete to contribute to the purchase of an award, provided the contribution does not cause the award to exceed the limits set forth in the legislation, provides flexibility for conferences and institutions while maintaining the integrity of the legislated limits on the value of awards. Financial constraints may limit the value of an award that an institution or conference can provide to its student-athletes, especially in situations involving large teams. Permitting student-athletes to contribute to the purchase of their awards ensures that those individuals are able to commemorate their accomplishments when institutional or conference resources are limited.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Institutional budget impact will vary.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Will vary.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation – Ease of Burden Initiative – NCAA Convention Proposal No. 2012-13 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Printed Recruiting Materials, Electronic Media and Electronic Transmissions – Permissible Timing and Number of Recruiting Materials – During the Conduct of Athletics Contest.

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.4.5 (electronic transmissions) to specify that electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete [or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be sent during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the directions of the coach until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach.

(2) Effective Date. June 15, 2012; for any prospective student-athlete entering his or her junior year in high school June 15, 2012, and thereafter.

(3) Rationale. If the membership adopts Proposal No. 2012-13, it will become permissible for coaches to communicate with prospective student-athletes via text, instant messaging and other forms of electronic communication that were previously impermissible provided certain requirements are met. In addition, coaches will be permitted to begin

contacting prospective student-athletes via these modes of communication earlier. This noncontroversial change will ensure that a coach's focus is not diverted from his or her current student-athletes by the pressure to communicate with prospective student-athletes during the conduct of an institution's intercollegiate athletics contest. This recommendation is consistent with the prohibition of telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete during the conduct of an athletics contest per Bylaw 13.1.3.2.1 (during conduct of athletics contest).

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation – Ease of Burden Initiative – Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 – Eligibility – Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment – Notification of Organized-Competition Legislation – NCAA Eligibility Center.

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 (notification of organized-competition legislation) to specify that the NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the organized competition legislation following a prospective student-athlete's registration.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012; for any prospective student-athlete who registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. One of the themes that emerged from the 2010 NCAA Division II Chancellors and Presidents Summit was the need to ease the compliance and financial burdens that current regulations place on Division II intercollegiate athletics. Data from the NCAA Eligibility Center suggests that prospective student-athletes are often registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to an institution initiating recruitment. Shifting the notification requirement regarding the organized-competition legislation from the institution to the NCAA Eligibility Center will ease the burden on institutional compliance administrators that are responsible for ensuring that the information has been received prior to a prospective student-athlete signing a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission or financial aid. The NCAA Eligibility Center is supportive of this change.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17.22.8-(b)-(2) – Playing and Practice Seasons – Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities – Exception – Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.22.8-(b)-(2) to specify that a student-athlete's practice for or participation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Indoor Championship is not considered part of the institution's declared nonchampionship segment, provided the student-athlete qualifies for the event.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. In 2005, noncontroversial legislation was adopted to specify that a student-athlete's practice for or participation in the ITA's National Small College Championships is not considered part of the institution's declared nonchampionship segment. During the month of October, the ITA National Small College Championships annually crowns men's and women's singles and doubles national champions in each of the ITA's four small college divisions (NCAA Divisions II and III, NAIA and junior/community college). The champions of Small College Championships qualify for the ITA National Indoor Championship which takes place after the conclusion of most institution's declared nonchampionship segment. Due to a lack of understanding of the ITA structure, the additional participation opportunity was omitted when Proposal No. NC-2005-20 was adopted. For the past several years, waivers have been granted to permit these student-athletes to participate in the indoor championship based on student-athlete well-being and the unique opportunity the event provides.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. The student-athletes that win the ITA Small College Championship would be permitted to participate in the indoor championship without receiving a waiver.

e. Incorporation of Interpretation into the Division II Manual – Recreational Activities During Official or Unofficial Visit.

- (1) Recommendation. Incorporate the following interpretation into the Division II Manual:

Recreational Activities During Official or Unofficial Visit. The Division II Legislation Committee determined that during an official or unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may participate in recreational activities in a facility (on- or off-campus) that is not open to the general public (e.g., campus recreation center, golf course, swimming pool), provided such activities are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete. Further, in situations in which there is a fee associated with the use of the facility (e.g., guest fee at a private facility used by the institution for practice or competition, admission fee for open swim session at institutional recreation center), a prospective student-athlete shall pay the going rate associated with the use of that facility. [References: Division II Bylaws 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment, benefits, or services), 13.2 (offers and inducements), 13.6 (official (paid) visit), 13.7 (unofficial (nonpaid) visit) and 13.11.2.3 (recreational activities)]

- (2) Rationale. Incorporating the interpretation into the legislation eliminates the need for institutional staff members to search for what activities are permissible during official and unofficial visits.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.

a. Legislative Referral to Other Division II Committee – Ease of Burden Initiative.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council refer the following concept to the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee for its review and possible action:

Bylaw 15.02.4.3 (exempted institutional financial aid – academic awards). Whether the Division II membership should consider amending the legislation to eliminate the required criteria for exempting academic

awards from a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance and the institution's financial aid limitations; further, to permit institutions to exempt all academic awards provided they are awarded in accordance with institutional policy.

- (2) Rationale. During discussions regarding the Ease of Burden initiative, it was suggested the membership consider whether eliminating the required criteria, and permitting institutions to exempt all academic awards provided they are awarded in accordance with institutional policy, would reduce the burden on senior compliance administrators and financial aid officers when determining a student-athlete's financial aid package. If the additional criteria are eliminated, institutions would only have to determine if the academic award was provided in accordance with institutional policy for academic awards for all students, and would not have to take the additional step of determining if the academic award meets additional specified criteria.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. Will vary. Institutions would be permitted to exempt academic awards provided in accordance with institutional policy.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. May provide student-athlete's with additional opportunities to receive institutional financial aid without that aid counting towards the individual or team's financial aid limits.

b. Legislative Referral to Other Division II Committee – Ease of Burden Initiative.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer the following concept to the Academic Requirements Committee for its review and possible action:

NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.10 (academic success rate) and 3.2.4.11 (academic performance census). Whether the Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) could be combined into one reporting requirement once cohorts align; further whether the due date for both reports should be adjusted to ease the burden on compliance administrators.

- (2) Rationale. All the information requested in the ASR is already gathered in APC. Therefore, once the cohorts sync, ASR should be eliminated. It is recommended that both reports be due 15 weeks after the start of the fall semester. The June 1 deadline of ASR is difficult as it is a very busy time

for compliance administrators (end of school year, Institutional Self-Study Guide deadline, Regional Rules Seminars).

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Referral to Other NCAA Committee – Ease of Burden Initiative.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer the following concept to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics for its review and possible action:

NCAA Gender-Equity Reporting. Whether deadlines and reporting requirements for the federal Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) survey and the gender-equity reporting could be aligned.

(2) Rationale. Both surveys gather similar information that is often duplicative. The federal survey is due in October, while the NCAA survey is due in January. Institutional administrators spend significant time preparing for these submissions. Time and resources could be alleviated if both reports were aligned in terms of data requested and due dates.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Referral to Other Division II Committee - Ease of Burden Initiative.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer the following concept to the NCAA Division II Championships Committee for review and possible action:

Bylaw 31.2.1.7.1 (midseason eligibility verification form). Whether the Division II membership should amend legislation to eliminate the requirement that an institution must submit a midseason eligibility verification form.

(2) Rationale. This form is required three times per year (for each sport season) and includes information that is already provided in an institution's squad list. Eliminating the form or requiring only teams that

participate in championships to submit the form would reduce the burden on compliance administrators.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Referral to Other Division II Committee - Ease of Burden Initiative.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer the following concept to the Championships Committee for review and possible action:

Code of Conduct Form. Whether the code of conduct form could be made available online in an editable format in order to ease the burden on institutional personnel.

(2) Rationale. Currently the code of conduct form is only available in PDF format. It would ease the burden on institutional personnel if it was available as a Microsoft Word document, or if institutions could just type the form online.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislation Committee Recommendations Regarding the Ease of Burden Review.

The committee continued its review of NCAA Division II legislation, procedures and processes in an effort to ease the compliance burden on Division II intercollegiate athletics.

The committee made the following recommendations to the staff:

a. Review due dates for reporting requirements. Reviewing due dates, including due dates for championships reporting, and ensuring that those due dates are appropriately staggered, will ease the burden on compliance administrators. The committee directed staff to bring a complete list of reporting requirements to a future meeting so the committee may begin to determine what changes are appropriate.

- b. Update compliance calendar and make it interactive. The compliance calendar is an excellent resource for compliance administrators to keep track of their duties. There are updates that can be made to make the document an all-inclusive document as it relates to NCAA requirements. In addition, making the compliance calendar interactive (e.g., provide links directly to database, allow institutions to add institutional or conference due dates) will further assist compliance coordinators. The committee directed the staff to provide an updated version of the compliance calendar for review at the March in-person meeting.
- c. Provide Ease of Burden updates through NCAA communication platforms. The committee recommended that changes to procedures and processes that ease the burden on Division II intercollegiate athletics be highlighted on the NCAA website and through NCAA News. Changes to procedures and processes may not be as readily evident to the membership because they do not result in legislative proposals. The committee wants to ensure that all of the division's efforts to ease the burden are recognized and communicated to the membership.
- d. Keep Academic Success Rate (ASR) reporting open all year or make it available for a longer period of time. Currently the ASR reporting process is only available for a few weeks. Providing compliance administrators the opportunity to begin entering information earlier will allow those individuals to complete the process more conveniently as their schedule allows. The research staff will review this recommendation and consider making updates and adjustments to the system right after the submission deadline rather than in the summer in order to make the process available for an extended period of time.
- e. Make ethnicity and residence status consistent among all reporting requirements. NCAA reporting requirements differ slightly as to the options available for selecting ethnicity and residence status. The committee referred this issue to the research staff for review and recommended that this information be made standard for all NCAA reports.
- f. Refer recommendations regarding upgrades to Compliance Assistant. During the ease of burden review, a number of upgrades to the Compliance Assistant software have been recommended by the membership. The committee referred the recommendations to the staff and asked that the feasibility of implementing the recommended changes be reviewed.
- g. Refer review of streamlined appeals to NCAA waiver teams. Review methods for streamlining appeals processes for waivers. The guidelines for "common sense" appeals should be amended to reduce the amount of paperwork necessary for submitting a waiver (e.g., see process for intercept cases).

- h. Enhance the AMA Online Case Management System to be able to submit secondary violations. With the move to a single-source sign-on system, institutions would benefit by also being able to submit their secondary violations through AMA Online. The enforcement staff is currently working on developing a system for submitting secondary violations and will take the committee's recommendation under advisement.
- i. Make compliance forms available online. The NCAA staff accommodated this request, and released the 2011-12 compliance forms through an online system. The committee directed staff to amend some language on the forms, and address any "bugs" in the online system.
- j. Make the compliance resources on the Division II website available in a format that can be downloaded and used by institutions. Currently, forms are available only in PDF format. Therefore, institutions may only use the example forms as a guide when creating an institutional form. Providing the forms in Microsoft Word, allows institutions to modify the forms without much of a time commitment. The staff agreed to consult with legal counsel before proceeding.
- k. Collaborate with National Association of Athletics Compliance (NAAC) to develop best practice documents. The committee recommended working with NAAC to develop best practice documents that would assist compliance administrators with their duties. Compliance administrators in Division II have to balance multiple duties at the same time. In addition, there are certain "peak times" during the academic year when compliance administrators have an increased workload (e.g., start of the academic year). By creating and making widely available resources or best practices, compliance administrators would benefit significantly. For example, some institutions have created videos to be used for initial meetings with student-athletes that assist with education of those new athletes and also with completing paperwork. This is an excellent example of a resource that could alleviate some compliance burdens for compliance administrators. In addition, developing a model compliance administration document, similar to the model athletics department document, could be beneficial to compliance administrators.
- l. Increase the number of cross references in the Division II Manual. Many times compliance administrators would be assisted if the Manual would cross-reference sections. The committee directed staff to keep this recommendation in mind when drafting legislation in the future.
- m. Educate on the availability of electronic request to archive interpretations in LSDBi. Discussions with the membership yielded a recommendation that staff

conduct a thorough review of interpretations in LSDBi. In response to that request, the committee directed staff to educate the membership regarding the opportunity to submit a request to archive an interpretation or educational column in LSDBi. This information should be communicated in the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association newsletter and posted in an LSDBi announcement.

