SUMMARY OF WINTER 2009 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division II Management Council January 14, 2009 Washington, D.C.	Division II Presidents Council January 15, 2009 Washington, D.C.	Division II Management Council January 17, 2009 Washington, D.C.
ATTENDEES:	ATTENDEES:	ATTENDEES
Darrell Axtell, Saint Martin's University	Drew Bogner, Molloy College	Darrell Axtell, Saint Martin's University
Sallie Beard, Missouri Southern State University	David Danahar, Southwest Minnesota State University	Sallie Beard, Missouri Southern State University
Kathleen Brasfield, Angelo State University	Antoine Garibaldi, Gannon University	Kathleen Brasfield, Angelo State University
Debbie Chin, University of New Haven *(chair)*	Joseph P. Grunenwald, Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Bob Fortosis, Eckerd College
Rick Cole Jr., Dowling College	Thomas K. Harden, Clayton State University	Carl Timothy Griggs, Coker College
Donna Fields, St. Mary's University	Stephen Jordan, Metropolitan State College of Denver *(chair)*	Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University
Bob Fortosis, Eckerd College	Ernest McNealey, Stillman College	Stephanie Harrison-Dyer, Albany State University
Carl Timothy Griggs, Coker College	Carolyn Mahoney, Lincoln University (Missouri)	Ann Jirkovsky, Bellarmine University
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University	Nancy Moody, Lincoln Memorial University	Ann Martin, Regis University
Stephanie Harrison-Dyer, Albany State University	Cheryl Norton, Southern Connecticut State University	Sandra Michael, Holy Family University
Eugene Hermitte, Johnson C. Smith University	J. Patrick O'Brien, West Texas A&M University	Frances Nee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Ann Jirkovsky, Bellarmine University	Beverley Pitts, University of Indianapolis	Wendy Taylor May, University of California, San Diego
John Mansuy, Wheeling Jesuit University	David F. Rankin, Southern Arkansas University	Lloyd Raymond, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Daniel B. Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Hamid Shirvani, California State University, Stanislaus	Herb Reinhard, Valdosta State University
Ann Martin, Regis University		David Riggins, Mars Hill College *(vice chair)*
Frances Nee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania		Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference
Wendy Taylor May, University of California, San Diego		Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Tech University
Lloyd Raymond, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference		Tim Selgo, Grand Valley State University *(chair)*
Herb Reinhard, Valdosta State University		Karen Soto, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
David Riggins, Mars Hill College *(vice chair)*		Brenda Stevens, University of Charleston
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Tech University		Glenn D. Stokes, Columbus
Tim Selgo, Grand Valley State University		
Karen Soto, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez		

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Glenn D. Stokes, Columbus State University Willie Washington, Benedict College		State University Kathleen Turner, Oklahoma Panhandle State University Sherman Ward, Virginia State University Willie Washington, Benedict College
ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES
None	Eddie Moore Jr., Virginia State University *(vice-chair)*	Rick Cole Jr., Dowling College
OTHER PARTICIPANTS	OTHER PARTICIPANTS	OTHER PARTICIPANTS
Gary Brown, NCAA Sharon Cessna, NCAA Joni Comstock, NCAA Megan Coyne, NCAA Jennifer Fraser, NCAA Maritza Jones, NCAA Karen Morrison, NCAA Jean Orr, NCAA Stacey Osburn, NCAA Stephanie Quigg, NCAA Mike L. Racy, NCAA Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA, *recording secretary* Terri Steeb, NCAA Gregg Summers, NCAA Jill Willson, Double LL Consulting	Gary Brown, NCAA Steve Brown, NCAA Sharon Cessna, NCAA Joni Comstock, NCAA Megan Coyne, NCAA Jennifer Fraser, NCAA Maritza Jones, NCAA Jean Orr, NCAA Stephanie Quigg, NCAA Mike L. Racy, NCAA Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA, *recording secretary* Terri Steeb, NCAA Gregg Summers, NCAA	Megan Coyne, NCAA Jennifer Fraser, NCAA Maritza Jones, NCAA Jean Orr, NCAA Stacey Preston, NCAA Stephanie Quigg, NCAA Mike Racy, NCAA Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA, *recording secretary* JoJo Rinebold, NCAA Damon Schoening, NCAA Terri Steeb, NCAA Gregg Summers, NCAA

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

January 14 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by the outgoing chair, Debbie Chin. The chair reviewed the announcements for the meeting, noting specific Convention meetings and activities. She thanked the Council for its perfect attendance and for the work they had accomplished during her period as chair.

January 15 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m. by the chair, Stephen Jordan. Dr. Jordan welcomed the guests in attendance, noting that Eddie Moore was unable to be present. He noted that the Council has several members leaving at the conclusion of the Convention and one new member, Carolyn Mahoney, Lincoln University (Missouri) present for this meeting. He reviewed the Convention schedule for the next few days. He also updated the Council on the fact that Simon Fraser University, located in British Columbia, has made application for accreditation, which is the first step toward being a Division II member institution.

January 17 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the incoming chair, Tim Selgo, Grand Valley State University. The chair recognized the new Management Council representatives—Sandy Michael, Holy Family University; Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference; Brenda Stevens, University of Charleston(WV); Kathy Turner, Oklahoma Panhandle State University; and Sherman Ward, Virginia State University. Introductions were made by all Management Council representatives. The chair specifically thanked Gary Brown for his excellent work on the daily NCAA News at Convention and his consistent promotion of Division II.

The chair informed the Council that his plan for the year is to continue the initiatives that have already been undertaken in Division II; specifically, the Division II strategic platform and the 2009-12 strategic plan, with a focus on communicating the utility of the initiatives to all levels of an athletics department, including coaches and student-athletes.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council (October 20-21) and Presidents Council (October 29-30) Meeting Summary.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council approved the meeting summary of the October 20-21, 2008, Management Council meeting, as presented.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the meeting summary of the October 29-30, 2008, Presidents Council meetings, as presented.

b. Executive Committee Meeting.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the minutes of the October 30, 2008, Executive Committee meeting. No formal action was necessary.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the minutes of the October 30, 2008, Executive Committee meeting. No action was necessary.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council approved the December 3 meeting minutes and other interim actions taken by the Administrative Committee since the October Management Council meeting.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the actions taken by the Administrative Committee since the October Presidents Council meeting.

3. DIVISION II PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC POSITIONING INITIATIVE.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the 2009 strategic priorities, which had been given some minor updates at the October Presidents Council meeting. The Council was informed that the document would be shared at various meetings throughout the Convention and would be placed at the information table for all those who wanted extra copies. No formal action was taken by the Council.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.

a. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Committee. No report was provided to the Councils.

(2) Honors Committee.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the recipients for the various awards that would be presented at the Honors Celebration Thursday evening, January 15. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report, nothing that the handbook for National Governing Bodies is online. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Research Committee.

· Bylaw 16.11.1.7—NCAA Research Studies.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council voted unanimously to not sponsor a recommendation from the committee to adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.11.1.7 (NCAA Research Studies) which would permit compensation of participants in institution-based, student-athlete-only research studies under the following conditions:

(i) The research study is initiated and conducted by a faculty member(s) at an NCAA member institution; and

(ii) The study and compensation arrangements receive approval by the Institutional Review Board for the member institution whose faculty is conducting the study.

The Management Council noted that Noncontroversial Proposal No. 2009-24 on Page No. 76 of the Official Notice (adopted by the Council in October 2008) provides greater flexibility is more lenient than the proposed legislation; therefore, the Council felt that the current Division II legislation addressed the recommendation from the Research Committee.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

· Sportsmanship Award.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report, noting that the RESPECT Sportsmanship Initiative would be launched during the 2009 NCAA Convention. The Management Council voted to recommend to the Honors Committee that it look at the possibility of the Sportsmanship Award being presented annually during the NCAA Convention.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Committee on Women's Athletics.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Committees.

(1) Committee on Infractions.

· **Bylaw 32.6.2 (Notice to Involved Individuals)**.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council ratified an amendment to Bylaw 32.6.2 to specify that all involved individuals shall be provided pertinent portions of the institutional response to the notice of allegations, as follows:

32.6.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The enforcement staff shall notify involved individuals (as defined in Bylaw 32.1.5) of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which they are named. A copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the chancellor or president of the current institution of the involved individual. All involved individuals shall submit responses to the Committee on Infractions, and the institution under inquiry shall provide a copy of pertinent portions of its response to each involved individual *who will attend the Committee on Infractions' hearing* in the case. Involved individuals who have submitted a response must also share their response with the involved institutions or other involved individuals as necessary. Failure to submit a response may be viewed by the Committee on Infractions as an admission that the alleged violations occurred. The enforcement staff shall notify those involved individuals named in the notice of allegations who may be subject to the show cause requirements as outlined in Bylaw 19.5.2.2 if violations are found in which they are named.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Legislation Committee.