2. **Review of 2012 Convention Legislation and the Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide.** The committee reviewed the 2012 Convention proposals and the Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide in an attempt to resolve all possible questions prior to the 2012 Convention Division II business session January 14, 2012. Staff provided the committee with an update on the release of the Question and Answer Guide. The Question and Answer Guide for the Strategic Membership Growth Package and the Sickle Cell Solubility Testing proposal will be released to the membership November 18. The final version of the guide for the 2012 Convention will be available January 4, 2012, and will only be produced electronically.
3. **Recommendations Regarding NCAA Division II Coaches Certification Test.** The committee reviewed options and feedback regarding the administration of the NCAA Division II Coaches Certification Test and recommended maintaining the test in its current format for the 2012-13 academic year. However, the committee directed staff to increase the number of questions in the test bank and to maintain the requirement that an individual outside the athletics department proctor the exam. The committee also recommended decreasing the number of questions and eliminating the answers to the questions that appear on the practice exam. The committee suggested reviewing the possibility of incorporating video education materials into the practice and/or actual exam in future years.
4. **Review of Recruiting/Scouting Service Frequently Asked Questions Document.** The committee reviewed the second draft of an educational resource document related to recruiting and scouting services. In 2006, a similar document was created and distributed to the membership. Since that time, the landscape of recruiting and scouting services has changed causing the document to become antiquated. The committee provided feedback and added questions to the document. The committee will review a final draft of the document for approval at a future meeting.
5. **Review of NCAA Regional Rules Seminar Division II Topics.** The committee reviewed the tentative schedule for Division II topics to be presented at the 2012 NCAA

Regional Rules Seminar. The committee recommended including a financial aid session and a session regarding best practices for working with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

6. **Discussion of Removing Bylaw 21 (Committees) from the NCAA Division II Manual.** The committee discussed a recommendation regarding Bylaw 21 that emerged from the NCAA staff's Manual Consistency Project. The staff recommended that Bylaw 21 be eliminated from the Manual in its entirety, with its provisions being moved to a committee handbook, which would be overseen and maintained by the Management Council with the assistance of the staff. The committee took no action on the recommendation.
7. **Review of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed its conflict of interest policy for informational purposes. The committee also reviewed the policies and procedures related to the duties and responsibilities of the NCAA Legislative Review Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee. A Legislative Review Subcommittee meeting was not conducted in conjunction with the November meeting in an effort to determine whether the subcommittee's duties should be adjusted to avoid duplication of efforts by the subcommittee and the full committee. The subcommittee's duties will be reviewed by the full committee at a future meeting.
8. **Review of Minutes Issued by the NCAA Interpretations Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee.** The committee approved the July 11 and October 3 minutes of the Interpretations Subcommittee.
9. **Subcommittee Appointments.** The committee took the following actions regarding subcommittee appointments:

The Legislation Committee appointed Curtis Campbell, Stillman College and Ann Traphagen, Augustana College (South Dakota) to the Interpretations Subcommittee. The committee also appointed Charles Pinckney, Livingstone College to the Legislative Review Subcommittee.

Committee Chair: Jill McCartney, Washburn University of Topeka
Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs
Jennifer Fraser, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 15, 2011, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on NCAA Division I Presidential Retreat and Working Groups.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee received an update on the outcomes from the NCAA Division I Presidential Retreat and the working groups that have been formed to implement the changes recommended as a result of the retreat. Specifically, the committee was informed about significant changes to Division I financial aid, transfer and initial-eligibility legislation. The committee will review the changes to Division I legislation in more detail at a future meeting.
2. **Review 2012-2015 NCAA Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed the goals, priorities and action steps within the 2012-2015 Division II Strategic Plan for areas where the committee was identified as an oversight group.
3. **Review of 2012 NCAA Convention Schedule.** The committee received an update on the convention schedule and location of the Division II governance office. The committee will not conduct an in-person meeting at the NCAA Convention; however, committee members in attendance will provide the NCAA staff with updates on any legislative developments following their conference meetings.

Committee Chair: Jill McCartney, Washburn University of Topeka, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

*Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs
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December 15, 2011	
Attendees	Absentees
Curtis Campbell, Stillman College	None.
Sarah Hebbard, Pfeiffer University	
Dean Johnson, Caldwell College	
Eliane Kebbe, South Atlantic Conference	
Dan Kenney, University of North Carolina at Pembroke	
Jill McCartney, Washburn University of Topeka, chair	
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ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES
<p>Leonza Loftin, Fayetteville State University</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

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1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

January 11 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by the outgoing chair, Rick Cole. The chair reviewed the announcements for the meeting, noting specific Convention meetings and activities. He thanked the Council for the work they had accomplished during his period as chair.

January 12 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by the chair, Drew Bogner. Dr. Bogner welcomed the guests in attendance, noting that Dr. Allen Sessoms had joined the Council for lunch and would be in attendance at the April Presidents Council meeting. He thanked Rick Cole for his work as chair of the Management Council this past year.

January 14 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by the incoming chair, Ann Martin, Regis University. The chair recognized and introduced the incoming members of the Management Council—Anita Barker, California State University, Chico; Kathy Heitzman, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; Denisha Hendricks, Kentucky State University; Larry Marfise, University of Tampa; Chip Polak, Southern New Hampshire University; and Karen Stromme, University of Minnesota Duluth. Other members of the Management Council and NCAA staff introduced themselves to the new members.

New Council members, as well as mentors, were reminded of the orientation session that will take place Sunday, April 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., just prior to the April 16-17 Council meetings.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

a. Management Council Meeting October 17-18, 2011, and Presidents Council Meeting October 27, 2011.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved the meeting summary from the October 17-18 Management Council meeting, as presented.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the meeting summary from the October 27 Presidents Council meeting, as presented.

b. Administrative Committee.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved the meeting minutes from the December 7 teleconference, as well as the interim actions taken by the Committee.

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January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the meeting minutes from the December 7 teleconference, as well as the interim actions taken by the Committee.

3. 2012 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the priorities for Division II for 2012. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. 2012-15 DIVISION II STRATEGIC PLAN.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the updated 2012-15 Division II Strategic Plan and was presented with a copy that would be distributed to the membership at the business session Saturday. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the updated 2012-15 Division II Strategic Plan. No formal action was taken.

5. NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.

a. Proposed Legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council briefly reviewed the legislative proposals that would be voted on at the business session Friday. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. Each Presidents Council representative received a copy of the Official Notice. No formal action was taken with regard to any of the proposals for the Convention.

b. Position Papers for 2012 Convention Proposals.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a copy of the position papers for the 16 proposals to be voted on at the Division II business session, as well as the additional talking points on the 'ease of burden' package. No action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Assignments for Division II legislative proposals.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed their assignments. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed their assignments and were encouraged to speak on the Convention floor, if needed. No formal action was taken.

d. Procedural Issues Document.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council voted to approve Item No. 5 of the procedural issues document, as a noncontroversial legislative amendment to Proposal No. 2012-13, which specifies that electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete may not be sent during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the direction of the coach until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach.

The Management Council approved the procedural issues document as presented.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the procedural issues document.

e. Question and Answer Guide Related to 2012 Convention Proposals.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Q&A document related to 2012 NCAA Convention proposals and noted that the document is available online. No action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Noncontroversial legislation per Constitution 5.3.1.1.1.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved Noncontroversial Proposal 2013-1 (Eligibility—Requirement for Competition—Exception—Cooperative Educational Work Experience).

The Management Council tabled Noncontroversial Proposal 2013-2 (Executive Regulations—Eligibility for Championships—Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs—Manipulations of Drug Test Sample) at the January 11 meeting. This action was delayed until the Division I Legislative Council takes action on the proposal.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was informed that the Division I Legislative Council took no action on Noncontroversial Proposal No. 2013-2 during its January meeting. The Council raised several questions regarding the application of the proposal and determined that since there were questions surrounding the proposal, it would table the proposal until the April 2012 meeting and ask staff members to join that meeting for further clarification.

g. Administrative Regulations.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved the administrative regulations in legislative form, as presented.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the administrative regulation in legislative form, as presented.

h. Incorporation of Interpretations.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and approved the legislative form of the incorporations recommended for inclusion in the NCAA Division II Manual.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Modification of Wording.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved the modification of wording in legislative form that previously had been approved in concept by the Council.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Presidents Council-Sponsored Proposals for the 2013 NCAA Convention.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved in legislative form the Presidents Council-sponsored proposals for the 2013 Convention, which previously had been approved in concept by the Council.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved in legislative form the Presidents Council-sponsored proposals for the 2013 Convention, which previously had been approved in concept by the Council.

6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.

a. Association-wide Committees:

(1) Honors Committee.

(a) Committee Appointment.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council approve the appointment of Steve Largent to serve as a public member of the Honors Committee, effective at the close of the 2012 Convention.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointment, as recommended.

(b) Honors Awards.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted the following selection of honorees for the 2012 Honors Celebration:

(i) 2012 Theodore Roosevelt Award Selection. Will Allen (University of Miami, Florida) as the Theodore Roosevelt Award recipient.

(ii) 2012 Silver Anniversary Award Selections. Timothy Brown (University of Notre Dame); Doris Burke (Providence College); Kevin Johnson (University of California, Berkeley); Sean Payton (Eastern Illinois University); Amy Perko (Wake Forest University); and David Robinson (U.S. Naval Academy).

(iii) 2012 Today's Top VIII Award Selections.

- Division I: Sam Acho (University of Texas at Austin); Kelsey Bruder (University of Florida); Kayla Hoffman (University of Alabama); Lee Ellis Moore (University of Mississippi); and Danielle Robinson (University of Oklahoma).
- Division II: Shannon Gagne (University of New Haven).

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- Division III: Kendra Stern (Amherst College).

- (iv) 2012 Inspiration Award Selection. Jill Costello (University of California, Berkeley) and Louis Zamperini (University of Southern California). [NOTE: Ms. Costello's award will be presented posthumously.]

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received information concerning the honorees. No formal action was taken.

(2) Research Committee.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

- **Violence Prevention.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council discussed in length the issue of violence on campus--including issues of hazing, sportsmanship and health and safety--and its educational component. The Management Council agreed that these are important issues that need additional dialogue and discussion. The Council requested that the Presidents Council provide any direction regarding next steps on these items.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council considered the Management Council's request. The consensus of the Council was that this is an important issue for both students and student-athletes and that further discussion is necessary. The Council requested that the Management Council continue its discussions and provide updates, as needed.

(4) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

- (a) **Confederate Battle Flag.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Executive Committee had upheld its policy, as adopted in

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August 2010, to prevent institutions in the states of Mississippi and South Carolina from hosting predetermined championships inside or outside their respective states. No formal action was necessary.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Diversity Award.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee has created a diversity award to recognize institutions for their outstanding best practices in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Nominations for the inaugural award will be sought starting in May, and the award is scheduled to be presented at the 2013 NCAA Convention. No formal action was necessary.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Committee on Women's Athletics.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Joint Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee/Committee on Women's Athletics.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committees' joint report. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Committees and Project Teams.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Sports Committee Appointments.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sports committee appointments, effective immediately:

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- Men's Soccer: Angela Pohl, associate athletics director, Saginaw Valley State University, to replace Tim Gotto, former associate athletics director at Lewis University.
- Playing Rules Oversight Panel: Kristy Bayer, assistant athletics director and head volleyball coach, Arkansas Tech University, to replace Larry Marfise, athletics director, University of Tampa.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Selection Criteria White Paper.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed a white paper developed by the Championships Committee on Division II selection criteria. The document has been shared with different groups and committees in the division. Initial feedback is requested by February, but this will be an item of focus for the committee and the division over the next year. Initial feedback was provided by the Management Council. Additional membership feedback should be sent to D2selectioncriteria@ncaa.org. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided with the white paper. No action was taken.

(c) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Balloting System.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Championships Committee had approved that RACs use available online technology to vote for teams during all RAC calls for the sports of men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis in 2012.

Further, baseball and softball would publish rankings, determined through the voting process, by the regional advisory committees (rather than the national committee) on a pilot program for spring 2012, effective immediately.

An NCAA taskforce was charged with evaluating the use of technology in the ranking and selection of teams for all divisions to improve efficiency and consistency during the selection process. The

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NCAA taskforce believed a revised balloting and ranking process will provide for:

- greater visibility and accountability for regional advisory committees;
- greater efficiency during RAC and national committee calls;
- confidentially and decreased pressure/influence on RAC members during the voting process; and,
- greater emphasis on RAC members participating in the ranking process and strengthening the role of the regional chair as a liaison between the sport committee and the RAC.

The Council noted that the Championships Committee supported a pilot program for the spring of 2012 for baseball and softball and will provide valuable feedback on the process to the other sport committees, with the potential for full implementation in Division II across all sports for the 2012-13 academic year. During the June 2012 Championships Committee meeting, the feedback garnered through the 2012 winter and spring pilot program will be reviewed and voted upon for future implementation.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Council received this information in the report from the Management Council. No action was necessary.

(d) 2011-12 Digital Game Programs.

January 11 Management Council. NCAA staff shared with the Council that approximately 40 of the 89 championships across all divisions will be using digital game programs beginning this fall. The selected NCAA championships have adopted digital game programs that can be viewed online or downloaded to a consumer's mobile device. IMG College will be responsible for all digital program production, including layout and design, advertising, and digital distribution channels prior to and during the championship. Digital programs will be available for download prior to the championship at NCAA.com. Once championship sites are selected, the NCAA will notify each host institution/conference whether IMG will be providing a printed game program or digital game program. A few other key points about this new initiative are provided below:

- Digital game programs will be available to everyone, not just those fans attending NCAA championships. They are available at no cost.

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- Student-athletes will be able to download the digital game programs to their mobile phones, iPads or computers and share them electronically with anyone at no cost.
- All pages of the digital programs will be four-color.
- The programs will have more pages than ever before and there are no physical or technological restrictions in number of pages.
- This initiative will enable the NCAA to act as a leader in the use of technology at its events and to be on the front-end of adoption of similar initiatives by its institutions and conferences. In addition, there are conferences and institutions that are already doing this.
- This will allow the NCAA to have more timely information in the game program since the deadlines for information will be later than in the past.
- IMG will be able to update the game program—after the championship—to allow the student-athletes a more attractive keepsake, if wanted. If desired, a student-athlete, family members, institutions and/or fans will be able to order hard-copy versions of the entire game program (or portions of it) on demand via NCAA.com/gameprograms after the championship. Costs will vary pending the order.
- Student-athlete awards/mementos will continue to be provided to championship participants as in the past to honor the achievement of participating student-athletes. In addition, the NCAA championship locker room program has been expanded to ensure that all 89 NCAA championship teams receive t-shirts and hats as part of their championship celebration.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) NCAA Mobile App.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the December launch of the NCAA digital iPhone app, which will feature exclusive live video streaming of more than 60 NCAA championships included the 2011 Division II field hockey,

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football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball championships, and forthcoming in the winter of 2012, will feature the Division II wrestling championship. Also featured as a part of the digital services is a new mobile website that will provide live scores, schedules, news, rankings and video recaps suitable for mobile screens (iPhone, Android, etc).

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

(a) Policies and Procedures—Bylaw 19.5.2 (Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved a revision, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3, to revise Bylaw 19.5.2 (g) to specify that the Committee on Infractions may require, in situations where vacations are imposed, that individual or team awards be returned to the Association.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Policies and Procedures—Bylaw 19.5.2 (Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council approved a revision, pursuant to Constitution 5.2.3.3, to revise Bylaw 19.5.2.1 to specify that the provision applies only to show-cause penalties imposed to 19.5.2 (p).

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Legislation Committee.

(a) Bylaw 16.1.4.4—Awards and Benefits—Purchase Restrictions—Student Contribution to Purchase.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4.4 (student contribution to purchase) to permit a student-athlete to make financial contributions to the purchase of an award up to the legislated limits in Bylaw 16, effective August 1, 2013.

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January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation,

- (b) **NCAA Convention Proposal No. 2012-13—Recruiting—Recruiting Materials—Printed Recruiting Materials, Electronic Media and Electronic Transmissions—Permissible Timing and Number of Recruiting Materials—During the Conduct of Athletics Contest.**

January 11 Management Council. This noncontroversial legislative change was adopted by the Management Council earlier in the meeting. [See Page No. 6, Item No. 5-d in this summary.]

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (c) **Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3—Eligibility—Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment—Notification of Organized-Competition Legislation—NCAA Eligibility Center.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3 (notification of organized-competition legislation) to specify that the NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the organized competition legislation following a prospective student-athlete's registration, effective August 1, 2012, for any prospective student-athlete who registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after August 1, 2012.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (d) **Bylaw 17.22.8-(b)-(2)—Playing and Practice Seasons—Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities—Exception—Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.22.8-(b)-(2) to specify that a student-athlete's practice for or participation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Indoor Championship is not considered part of the institution's declared nonchampionship segment, provided the student-athlete qualifies for the event, effective immediately.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) **Incorporation of Interpretation into the Division II Manual—Recreational Activities During Official or Unofficial Visit.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to incorporate the following interpretation into the Division II Manual. [Please note that this incorporation was previously approved as part of Page No. 7, Item No. 5-h of this summary.]

- Recreational Activities During Official or Unofficial Visit. The Division II Legislation Committee determined that during an official or unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may participate in recreational activities in a facility (on- or off-campus) that is not open to the general public (e.g., campus recreation center, golf course, swimming pool), provided such activities are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete. Further, in situations in which there is a fee associated with the use of the facility (e.g., guest fee at a private facility used by the institution for practice or competition, admission fee for open swim session at institutional recreation center), a prospective student-athlete shall pay the going rate associated with the use of that facility. [References: Division II Bylaws 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment, benefits, or services), 13.2 (offers and inducements), 13.6 (official (paid) visit), 13.7 (unofficial (nonpaid) visit) and 13.11.2.3 (recreational activities)]

(f) **Ease of Burden Initiative—Legislative Referrals to Other Division II Committees.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council referred the following concepts to the specified committee for their review and possible action.

- (i) To the Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Bylaw 15.02.4.3 (exempted institutional financial aid – academic awards). Whether the Division II membership should consider amending the legislation to eliminate the required criteria for exempting academic awards from a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance and the institution's financial aid limitations; further, to permit

institutions to exempt all academic awards provided they are awarded in accordance with institutional policy.

NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.10 (academic success rate) and 3.2.4.11 (academic performance census). Whether the Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) could be combined into one reporting requirement once cohorts align; further whether the due date for both reports should be adjusted to ease the burden on compliance administrators.

- (ii) To the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.

NCAA Gender-Equity Reporting. Whether deadlines and reporting requirements for the federal Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) survey and the gender-equity reporting could be aligned.

- (iii) To the NCAA Division II Championships Committee.

Bylaw 31.2.1.7.1 (midseason eligibility verification form). Whether the Division II membership should amend legislation to eliminate the requirement that an institution must submit a midseason eligibility verification form.

Code of Conduct Form. Whether the code of conduct form could be made available online in an editable format in order to ease the burden on institutional personnel.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) NCAA Division II Coaches Certification Test.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the information that the committee provided regarding the administration of the NCAA Division II Coaches Certification Test. The committee recommended maintaining the test in its current format for the 2012-13 academic year, but had directed staff to increase the number of questions in the test bank and to maintain the requirement that an individual outside the athletics department proctor the exam. The committee also recommended decreasing the number of questions and eliminating the answers to the questions that appear on the practice exam. The committee suggested reviewing the

possibility of incorporating video education materials into the practice and/or actual exam in future years.

Additionally, the Council requested that the Membership Committee review and discuss expectations and requirements of current active members to determine whether changes or amendments to the Coaches Certification Test were necessary, in light of the committee's discussions.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Membership Committee.

(a) Bylaws 20.4 and 20.4.1.1—Multidivision Classification—Multidivision Classification Options—Classification of a Sport in Division I.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 20.4.1.1 (Classification of a Sport in NCAA Division I) to reflect that only those NCAA Division II member institutions that had a sport classified in Division I prior to or during the 2010-11 academic year may continue to have the sport classified as such, with the exception that Division II member institutions that sponsored one sport (other than football and basketball) in Division I prior to or during the 2010-11 academic year may petition to have one sport of the opposite gender reclassified to Division I, effective immediately.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Accreditation Policy.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council endorse the NCAA Accreditation Policy, which clarifies whether an active or provisional member institution meets the applicable membership requirements regarding accreditation, as set forth in Article e of the NCAA Constitution.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to endorse the NCAA Accreditation Policy.

Additionally, the Presidents Council requested that the Executive Committee allow Division II to explore and study other means of

accreditation specific to international institutions that wish to become members of Division II. Any change to the current requirements would require both a legislative change and an Executive Committee endorsement.

[Note that the Executive Committee subsequently approved the opportunity for Division II to explore other options for accreditation (other than regional accreditation for international members), noting--as the Presidents Council noted above--that anything other than regional accreditation would require a change in legislation and approval by the Executive Committee.]

(c) Review of Institutions Located in Mexico.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed information from the committee concerning a request from the National Sports Commission (CONADE) of Mexico to consider one or more institutions located in Mexico as potential Division II members. The Management Council and Membership Committee agreed that time is needed to accurately evaluate the Canadian pilot program before it could recommend a pilot program for institution(s) from any other country.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the information concerning the possibility for membership for schools in Mexico, noting that the school in Mexico that has indicated interest is already accredited by a regional accrediting body. The Presidents Council requested the Membership Committee to continue to review the international pilot program for schools located in Mexico to determine what legislative/policy changes may be necessary.

(d) State of Simon Fraser University's Accreditation.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed information from the committee on the timeline provided by Simon Fraser University, which outlined the institution's status as it related to accreditation. The institutions will not complete the accreditation process within the maximum allowable time of four years to complete the Division II membership process. The committee will allow the institution the opportunity to submit a waiver on an annual basis requesting an extension to the membership process. When Simon Fraser entered into the membership process, the legislation restricting an institution from being allowed to continue in the membership process for more than four years had not

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been implemented. The institution will be responsible for paying the annual fee each year during the process.

January 12 Presidents Council. No formal action was taken.

(e) **Financial Reporting Requirements (Constitutions 6.2.3 and 6.2.3.1).**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that information concerning Constitutions 6.2.3 and 6.2.3.1 will be sent to the membership this winter to clarify the requirements of financial reporting. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Nominating Committee.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council approve the following committee appointments, effective as noted.

- (a) Division II Academic Requirements Committee. Freddie Vaughns, faculty athletics representative/assistant vice president for academic affairs, Bowie State University, replacing Denisha Hendricks, effective January 2012.
- (b) Division II Championships Committee. Lisa Sweany, director of athletics, Armstrong Atlantic State University, to replace Dale Clayton, effective January 2012.
- (c) Division II Committee for Legislative Relief. Kathryn Flaherty, assistant director of athletics for compliance/senior woman administrator, Coker College, to replace Kathleen Heitzman, effective January 2012.
- (d) Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. Andre Roach, assistant director of athletics for compliance, St. Augustine's College, to replace Tim Giotto, effective immediately.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments as presented.

(6) Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Meeting Report.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report, noting the change to the Division II vision statement, the transition from a two-year to a three-year budget cycle, and the updated long-term budget though 2023-24 that was updated in light of the Association's transition to a three-year budget cycle. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the committee's report. No formal action was taken.

(b) Year-to-Date Budget to Actual.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the year-to-date figures. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the year-to-date figures. No formal action was taken.

(7) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

(a) Bylaw 21.8.5.9.2—Vacancies.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2013 Convention to amend Bylaw 21.8.5.9.2 to permit applicable conferences to nominate up to one male and one female student-athlete from an active member institution in the conference when a vacancy occurs, effective August 1, 2013.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2013 Convention.

(b) Appointments.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments to the committee, effective immediately following the 2012 Convention:

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- (i) California Collegiate Athletic Association. Dylan Jackson, California State University, Monterey Bay, Men's Golf.
- (ii) Central Athletic Collegiate Conference. Amy Berry, Georgian Court University, Women's Volleyball, Women's Indoor Track and Field, Women's Outdoor Track and Field.
- (iii) Conference Carolinas. Katelyn Madison McElveen, Coker College, Women's Volleyball, Women's Softball.
- (iv) East Coast Conference. John Galanoudis, Molloy College, Baseball.
- (v) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Jared Merritt, Lake Erie College, Wrestling.
- (vi) Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Spencer Dodd, St. Martin's University, Baseball.
- (vii) Gulf South Conference. Alison Arlene Welch, Christian Brothers University, Women's Volleyball.
- (viii) Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Melissa Skovira, Fort Hays State University, Women's Tennis.
- (ix) Northeast-10 Conference. Samantha Whittier, Southern New Hampshire University, Women's Soccer.
- (x) Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Ellen Augsburger, Regis University, Women's Soccer.
- (xi) South Atlantic Conference. David Bradley Maldonado, Lincoln Memorial University, Men's Cross Country.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments.

(c) Recruiting Legislation Best Practices Document.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's best practices document for coaches and athletics administrators, which is designed to assist in the recruiting process. This document was widely distributed to the membership at the 2012 Convention. No formal action was taken.

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January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the best practices document for coaches and athletics administrators. No formal action was taken.

(c) Make-A-Wish Foundation.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the division's partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Division II raised \$405,752 during the 2010-11 academic year. The Week of Wishes, a co-branding effort between Division II and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, is an effort to assist with fundraising efforts at the conference and institutional level and will be held February 18-26, 2012. During the division's Week of Wishes, the Division II SAAC will promote fundraising through marketing efforts via the D2SA.ORG site and Division II Facebook site, in addition to providing every Division II institution and conference office with marketing items to support their fundraising efforts during the week.

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January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the Make-A-Wish update, as well as information on the Week of Wishes. No formal action was taken.

(8) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

(a) Review of NCAA Division II Bylaw 10.1 (Unethical Conduct).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the current NCAA Division II guidelines specific to NCAA Division II Bylaw 10.1 and re-affirmed that the starting point for violations of Bylaw 10.1 is sit-a-year, charge-a-year. This starting point is applicable for academic fraud/misconduct (10.1-b) and false or misleading information (10.1-d and j). In addition, for Bylaws 10.1 (d) and 10.1 (j), the student-athlete reinstatement staff may consider increasing the starting point withholding condition when any of the following factors apply:

- (i) The student-athlete acted actively and deliberately to conceal, omit or provide inaccurate or false information; or
- (ii) The student-athlete had multiple opportunities to correct or provide accurate information; or

- (iii) The student-athlete provided incomplete or inaccurate information to the NCAA enforcement or amateurism certification staffs.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary

(b) Review of Gambling Guidelines and Case Precedent.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that, after review of case precedent and discussion of violations specific to gambling activities that do not trigger the legislated minimum penalty of NCAA Division II Bylaw 10.3.2, the committee had adjusted its direction to the student-athlete reinstatement staff to more fully recognize that gambling violations are considered egregious in nature and a priority area for the membership. Effective for violations occurring on or after August 1, 2012, the committee determined the following:

- a. The following conditions will be applied for all gambling violations (dollar value is amount wagered):
 - (1) \$25 or less = no withholding.
 - (2) Greater than \$25 to \$100 = 10 percent withholding condition.
 - (3) Greater than \$100 to \$300 = 30 percent withholding condition.
 - (4) Greater than \$300 to \$500 = 50 percent withholding condition.
 - (5) Greater than \$500 = sit-a-season/charge-a-season withholding condition.

And, when a student-athlete receives winnings associated with any gambling activity, the student-athlete must make repayment of full value received.

- b. In addition, in cases where the impermissible gambling activity greatly exceeds \$500, the committee directed the student-athlete reinstatement staff to consider whether

additional withholding, including permanent ineligibility, may be appropriate.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary

(c) **Application of Organized Competition Legislation (Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.2) When a Reinstatement Condition Involving Competition Also Applies.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the student-athlete reinstatement staff reviewed situations when a student-athlete could be subject to the organized competition legislation and also a student-athlete reinstatement condition. Given a student-athlete is not otherwise eligible when they are fulfilling an organized competition legislative penalty and in order to fulfill a reinstatement condition, the student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition, the withholding condition cannot be served concurrently with the organized competition legislation penalty.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) **Division II Project Team to Review Issues Related to Diversity.**

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the project team, noting that President Cevallos, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, will be the chair of the project team for future meetings. No formal action was taken.

January 13 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ***COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.***

a. **Vice-Chair Election.**

January 11 Management Council. No action was necessary.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council elected Thomas Haas, Grand Valley State University, as the new vice-chair of the Presidents Council, effective immediately. President Haas' term will run until September, at which time, he will be eligible to be elected for a second term. As vice-chair of the Presidents Council, President Haas will also be chair of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

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a. 2012 Committee and Project Team Assignments.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee and project team assignments for 2012. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed its committee and project team assignments for 2012. No formal action was taken.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee and project team assignments for 2012. No formal action was taken.

b. Division II Purchasing Website.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a presentation from Source One Digital on the new Division II Purchasing Website, which was being launched Friday, January 13, at the Convention. An email was sent Friday at 10 a.m. to all Division II directors of athletics and conference commissioners for the launch, which would give each Division II institution/conference a \$1,000 credit to use toward the purchase of signage and promotional items. The credit will continue through October 1, after which unused funds will be converted to conference accounts, up to \$2,000 per conference. The Council noted that Source One would be available outside the ballroom on Friday to answer questions and provide demonstrations to the membership. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information on the new Purchasing Website. No formal action was taken.

c. Evaluation of 2012 Convention.

January 15 Management Council. The Management Council engaged in a discussion on the various sessions with NCAA staff members and a representative from Short's Travel. No formal action was taken.

8. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

a. 2012 Convention schedule.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was provided with the core schedule for Division II functions. No action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided with the core schedule for Division II functions. No action was taken.

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b. FAR Model Document.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a draft copy of the Division II Model Faculty Athletics Representative Document and was asked to provide feedback. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided with a draft copy of the Model Document and asked to provide feedback. No formal action was taken.

c. Graduation Rates by Conference.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received graduation/academic success rate information for the 2001-2004 freshman cohort by conference, noting that submission of the academic success rate in Division II is mandatory. No action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received graduation/academic success rate information for the 2001-2004 freshman cohort by conference. No action was taken.

d. Update on the 2012 Division II Championships Festival.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the Division II Championships Festival, to be conducted in Louisville, Kentucky, May 15-19, 2012. Information concerning the festival would be provided to the membership at the Louisville Sports Commission booth, which would be located outside the Division II ballroom Friday. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Management Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the Division II Championships Festival. No formal action was taken.

e. Strategic Communications Document.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received an updated copy of the Division II Strategic Communications Toolkit. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an updated copy of the Division II Strategic Communications Toolkit. No action was taken.

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f. 2012 Community Engagement Award of Excellence.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received information on the Community Engagement Award of Excellence. It was noted that the deadline for nominations is March 2, 2012, and that the overall national winner will be honored at the 2012 Championships Festival in Louisville in May. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Outcomes of the NCAA Inclusion Summit.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA office of inclusion staff on inclusion initiatives and the inclusion summit that was held in September. It was noted that an educational session would be conducted that afternoon for the membership. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Litigation Update.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was provided a litigation update by the legal staff. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No update was provided to the Council.

i. President's Update.

January 11 Management Council. President Emmert joined the Council to provide some comments to the Council, including comments on Division II's Ease of Burden initiative; recruiting guidelines; and the Division II Make-A-Wish initiative. He thanked Council members for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Association.

January 12 Presidents Council. President Emmert joined the Council to provide an update on NCAA issues. During President Emmert's time with the Council, they discussed a letter sent to President Emmert concerning the National Collaborative to Protect America's Children. No formal action was taken.

j. Membership and External Outreach.

January 11 Management Council. No presentation was provided.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from members of the communications staff on membership and external outreach; specifically, outreach to presidents and chancellors. No formal action was taken.

k. Vice President's Report.

January 12 Presidents Council. The vice president of Division II provided an update to the Council, noting that the fourth Division II Chancellors and Presidents Summit will be in January 2013, in conjunction with the 2013 NCAA Convention in Dallas, Texas. No formal action was taken.

9. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS' UPDATES.

a. Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities by the Division II ADA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities by the Division II CCA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. CoSIDA.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities by CoSIDA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities by FARA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities of MOAA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities of NACWAA. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on activities of NAAC. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. REPORTING BACK TO CONFERENCES.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of items/issues to be reported to their conference, including: 1) appointments to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; 2) 2012 Division II Priorities; 3) new Division II Strategic Plan; 4) launch of the Division II Purchasing Website; 5) white paper on Division II championships selection criteria; 6) Division II FAR model document; 7) Community Engagement Award of Excellence deadline; 8) Division II Week of Wishes—February 18-26; 9) Diversity and Inclusion Award in May 2012; and 10) forthcoming information on financial report requirements. No formal action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. OUTGOING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND CHAIRS.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council recognized the service of six outgoing Management Council representatives: Bob Fortosis, Eckerd College; Wendy Taylor May, University of California, San Diego; Fran Nee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Butch Raymond, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference; and Willie Washington, Benedict College. The Council also recognized and thanked Rick Cole, Dowling College, for his year of service as chair of the Council.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized the service of three outgoing Presidents Council representatives: Drew Bogner, Molloy College; Nancy Moody, Tusculum College; and David Rankin, Southern Arkansas University. Additionally, Dr.

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Bogner was thanked for his two-year term as chair of the Council. The Council also thanked Rick Cole for his year as chair of the Management Council.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the future meetings. No action was taken.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the future meetings, noting that the August meeting date has been changed from August 2 to August 9. No action was taken.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

- **Moratorium on Creation of New Division II Conferences.**

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to lift the moratorium on the acceptance of petitions for membership from new Division II conferences, effective immediately. This moratorium was enacted at the January 2011 Management Council meeting, so that legislative recommendations regarding changes to the conference membership process could be properly vetted through the governance structure and voted on by the delegates at the 2012 NCAA Convention. At that time, the Membership Committee noted that it would be supportive of recommending the removal of the moratorium prior to adjournment of the 2013 NCAA Convention if a consensus had been reached on the proposals forwarded by the committee. Since the Management Council believes that such is the case, it voted to lift the moratorium, effective immediately.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

January 11 Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

January 12 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at noon.

NCAA Manuals to go mobile

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A phased-in approach to making the NCAA Manuals more accessible and easier to use continues this year with quarterly updates online and a new e-pub format for users to access the Manuals on hand-held mobile devices.

NCAA staff will update the Manuals to align with governance structure's quarterly cycle (January, April, August and October). That means while members will continue to receive a printed Manual in July, they will also be able to access updated versions electronically throughout the year. In addition to the interactive PDF, users can opt to download a version suitable for display on a number of mobile devices.

The first version of the updated Manual, which reflects actions taken during the governance structure's winter 2012 meetings, will be available on NCAA.org this month.

As for the printed version of the Manuals, the 2012-13 edition this coming July will contain only the so-called "operating bylaws," which are Bylaws 10 through 17, along with Constitution 3 and Article 20. That change would reduce the size of the printed Manuals by about one-third.

The entire Manual will continue to be online in a PDF format, but the printed version now will be streamlined. Cost savings from reducing the printed version will help maintain the e-pub.

These updates constitute the most recent phase of a long-term effort from the NCAA staff to make the Manuals more user-friendly. Previous efficiencies have been gained by eliminating Bylaw 30 and moving the Divisions I and II recruiting calendars that had been housed there into Bylaw 13 where other recruiting policies reside. Staff also developed "de minimis/restitution designations" in lieu of legislative text.

The changes are the result of a staff review of the three divisional Manuals to gain greater consistency in terminology, use figures and charts more appropriately, and consolidate areas where appropriate without compromising the integrity of the legislation. The effort represents the first significant overhaul of the Manuals since the Association federated its governance structure in 1997.

It is possible that the Division I Manual could change more drastically in the coming months, depending on the outcome of a working group that emerged from the presidential retreat in August 2010 and was charged with reviewing the philosophy and structure of Division I policies and procedures.


While that could certainly affect what the Division I Manual looks like and how it will be produced, staff is progressing with the original phase-in initiative for now.

Regulatory Culture in Division II

Rachel Newman Baker, *Managing Director of Enforcement, NCAA*


Jill McCartney, *Assistant AD, Washburn University, and chair of the Division II Legislation Committee*

Sarah Hebbard, *Student-Athlete at Pfeiffer University, and vice-chair of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee*




Overview of Enforcement Structure

- Development.
- Investigations.
- Processing.
- Information Management.



Recent Division II Major Enforcement Cases

1. Cal Poly – recruiting inducements, tryouts, ethical conduct, lack of control.
2. Texas A&M International – academic fraud.
3. Brevard College – text messaging, telephone calls.
4. Southern Indiana – recruiting inducements, ethical conduct, head coach control.



Focus Issues for Division II

- Commitment to Institutional Control.
 - Emphasis on Compliance Resources.
- Shared Responsibility.
 - Commitment.
 - Monitoring Expectations.
 - Proper Reporting.



Where is Enforcement Headed?

- Brief Summary of Presidential Task Force Initiatives.
 - Summary of Threats:
 - Rules.
 - Lack of Shared Responsibility.
 - Risk/Reward.
 - External Influences.




How will Division II benefit from the changes to the enforcement process?

- Streamlined approach in order to process cases more effectively and efficiently.
 - Investigations that are limited in scope.
 - More serious cases will continue to be processed in same format.



Discussion Question

What can the Division II membership do, either as a division, at the conference level or at the institutional level to share more responsibility in order to ensure compliance with the rules?




Regulatory Culture in Division II

Theme emerging from 2010 Chancellors & Presidents Summit:
Need to alleviate some of the compliance/financial burdens that regulations place on Division II intercollegiate athletics.

Review by Legislation Committee produced a set of proposals that:

- Demonstrate Division II's commitment to ensure engaged and functioning compliance programs; and
- Give back time and resources to personnel that can be spent elsewhere.


EASE OF BURDEN INITIATIVE



Regulatory Culture in Division II

EASE OF BURDEN INITIATIVE

- Three proposals establish a consistent start date of June 15 prior to junior year for recruiting prospective student-athletes.
- Eliminate restrictions on the number/frequency of contacts, telephone calls and electronic communications, including text messaging.



Regulatory Culture in Division II EASE OF BURDEN INITIATIVE

- Accomplishes two goals:
 - Amends timing of recruitment of prospective student-athletes so that it is consistent with the recruitment of the general student body.
 - Prioritizes the recruiting rules so that administrators/coaches can concentrate on those things that enhance the student-athlete experience.



Regulatory Culture in Division II

- Process used by National SAAC to collect feedback on proposals via legislative grids.
- Discussions by SAAC on the 16 proposals for the 2012 Division II business session.
- SAAC supports the Ease of Burden Package.
 - Why SAAC supports the proposals.

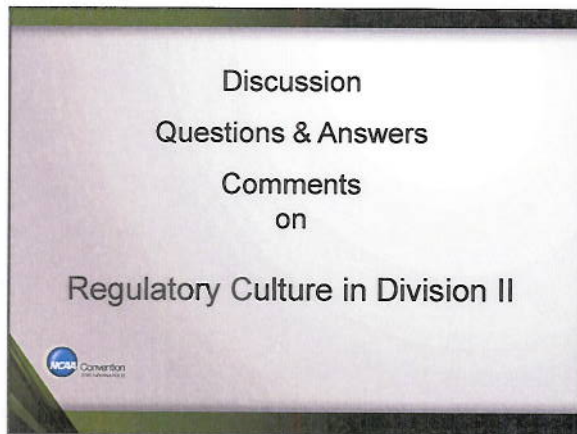


Regulatory Culture in Division II

- Recruiting Best Practices Document created by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- Contains guidelines for coaches and athletics administrators with regard to creating a healthy recruiting environment

Copy was placed at each chancellor's/president's seat prior to the meeting.





Statistics Related to Secondary Cases for 2011

Approximately 4,327 secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed by the enforcement staff during the 2011 calendar year. Of the 4,327 cases, approximately 1,838 cases (42%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

BY DIVISION

Total	4327	(42% Level II)
I	3185	(45% Level II)
II	900	(36% Level II)
III	242	(29% Level II)

BY SPORT

Administrative

Total = 107

<u>Men</u>	<u>Total =2319</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total =1901</u>
Baseball	246	Basketball	383
Basketball	502	Bowling	9
Cross Country	51	Cross Country	80
Fencing	4	Equestrian	7
Football	610	Fencing	3
Golf	110	Field Hockey	37
Gymnastics	11	Golf	85
Ice Hockey	23	Gymnastics	34
Lacrosse	37	Ice Hockey	17
Rifle	1	Lacrosse	47
Skiing	3	Rifle	2
Soccer	155	Rowing	53
Swimming	87	Rugby	1
Tennis	94	Skiing	4
Track, Indoor	124	Soccer	221
Track, Outdoor	129	Softball	159
Volleyball	37	Squash	3
Water Polo	13	Swimming	89
Wrestling	78	Tennis	104
		Track, Indoor	146
		Track, Outdoor	147
		Volleyball	256
		Water Polo	14
*Men's Crew	2		
*Men's Squash	2		

TOTAL SPORTS = 4,327

*Used for sport sponsorship purposes

BY BYLAW CITATION

<u>Citation</u>	<u>All Divisions</u>
Bylaw 2	0
Bylaw 3	8
Bylaw 6	3
Bylaw 10	21
Bylaw 11	175
Bylaw 12	322
Bylaw 13	2093
Bylaw 14	522
Bylaw 15	152
Bylaw 16	681
Bylaw 17	364
Bylaw 18	3
Bylaw 23	4
Bylaw 31	1
Bylaw 32	2
TOTAL	4351*

* Totals of each category may not match sport totals due to differentials in sports/bylaws involved in an individual case.

Statistics Related to Secondary Cases for 2011 Division I

Approximately 3,185 Division I secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed during the 2011 calendar year. Of those 3,185 cases, approximately 1,446 (45%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

Division I Total = 3185 (45% Level II)

BY SPORT

Administrative

Total = 51

<u>Men</u>	<u>Total = 1771</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total = 1363</u>
Baseball	179	Basketball	279
Basketball	399	Bowling	8
Cross Country	27	Cross Country	37
Fencing	3	Equestrian	7
Football	517	Fencing	3
Golf	77	Field Hockey	34
Gymnastics	11	Golf	67
Ice Hockey	15	Gymnastics	31
Lacrosse	22	Ice Hockey	11
Rifle	1	Lacrosse	29
Skiing	2	Rifle	2
Soccer	86	Rowing	49
Swimming	68	Rugby	0
Tennis	60	Skiing	3
Track, Indoor	98	Soccer	153
Track, Outdoor	107	Softball	102
Volleyball	27	Squash	2
Water Polo	12	Swimming	68
Wrestling	56	Tennis	73
		Track, Indoor	114
		Track, Outdoor	112
		Volleyball	165
*Men's Crew	2	Sand Volleyball	0
*Men's Squash	2	Water Polo	14

TOTAL SPORTS = 3,185

*Used for sport sponsorship purposes

BY BYLAW CITATION

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Division I</u>
Bylaw 2	0
Bylaw 3	7
Bylaw 6	0
Bylaw 10	10
Bylaw 11	143
Bylaw 12	224
Bylaw 13	1745
Bylaw 14	296
Bylaw 15	98
Bylaw 16	479
Bylaw 17	233
Bylaw 18	3
Bylaw 23	4
Bylaw 31	0
Bylaw 32	1
TOTAL	3243*

* Totals of each category may not match sport totals due to differentials in sports/bylaws involved in an individual case.

Statistics Related to Secondary Cases for 2011 Division II

Approximately 900 Division II secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed during the 2011 calendar year. Of those 900 cases, approximately 323 (36%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

Division II Total = 900 (36% Level II)

BY SPORT

Administrative

Total = 40

<u>Men</u>	<u>Total = 423</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total = 437</u>
Baseball	53	Basketball	86
Basketball	76	Bowling	1
Cross Country	21	Cross Country	39
Fencing	1	Equestrian	0
Football	71	Fencing	0
Golf	23	Field Hockey	1
Gymnastics	0	Golf	12
Ice Hockey	3	Gymnastics	2
Lacrosse	11	Ice Hockey	5
Rifle	0	Lacrosse	14
Skiing	0	Rifle	0
Soccer	53	Rowing	4
Swimming	14	Rugby	1
Tennis	28	Skiing	0
Track, Indoor	20	Soccer	56
Track, Outdoor	19	Softball	47
Volleyball	9	Squash	0
Water Polo	1	Swimming	18
Wrestling	20	Tennis	26
		Track, Indoor	26
		Track, Outdoor	31
		Volleyball	68
		Sand Volleyball	0
		Water Polo	0

TOTAL SPORTS = 900

BY BYLAW CITATION

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Division II</u>
Bylaw 2	0
Bylaw 3	0
Bylaw 6	3
Bylaw 10	7
Bylaw 11	23
Bylaw 12	90
Bylaw 13	277
Bylaw 14	168
Bylaw 15	46
Bylaw 16	165
Bylaw 17	96
Bylaw 18	0
Bylaw 31	1
Bylaw 32	1
TOTAL	877*

* Totals of each category may not match sport totals due to differentials in sports/bylaws involved in an individual case.

Statistics Related to Secondary Cases for 2011 Division III

Approximately 242 Division III secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed during the 2011 calendar year. Of those 242 cases, approximately 69 (29%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

Division III Total = 242 (29% Level II)

BY SPORT

Administrative

Total = 16

<u>Men</u>	<u>Total = 125</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total = 101</u>
Baseball	14	Basketball	18
Basketball	27	Bowling	0
Cross Country	3	Cross Country	4
Fencing	0	Equestrian	0
Football	22	Fencing	0
Golf	10	Field Hockey	2
Gymnastics	0	Golf	6
Ice Hockey	5	Gymnastics	1
Lacrosse	4	Ice Hockey	1
Rifle	0	Lacrosse	4
Skiing	1	Rifle	0
Soccer	16	Rowing	0
Swimming	5	Rugby	0
Tennis	6	Skiing	1
Track, Indoor	6	Soccer	12
Track, Outdoor	3	Softball	10
Volleyball	1	Squash	1
Water Polo	0	Swimming	3
Wrestling	2	Tennis	5
		Track, Indoor	6
		Track, Outdoor	4
		Volleyball	23
		Water Polo	0
*Men's Crew	0		

TOTAL SPORTS = 242

*Used for sport sponsorship purposes

BY BYLAW CITATION

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Division III</u>
Bylaw 2	0
Bylaw 3	1
Bylaw 6	0
Bylaw 10	4
Bylaw 11	9
Bylaw 12	8
Bylaw 13	71
Bylaw 14	58
Bylaw 15	8
Bylaw 16	37
Bylaw 17	35
Bylaw 18	0
Bylaw 31	0
Bylaw 32	0
TOTAL	231*

* Totals of each category may not match sport totals due to differentials in sports/bylaws involved in an individual case.

White Paper Regarding the Review of NCAA Division II Academic Requirements

Background.

In 1997, the NCAA Division II Academic Performance Census (APC) was launched as a voluntary program to inform discussions on initial and continuing eligibility and other academic issues. It was based on the rationale that decisions concerning academic eligibility to compete in NCAA athletics must be scientifically and legally defensible. However, the voluntary program was discontinued in 2002 when the institutional response rate dipped to 20 percent. The NCAA research staff determined that data from such a small and nonrepresentative set of schools did not provide information that could appropriately inform academic eligibility research in Division II.

In 2006, the NCAA Division II Academic Tracking System (ATS) was created to provide institutions with a web-based tool to track the NCAA Division II Academic Success Rate (ASR) and other academic performance data. In June of that year, the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee discussed the importance of collecting APC data in order to make informed, data-driven decisions regarding initial-eligibility, progress-toward-degree and transfer legislation. The committee approved the resumption of voluntary APC data collection through the ATS and encouraged institutions to participate, beginning the winter of 2006-07. However, only 15 percent of Division II institutions submitted data, resulting in the same representativeness problems as before. As a result, the committee recommended—and the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council sponsored— legislation for the 2008 NCAA Convention to require APC data collection. The proposal was adopted by an overwhelming margin.

In February 2011, the committee received an update on the third year of APC data collection. This was the first set of APC data that included four-year performance for a cohort of student-athletes (2006-07 freshmen). The data included high school core grade-point averages and college entrance exam test scores for all Division II student-athletes, as well as first-year academic outcomes (eligibility and retention rates and grade-point averages) by gender, minority status and qualifier status (qualifier and partial/nonqualifier). Additionally, the research staff used high school grades and test scores for student-athletes in the 2006-07 freshman cohort to show the percentage of minority and majority student-athletes who would have qualified under several different initial-eligibility standards and the estimated ASR under each standard. (See “Data” section for more details.) The committee discussed whether the data are sufficient to support changing the initial-eligibility legislation to a different standard that increases the percentage of minority student-athletes who qualify while having no significant impact on estimated ASR, and whether such a major change would be palatable to the governance structure. The committee directed staff to develop a list of guiding questions, concerns and comments on the topic.

Additionally, with the collection of APC data, the committee has an opportunity to review the progress-toward-degree legislation. With the APC data, a limited comparison can now be made between progress-toward-degree eligibility and graduation rates.

Finally, an ongoing review is being conducted by the NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet. Through that review, the cabinet developed a package of legislative proposals that amend the two-year college transfer requirements. The committee received updates throughout the Division I review, and will discuss recommending a similar package of proposals in Division II. The committee will rely on Division I data on transfer student-athletes, which is much more robust than Division II data;

however, the research staff believes there is no significant difference between the two groups. The Division II membership opted to not collect the same level of data Division I collects due to the administrative burden on athletics department staff and the research staff's conclusion that the Division I data will be adequate for this analysis. While the Division I legislation provides the committee with a starting point for the discussions, the committee will make recommendations based on what it determines is appropriate for Division II, and will not simply make recommendations to mirror the Division I legislation as the division's needs and philosophies differ. However, it is crucial that Division II institutions continue to be the choice for two-year college transfers because of the mission and student-athlete experience, and not because the transfer student-athlete did not meet the Division I requirements.

History of Current Academic Requirements.

Initial-Eligibility Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 14.3.

The current initial-eligibility legislation was revised in January 2003, effective for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after August 1, 2005. To be eligible for athletics financial aid, practice and competition during the first year of collegiate enrollment, a student-athlete must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier. Additionally, a student-athlete who is certified as a partial qualifier is permitted to receive athletics financial aid and practice during the first year of collegiate enrollment; however, a partial qualifier is unable to compete during the first year of collegiate enrollment. Finally, a student-athlete who is certified as a nonqualifier is not eligible to practice or compete in the first academic year, but may receive nonathletics institutional financial aid.

Current legislation defines a qualifier in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 as a high school graduate who presents at least 14 core courses with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 and a minimum combined SAT score of 820 or sum score of 68 on the ACT. The 14 core courses must include:

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	2 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	3 years

In January 2008, initial-eligibility legislation was amended by the membership. The changes have a delayed effective date and will apply to student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after August 1, 2013. The only criteria for qualifier status that was amended included a change

to the core-course requirement. Specifically, the number of core courses will increase from 14 core courses to 16 core courses. The 16 core courses must include:

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	3 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

Currently, there are two legislated exceptions to the qualifier requirements. Bylaw 14.3.1.1.1 provides an exception for institutions located in Puerto Rico. The exception allows prospective student-athletes entering an institution located in Puerto Rico to use a minimum combined score on the Prueba de Aptitud Academica verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 to satisfy the test-score requirement.

Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2 provides an early academic certification opportunity for prospective student-athletes who have achieved the following academic criteria:

1. A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85; and
2. A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 12 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 12 core courses shall include:
 - a. Three core courses in English,
 - b. Two in mathematics (at the level of Algebra I or higher),
 - c. Two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered at the high school); and
 - d. Five additional core courses in any NCAA core area.

The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

Progress-Toward-Degree Legislation – Bylaw 14.4.

The current progress-toward-degree legislation was revised in January 1992. The legislation was revised again in January 2004 to include the six-hour requirement on a term-by-term basis.

The current progress-toward-degree legislation requires a student-athlete to meet the following academic requirements in order to be eligible for athletics competition:

[Note: A student-athlete's eligibility for practice is determined by full-time enrollment status set forth in Bylaw 14.1.8, and eligibility for financial aid is determined by legislation set forth in Bylaw 15.]

1. Credit-Hour Requirements – Bylaw 14.4.3.1.

- a. Satisfactory completion of six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution;
- b. For a midyear transfer student-athlete, for a student-athlete following the student-athlete's first academic year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution, the certification shall be determined by the student-athlete's academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on:
 - (1) Averaging method: Satisfactory completion before each fall term of a cumulative total of academic semester or quarter hours equivalent to an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours during each of the previous academic terms in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a term or terms; or
 - (2) Actual method: Satisfactory completion of 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters.

2. Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements – Bylaw 14.4.3.2.

A student-athlete shall meet the minimum grade-point average requirements by achieving the following cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on the student-athlete earning:

- a. 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.800;

- b. 48-semester or 72-quarter hours: 1.900;
- c. 72-semester or 108-quarter hours: 2.000; and
- d. 96-semester or 144-quarter hours: 2.000.

There are multiple exceptions and waivers available for a student-athlete who does not meet the progress-toward-degree requirements. (See Bylaws 14.4.3.4 through 14.4.3.8 for an exhaustive list of exceptions and waivers.)

Two-Year Transfer Legislation – Bylaw 14.5.4.

The two-year transfer legislation was adopted in January 2003, effective August 1, 2003. The legislation was subsequently revised in 2004 and 2005, with the most significant revisions occurring in 2007 and 2011.

In 2007, the committee recommended a revision to the two-year transfer legislation to allow a qualifier with no previous attendance at a four-year collegiate institution to be eligible for competition during the student-athlete's first year in residence at the certifying institution if the student-athlete spent at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter in residence at the two-year institution. Also, the student-athlete must present a minimum grade-point average of 2.000 and satisfactorily complete an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college. The original two-year college transfer rules continue to apply to all other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers.

In 2011, the two-year transfer legislation was amended to include additional requirements for partial qualifiers or nonqualifiers. The additional requirements included earning a minimum of six-semester or eight-quarter hours of transferable English credit and three-semester or four-quarter hours of transferable math credit. The legislation includes an exception for a two-year college transfer student who graduates from the two-year college or who has previous four-year college attendance.

The current two-year transfer legislation (Bylaw 14.5.4.1) for a qualifier and who has never attended a four-year institution previously states a student-athlete is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution provided:

1. The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter (excluding summer sessions);
2. The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and

3. The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2).

The current two-year transfer legislation (Bylaw 14.5.4.2) for all other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers states a student-athlete is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution provided:

1. The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions); and
2. The student-athlete has satisfied one of the following provisions:
 - a. Graduated from the two-year college. At least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree per Bylaw 14.5.4.4.4; or
 - b. Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each academic term of full-time attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2).

In addition to the requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, a two-year transfer who is either a partial qualifier or nonqualifier must also have a minimum of six-semester or eight-quarter hours of transferable English credit and three-semester or four-quarter hours of transferable math credit. Remedial English and math courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

APC Data.

During its February 2011 in-person meeting, the committee reviewed data on the “graduation pool” for 2006 fall Division II freshman student-athletes. The graduation pool is defined as the percent of the group who are known or likely graduates—student-athletes who, at the time the last APC data were submitted in fall 2010, had already graduated, were still enrolled that fall or were still enrolled and eligible when they quit participating in athletics at some point since initial enrollment. Student-athletes who transferred into or out of the institution after fall 2006 are not included in the calculation. (Exception: Those who left while ineligible are included as nongraduates.)

The graduation pool is not strictly comparable to a federal graduation rate because it excludes those who left while eligible. It may approximate an ASR; however; even though it does not include incoming transfers (which the ASR does), the graduation pool for the 2006 freshmen would actually be about a half-point higher if transfers are included. The committee considered the graduation pool as a “baseline” number for comparing how graduation performance may have changed under several possible initial-eligibility standards.

The committee also considered the “decision accuracy” of each initial-eligibility standard. This is the percentage of student-athletes who met the standard and were part of the graduation pool (true positive) or failed to meet the standard and were not part of the graduation pool (true negative). High decision accuracy means that the threshold set by the standard did a good job of separating those who ended up in the graduation pool from those who did not.

The committee reviewed the graduation pool, ineligibility rates and decision accuracy of nearly two dozen initial-eligibility standards. The following types of standards were included:

1. Conjunctive scales. A minimum threshold is required on both core-course grade-point average and test score. For example, the current standard of 2.000 core grade-point average and a minimum combined score of 820 on the SAT is a conjunctive scale.
2. Sliding scales. A higher test score requires a lower minimum core grade-point average, and vice versa. Typically, the scales are set up so that the minimum test score and grade-point average average a certain number of standard deviations below their respective national means. For example, a student-athlete in Division I may become a qualifier by meeting the requirements in the initial-eligibility index (e.g., 3.275 grade-point average and 510 combined SAT or 45 sum ACT; 2.100 grade-point average and 970 combined SAT or 82 sum ACT).
3. Sliding scales with a minimum core grade-point average. These are just like the sliding scales referenced above, but the grade-point average can never drop below 2.000. For example, a student-athlete with a 2.100 core grade-point average and 970 combined SAT or 82 sum ACT would meet the initial-eligibility index requirements and be a qualifier; however, a student-athlete with a 1.900 grade-point average could not be a qualifier no matter how high his or her test scores are.
4. Grade-point-average-only scales. A minimum core grade-point average must be met, and a test score is not considered.

APC data reveal that the graduation pool for the actual Division II 2006 fall first-time freshman cohort was 79.2 percent. Of the student-athletes in this cohort, 17.7 percent of minorities and 7.5 percent overall did not meet the current initial-eligibility standard and were either partial qualifiers or nonqualifiers.

As an example, of the data the committee considered, following are the graduation pools, ineligibility rates and decision accuracy for the conjunctive initial-eligibility scales considered:

Standard	Graduation Pool*	Ineligibility Rates		Decision Accuracy
		Minority	Overall	
2.000 GPA and 700 SAT	81.4%	7.4%	3.3%	80.7%
2.000 GPA and 750 SAT	81.8%	10.6%	4.4%	80.7%
2.000 GPA and 800 SAT	82.1%	15.1%	6.3%	80.0%

2.000 GPA and 820 SAT (current)	82.5%	17.7%	7.5%	79.9%
2.250 GPA and 700 SAT	83.3%	17.4%	8.7%	80.8%
2.250 GPA and 750 SAT	83.6%	19.8%	9.5%	80.7%
2.250 GPA and 800 SAT	83.9%	23.7%	11.2%	80.1%

* Presumes those not meeting standard are removed from cohort.

Three characteristics of this set of standards were consistent within the other types of standards:

1. Higher graduation pool numbers are accompanied by higher minority and overall ineligibility rates, often to alarming levels.
2. Decision accuracy varies little (range of 79.9 to 81.1 percent). However, it is important to consider that a one percent increase in decision accuracy represents properly predicting graduation for about 275 student athletes (based on the 2006-07 cohort size).
3. The graduation pools for each model are higher than the 79.2 percent in the actual 2006 cohort because these figures are based on excluding those who do not meet the standard from the cohort (not athletes as freshmen). The actual 2006 cohort includes partial qualifiers who received aid as freshmen; slightly over half of partial qualifiers were known or likely graduates.

Essentially, as academic standards are increased, the graduation pool increases. The committee must evaluate whether a minor increase in the graduation pool justifies an increase in the ineligibility rates.

The following models yielded the best combinations of decision accuracy and graduation pool with ineligibility rates comparable to or lower than the current standard:

Standard	Graduation Pool*	Ineligibility Rates		Decision Accuracy
		Minority	Overall	
Sliding Scale [-1.25 mean standard deviation (SD)]	82.2%	12.7%	5.3%	80.9%
Sliding Scale (-1.25 mean SD, 2.000 GPA min.)	82.3%	12.9%	5.6%	80.9%
GPA Only – 2.200	82.7%	12.8%	6.7%	80.9%
Conjunctive – 2.000 GPA and 750 SAT	81.8%	10.6%	4.4%	80.7%
Conjunctive – 2.000 GPA and 820 SAT (current)	82.5%	17.7%	7.5%	79.9%

* Presumes those not meeting standard are removed from cohort.

This chart illustrates that as many as three initial-eligibility models may result in similar graduation pools as the current standard (if partial/nonqualifiers are removed from the cohort) while resulting in less overall adverse impact, particularly among minorities. These models also do a slightly better job of predicting graduation than the current standard.

The graduation pools are higher when student-athletes not meeting the standards are excluded from the cohort because those student-athletes are much less likely to be in position to graduate after four years. Among partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers in the 2006 cohort, only 6.3 percent had graduated by fall 2010, compared with 22 percent of qualifiers. In addition, one-third of partial and nonqualifiers had left the institution while ineligible (considered nongraduates), compared to just 10.4 percent of qualifiers.

It is worth noting, however, that partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers who transfer from a two- or four-year institution perform better during their first year at the Division II institution than those who enroll straight out of high school. The mean first-year grade-point average for partial and nonqualifiers who transfer is 2.410, compared to 2.150 for nontransfers. First-year eligibility is also higher among transfers, 75.7 to 62.8 percent. So the data indicate that partial and nonqualifiers lower graduation pool numbers (and probably ASRs) when they enter the cohort directly out of high school, but will not have as significant an effect when they persist at another school long enough to transfer.

Conclusions and Next Steps.

It is important to fully understand two key aspects of the data before undertaking any review of initial-eligibility standards:

1. The estimates of likely and known graduates (graduation pool) for the prospective initial-eligibility models assume that partial and nonqualifiers are not part of the cohort. The actual 2006 freshman cohort includes partial qualifiers, whose presence reduces the graduation pool by more than three percent.
2. In order to be included in an APC cohort, a student-athlete must either receive athletics aid or be on a squad list in his or her first year at the school.

Therefore, any effort to increase the graduation pool—and, presumably, the ASR—is likely to require making partial qualifiers ineligible for athletics aid. Very minor improvements in the graduation pool can be expected if initial-eligibility standards are increased while retaining aid to partial qualifiers because some marginal partial qualifiers will become nonqualifiers, who are not part of the cohort.

It also is important to recognize how these three areas work together when considering changes to the legislation. The initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements work together as part of a seamless eligibility model. The initial-eligibility requirements assist in determining first-year outcomes for freshman student-athletes. Next, the student-athlete is subject to the progress-toward-degree requirements. The progress-toward-degree requirements are designed to assist in predicting graduation success. With the ultimate goal of graduation, these requirements work together to ensure student-athletes are successful each year of enrollment and move the student-athlete toward graduation within 10 semesters or 15 quarters of full-time enrollment.

Finally, two-year transfer requirements also assist in determining first-year outcomes for transfer student-athletes. Once the student-athlete is subject to the progress-toward-degree legislation, it is possible to predict graduation success.

It is essential to consider each of these requirements individually, but it is critical to look at the requirements together as they all work together to move a student-athlete toward the ultimate goal of graduation.

Timeline for Review.

February 2011	Initial review of current initial-eligibility requirements and data collected through APC.
July 2011	Initial review of Division I two-year transfer proposals.
September 2011	Continued discussion regarding initial-eligibility requirements and initial discussions on progress-toward-degree requirements and Division II two-year transfer requirements.
November 2011	Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA)—introduced to ARC's review of the academic requirements.
January 2012 (NCAA Convention)	Presidents Council/Management Council Joint Meeting—introduced to ARC's review of academic requirements.
February 2012	Continued discussion regarding initial-eligibility, progress-toward-degree and two-year transfer requirements. Initial recommendations developed.
March 2012 through December 2012	Continual review and discussions by the Academic Requirements Committee and other governance groups. Continual review and feedback by the Division II membership, including but not limited to the Athletic Directors Association, Conference Commissioners Association, FARA and coaches associations.

January 2013 (NCAA Convention)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Educational session regarding potential legislative changes to academic requirements.2. Division II Chancellors and Presidents Summit to review and discuss potential legislative changes to academic requirements.
February and July 2013	Committee meeting and summer teleconference to finalize legislative proposals—may add additional in-person meeting if necessary.
January 2014 (NCAA Convention)	Legislative proposals considered by Division II membership.



Post-Presidential Retreat Updates January 25, 2012

New Working Group to be formed. At the January 14 Division I Board of Directors meeting, NCAA President Emmert discussed the need to address institutional integrity and shared responsibility, particularly in determining the appropriate role for decentralizing rules and the nature of the rules for which institutions and conferences should be held accountable. At the request of the Transforming Intercollegiate Athletics Collegiate Model – Rules and Enforcement Working Groups, President Emmert informed the Board that he will create a working group to address institutional integrity and shared responsibility.

Student-Athlete Well-Being Working Group



Presentation to Board: October 2011

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Group
Presented to
Board
**OCT 27 &
JAN 14**

EXISTING INFORMATION

Since the Division I Board of Director's October 27 action to approve legislation implementing the \$2,000 miscellaneous expense allowance for student-athletes and multi-year scholarships, the membership has provided significant feedback about these pieces of permissive legislation. The NCAA received 160 override requests for Proposal No. 2011-96 (miscellaneous expense allowance) and 82 override requests for Proposal No. 2011-97 (multi-year scholarships). Because of the override petitions, the Board reconsidered its October decisions and determined a course of action at its January 14 meeting.

DEVELOPMENTS

Student-Athlete Well-being Working Group Chair President Sidney McPhee presented the following recommendations to the Board based upon reconsideration of the legislation by the Working Group and comments and discussion by membership groups, including student-athletes, during the 2012 NCAA Convention:

1. That in its reconsideration of Proposal No. 2011-97 – “Multi-Year Grants in Aid,” the Board of Directors should reaffirm its original action to adopt the proposal.

Board of Directors response: The Board voted to reaffirm its original action to adopt Proposal No. 2011-97. As a result of this action, the proposal will proceed to an online (one vote per active member institution and multi-sport conference) override vote. It is anticipated

that the vote will take place in February.

2. That in its reconsideration of Proposal No. 2011-96 “Miscellaneous Expense Allowance,” the Board should take the following actions:

- Remove the portion of the proposal that provided that all non-athletics financial aid would no longer count toward team limits.
- Charge the Student-Athlete Well-Being Working Group with developing an updated \$2,000 miscellaneous expense allowance proposal that considers the options below, as well as a need-based component (models still to be developed), for review by the Board at its April meeting. It was also recommended that the proposal would apply to grants-in-aid, effective for the 2013-14 academic year.
 - Increase the total dollar value (denominator) of full and equivalency grants-in-aid in effect by \$2,000 (not to exceed the institution’s cost of attendance).
 - Maintain the value of a full grant-in-aid at its current level, and establish an “exempt” category of miscellaneous expense funds that are designated on team squad lists for use at the institution’s discretion to award up to \$2,000 (not to exceed cost of attendance) for full grant recipients, as well as to provide up to the proportionate amount of applicable funds to any or all equivalency grant recipients only.

Board of Directors response: The Board reaffirmed its support for the \$2,000 miscellaneous expense allowance, directing the Student-Athlete Well-Being Working Group to come back to the Board in April with an updated proposal, including need-based models, that considers the issues above as well as recommendations for implementation. This action strikes Proposal No. 2011-96 in favor of a new legislative proposal as described above to be considered by the Board during its April meeting. As is the case with all new legislation, it will be open for 60 days for submission of override votes.

[Read more](#) about the Board’s decisions on the miscellaneous expense allowance and multi-year scholarships at NCAA.org.

Resource Allocation Working Group



Presentation to Board: January 2012

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Board
JAN 14

DEVELOPMENTS

The Resource Allocation Working Group presented its recommendations to the Division I Board of Directors on January 14.

The following are the proposals presented to the Division I Board, along with the Board's response and/or action.

1. The Working Group proposed that the Board adopt a resolution which specifies:
 - That an immediate moratorium be instituted to cap the number of contests/dates of competition at the levels that currently exist in all sports;
 - That the NCAA Division I Board of Directors commission a study to determine the maximum number of contests/dates of competition of the playing season (championship and non-championship segments) that is essential to the success of each NCAA sport. In addition, the Working Group recommends that the scope of this study specifically examine how basketball contests are counted; and
 - That once the study is completed and the appropriate contest/dates of competition limits are in place for each sport, that those limits remain in place for 10 years.

Board of Directors response: The Board adopted the resolution.

2. The Working Group proposed that the Board adopt legislation to reduce scholarships as follows:
 - FBS football scholarships from 85 to 80, effective August 1, 2012.
 - FCS football scholarships from 63 to 60, with 80 overall counters, effective August 1, 2012.
 - Women's basketball scholarships from 15 to 13, effective August 1, 2014.

Board of Directors response: The Board voted to defeat legislation to reduce scholarships in FBS football and women's basketball. [NOTE: The FCS members of the Presidential Advisory Group will vote on FCS football scholarship reductions in April, as the authority rests with that group for legislation specific to FCS football.]

3. The Working Group recommended that the Board adopt legislation, effective August 1, 2014, to eliminate institutional foreign tours that occur at any time. Signed contracts dated before January 14, 2012, for scheduled institutional foreign tours would be honored.

Board of Directors response: The Board voted to defeat the legislation.

4. The Working Group proposed that the Board adopt legislation, effective August 1, 2013, that limits the number of non-coaching staff members in the sports of football and men's basketball as follows:
- In football, a limit of 12 non-coaching staff members, whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity, including third-party contractors that may be employed by an institution. The 12 non-coaching staff members shall not include athletics trainers, academic support and compliance staff members.
 - In men's basketball, a limit of six non-coaching staff members, whose duties include support of the men's basketball program in any capacity, including third-party contractors that may be employed by the institution. The six non-coaching staff members shall not include athletics trainers, academic support and compliance staff members.

Board of Directors response: The Board expressed interest in taking action to address this matter, but voted to table these recommendations for reconsideration at its April meeting, and asked that additional information and feedback be gathered from the membership regarding appropriate number limitations.

Collegiate Model – Rules Working Group



Presentation to Board: April 2012

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Next
Teleconference
JAN 30



Next Meeting
FEB 20

DEVELOPMENTS

Guided by the October 2011 resolution adopted by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the NCAA Working Group on Collegiate Model – Rules continues its work on a new regulatory culture and review of specific principle-based outcomes and operational bylaws. The group has identified over-arching principles, such as fairness, accountability and integrity, which are guiding work within the individual bylaws.

The Working Group expects to finalize drafts of principle-based outcomes and operating bylaws by the end of January. A copy of the principle-based outcomes and select operating bylaw changes was provided to the Board at the January 14 meeting to demonstrate the progress to date. For example, one bylaw was reduced from approximately 15 pages to five pages. The Phase I bylaw review includes:

1. Bylaw 11 (Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel).
2. Bylaw 12 (Amateurism).
3. Bylaw 13 (Recruiting).
4. Bylaw 14 (Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements).
5. Bylaw 15 (Financial Aid).
6. Bylaw 16 (Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes).
7. Bylaw 22 (Academic Performance Program).

Going forward, the Working Group plans to solicit feedback on the specific rewrites of these bylaws from the membership – including the various committees, councils and cabinets in the Division I governance structure, as well as from SAAC – in February and March 2012.

In addition to gathering feedback, members of the Working Group will work with identified “thought leaders” from the compliance, athletics administration and academic support communities in each bylaw area to prepare completed drafts of principle-based outcomes and operating bylaws for the Working Group’s review prior to wider circulation in early 2012.

Following the update on the Working Group’s efforts, Kevin Lennon, NCAA vice president of academic and membership affairs, presented the following Rules Working Group recommendations at the January 14 Division I Board of Directors meeting:

- That the Board support the Working Group’s general approach for a new regulatory structure, which includes developing principle-based outcomes to ensure that NCAA rules are value-based, meaningful, enforceable and supportive of the collegiate model of sport. The characteristics of this new structure include fewer regulations, but those regulations will focus on the most important areas. Further, violations of principle-based outcomes and operating bylaws will result in appropriate penalty and consequences.

Board of Directors response: The Board noted its support for the new regulatory structure.

- That the Board endorse a moratorium on new legislation for the 2012-13 legislative cycle (unless part of the presidentially-led reform agenda), as well as to ask the NCAA Division I Legislative Council to table proposals in the 2011-12 cycle that could be impacted by the working group's efforts. In order to make the principle-based approach to the rule book successful, the group believes that suspending legislation in 2012-13 and tabling a large majority of the 78 proposals in the current cycle that could be related to the group's charge is necessary to allow the membership time to think more broadly about the rules and the rules-making process.

Board of Directors response: The Board voted to apply a moratorium on new legislation for the 2012-13 legislative cycle unless it is part of the presidential agenda.

EXISTING INFORMATION

The Working Group has identified a framework for a new approach to NCAA rules. Under this construct, all NCAA legislation must tie back to the NCAA enduring values of student-athlete success, the collegiate model, amateurism or equity and must support or advance a constitutional

principle. The model will define specific principle-based outcomes in key bylaws, with accompanying operating bylaws that provide further guidance to assist with compliance. The operating bylaws are to be meaningful, enforceable and supportive of student-athlete success. Additional guidance will be provided by the national office, conferences and professional organizations. The group also continued its work on a redefined principle of competitive equity to better focus on issues of fairness.

The Working Group agrees there are broader issues related to institutional integrity and the NCAA regulatory culture that require the attention of each campus, conference and the NCAA. The Working Group believes it is important for the NCAA to determine the need to regulate behaviors historically not considered within the scope of NCAA rules, and to discuss appropriate NCAA involvement even when behaviors may not be covered by NCAA rules. The working group encourages NCAA leadership to consider how best to address issues of institutional integrity and the regulatory culture.

In addition, the group will meet jointly with the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group in early 2012. Both working groups have voiced acknowledgment of the need for strong collaboration between their efforts.

Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group



Presentation to Board: April 2012

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Group

Teleconferenced
**DEC 19, JAN 3
and JAN 17**



Next
Teleconference
JAN 30

DEVELOPMENTS

Members of the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group teleconferenced on December 19, January 3 and 17 to frame more fully the problems and desired outcomes guiding their work. The Working Group also briefed the Division I Board of Directors at its January 14 meeting and received constructive and positive feedback.

Members of the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group continue to review and discuss the viability of various alternative multi-level violation, process and penalty structures. On its January 30 teleconference, the group will discuss the final draft of the proposed structures to be shared broadly with the Division I membership for feedback during February and March. Once

shared, feedback regarding the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group’s proposed concepts should be forwarded to Julie Roe Lach and/or Laura Wurtz McNab, lwurtz@ncaa.org.

The Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group’s efforts anticipate the following timeline:

February/ March

- Provide the final draft of the proposed structures to membership for feedback.

April

- In-person meeting to review membership feedback and finalize first phase concepts.
- Present final concepts to the Division I Board of Directors.

August

- Propose necessary legislative changes to the Board.

EXISTING INFORMATION

The Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group was tasked with creating a multi-level NCAA rules violation structure; an enhanced penalty structure for NCAA rules infractions; and re-establishing a sense of shared responsibility among the interested individuals and entities in intercollegiate athletics, for NCAA rules compliance and enforcement. In so doing, the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group is relying on the following three guiding principles:

- The Principle of Fairness – Any new violation and penalty structure must be fair to all parties involved in the process and consider the interests of all member institutions that uphold integrity through rules compliance. Appropriate weight should be given to fair process considerations for those culpable for violations or otherwise involved and potential legal implications. In addition, the severity of penalties must have a direct correlation with the significance of the violations as identified by the membership and staff, as well as the NCAA enduring values.
- The Principle of Accountability – The new violation and penalty structures should be designed to hold those institutions, coaches, administrators and student-athletes who violate the rules accountable for their conduct, both at the individual and institutional levels. In addition, both the NCAA staff and membership (coaches, administrators, institutions and conferences) must be held accountable for the fairness of the process and must understand the shared responsibility of accountability to the intercollegiate model, regardless of the direct impact on those involved in violations.
- The Principle of Process Integrity – Any new structures must be designed to ensure effectiveness and efficiency in the process and its results. The new structures must be easily understood, legitimate, timely, respecting of confidentiality while transparent with the process, and sufficiently workable to establish clear and strict guidelines and boundaries.

Desired Outcomes of Working Group Efforts:

- A new violation structure that appropriately categorizes the severity of infractions and allows for different levels of accountability for institutions and individuals.
- A much faster mode for processing violations that delivers expediency without compromising process integrity or fairness.
- Strong penalties that deter the risk/reward analysis and address any unfair advantage.
- Clear definition of shared responsibility and resulting expectations of individuals, institutions, conferences, and the national office.

Because changing the process of how rules are developed and enforced is the work of the Collegiate Model – Rules Working Group, the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group will meet jointly with the Rules Working Group early in 2012. Both working groups have voiced acknowledgment of the need for strong collaboration between their efforts.

Committee on Academic Performance (CAP)



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DEVELOPMENTS

Walter Harrison, chair of the Committee on Academic Performance, presented the following recommendations to the Division I Board of Directors at its January meeting to continue the implementation of its approved recommendations:

1. That the Board of Directors reinstate Proposal No. 2011-65 – Eligibility – Two-Year College Transfers – Year of Academic Readiness at Two-Year College to the 2011-12 legislative cycle and table it.

Board of Directors response: The Board agreed to reinstate the proposal and then moved to table it.

2. That the Board approve the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) Penalty Waiver Directive.

Board of Directors response: The Board approved the APP Penalty Waiver Directive.

3. That the Board approve an amendment to the APP policies and procedures providing an additional waiver appeal opportunity for teams that do not meet the postseason competition academic requirements.

Board of Directors response: The Board approved the amendment to the APP policies and procedures.

On its January 12 teleconference, CAP continued its discussion on a more rapid collection and finalization of APRs to expedite the announcement of APRs and application of penalties and/or postseason ineligibility. A number of options to expedite the submission, waiver and appeal processes were considered. The committee agreed to maintain the current process for the current year. The committee will continue to study the feasibility of a new, or revised, process for the future. Currently, data are submitted each fall, waivers and appeals are conducted in the winter and spring and the announcement is made after the last postseason event each year. Ineligibility for postseason competition and any penalties assessed will be taken in the next academic year (e.g., data years for eligibility for postseason in 2012-13 will be 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

In addition, CAP will review at its February meeting recommendations from the Limited-Resourced Institution Advisory Group regarding additional considerations for the transition to the 930 APR baseline for eligibility for post-season competition and other APP penalties. These considerations, if approved, would pertain only to limited-resourced institutions.

The committee also approved the detailed SAT/ACT and grade-point average requirements that correspond to the changes adopted by the Board in October that must be met in order for a student-athlete to receive athletics aid, practice and compete during his or her first year of report to the NCAA Division I Committee at a Division I institution.

Lastly, CAP and NCAA staff continue work on robust prospective student-athlete education efforts for the new initial eligibility standards. With the full sliding scale coordinates finalized, these education efforts will begin to ramp up significantly in the coming months.

EXISTING INFORMATION

The Division I Board of Directors voted October 27 to adopt legislation implementing recommendations to improve the academic success of student-athletes. The NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance and the Division I Academic Cabinet created a package of proposals aimed at improving academic success. The package of proposals includes increased initial-eligibility standards, increased two-year college transfer standards, an increase of the penalty benchmark to 930, and amending the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program to establish an academic standard of 930 for participation in the postseason.

Working groups create web page for membership feedback

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Two working groups engaged in Division I reform efforts – the Collegiate Model – Rules Working Group and the Collegiate Model – Enforcement Working Group – want membership feedback on potential changes and have established a [web page](#) to facilitate communication.

The rules working group has made available a framework for a revised Division I Manual that creates a hierarchy within the regulations, starting with the principles in the NCAA constitution and following a common thread through the operating bylaws.

Some of the proposed changes include “guiding statements” for each of the bylaws to be reviewed in the first phase of the project and bylaws that will be presented to the Board of Directors for elimination, adoption or modification in April 2012. The group also plans to devise a framework for how future interpretations and legislation will be handled.

The rules group believes the items the Board will address in April are the most straightforward and easily modified, including significant deregulation in recruiting and personnel. The group hopes the membership can come to a quick consensus on several changes.

At the Board’s August 2012 meeting, a more thorough set of recommendations addressing Bylaws 11 (personnel), 13 (recruiting), 14 (academics), 16 (awards, benefits and expenses), parts of 12 (amateurism) and parts of 15 (financial aid) will be presented. The second phase will include the remaining portions of 12 and 15, as well as Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

To gather input, the working group will take its concepts to subject-matter experts and broad-based interest groups like cabinets, faculty groups, coaching groups, academic advisors, athletics directors and others. Upcoming meetings within the governance structure will also be used to garner input.

New penalty structure being considered

Meanwhile, the enforcement working group is considering recommendations that include a revised penalty structure and an expanded Committee on Infractions.

The web page on the membership side of NCAA.org includes the working group's full report, a matrix of the new violation structure and process, a detail of the revised penalty guidelines, case studies illustrating how the new penalties would apply and a timeline for implementation.

Surveys soliciting feedback will be emailed to institution presidents and chancellors, conference commissioners, athletics directors, head coaches, faculty athletics representatives, and conference and institutional compliance directors. The enforcement staff also will present to cabinets, committees and other affiliated groups.

"The working group has outlined some significant changes that will impact every Division I institution," said NCAA Vice President of Enforcement Julie Roe Lach. "For that reason, it is crucial to hear from the membership before the working group makes its final recommendations."

In its preliminary report to the Board at the Convention in January, working group chair Ed Ray, president at Oregon State, noted that the proposed four-level structure will provide member institutions and affected individuals with a better notice of the alleged infractions, and further clarify the level of seriousness assigned the infractions for which schools will be held accountable if NCAA rules are violated. Further, the group anticipates that the proposed structure will better ensure that enforcement efforts are more focused on those infractions that clearly violate NCAA enduring values.

Although the initial report did not outline specific penalties for the various levels, it did prescribe a need to more strongly punish those that deliberately violate NCAA rules as part of a risk-reward analysis. This release to the membership is the first time the working group is formally soliciting feedback on its recommendations for holding individuals and coaches more accountable for setting the tone and culture of compliance.

"There seems to be a general loss of integrity in upholding the rules and upholding the collegiate model," Lach said during a Convention session in January. "This isn't a reactive move. We're doing this because it's the right thing to do."

Responses are due April 1 to allow the working group sufficient time to make revisions before submitting a final report to the Board on April 26.

The rules working group will meet to continue its work and review feedback in late February.

Both groups will work closely over the next several months to ensure that the bylaws flow seamlessly into the new enforcement model.