(a) Bylaws 13.2 and 13.11.2—Recruiting—Offers and Inducements and Tryouts—Permissible Activities—Summer Facility Fees for Prospective Student-Athletes.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2010 Convention to amend Bylaws 13.2 and 13.11.2 to permit an institution to pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a prospective student-athlete who is engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport during the summer prior to initial college enrollment, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2010 Convention, with an immediate effective date.

(b) Bylaw 17.12.8-(b)—Playing and Practice Seasons—Golf—Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities—Nonchampionship Segment Activities.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to refer back to the Legislation Committee, for further discussion and possible action, a recommendation to amend Bylaw 17.12.8-(b) (nonchampionship segment activities) to specify that in golf, during the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, a student-athlete may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation, provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days; further, to specify that in golf, an institution that declares fall as its championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.3 and discontinues championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 60 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Bylaw 12.1.2.1.3.1—Amateurism—General Regulations—Prohibited Forms of Pay—Educational Expenses or Services—Before Collegiate Enrollment.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 12.1.2.1.3.1; further, to clarify that receipt of educational expenses or services before collegiate enrollment from an agent and from an institution's staff member or any representative of an institution's athletics interests are prohibited (see Bylaws 12.3.1.2 and 13.2.1).

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Proposal No. 2009-7—Recruiting—Letter of Intent Programs—Financial Aid Agreements—Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletically Related Financial aid—Exception—High School Prospective Student-Athlete with a Final Academic Certification.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Proposal No. 2009-7 (2-3) to specify that a high school prospective student-athlete is not required to present an institution with a current high school transcript prior to the institution providing the prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of athletically re-

lated financial aid, provided that a final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Bylaw 13.15.2—Recruiting--Precollege Expenses—Permissible Expenses—Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.15.2 (permissible expenses) to permit an institution to hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospect-aged individuals to perform at any contest, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Reversal and Issuance of Official Interpretation Regarding Baseball and Softball as Same or Different Sports.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to reverse an official interpretation [Reference: 3/11/96, Item No. 2—see below]and to issue an official interpretation determining that baseball and softball are considered separate sports for purposes of amateurism and outside competition legislation.

2. Professional Baseball Player Participating in Intercollegiate Softball Competition. The sports of basement and softball are considered the same sports for purposes of applying NCAA amateurism legislation. Thus, a female student-athlete who receives compensation for participating on a women's professional baseball team is not eligible for intercollegiate softball competition. [References: 12.1.1 (amateur status) and 12.1.4 (amateur status if professional in another sport)]

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the reversal. No action was necessary.

(g) Referrals to Division II Committees.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to refer to the Division II Championships Committee the following concept for review and possible action:

Bylaw 13.11.2.4 (Local Sports Club). Whether the Division II membership should consider adding additional sports to the excep-

tion currently in place for basketball that prohibits an institution's coach from being involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in the same sport for a local sports club or organization.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association has expressed concerns that their coaches' involvement with local sports clubs makes it difficult for coaches to maintain a proper life/work balance and recommended that a change in current legislation be made to help coaches in achieving this balance. The Legislation Committee expressed concerns that placing limitations on volleyball coaches to participate in local sports club may further exacerbate the struggles faced by Division II coaches when recruiting against Division I institutions and also noted that such a change could significantly reduce additional income opportunities for Division II coaches. However, the Legislation Committee believes that the Championships Committee should discuss this issue on a broader scale and determine whether this exception is appropriate for any sport other than basketball.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Membership Committee.

(a) Constitution 6.3.1.3—Institutions Completing Provisional Membership—Removal of Legislation.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to remove Constitution 6.3.1.3 from the Division II Manual, noting that the Membership Committee shall place an institution awarded active Division II membership in an appropriate ISSG class.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Bylaw 20.3.2—NCAA Division II Membership Process—Provisional and Reclassifying Institutions.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council approved a modification of wording to amend Bylaw 20.3.2 to clarify that an institution's application for membership may be accepted on satisfaction of membership conditions set forth in Bylaw 20.3.2 at the time of application.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) New Membership Fee for Institutions Seeking Division II Membership.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council approved a new fee structure for institutions applying for active status in Division II. The new fee structure will be an increase of $2,000 for each year of the minimum three-year period of the membership process. [An institution entering into the process would provide $28,000 at the time of application for the first two years of the candidacy period, and an additional $14,000 each year thereafter.]

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council receive the information. No action was necessary.

(d) Probation Status for Institutions Failing to Meet Minimum Sports Sponsorship Requirements during the 2007-08 Academic Year.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the following institutions will be on probation for the 2008-09 academic year for failure to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements in the 2007-08 academic year: Armstrong Atlantic State University; Augusta State University; Livingstone College; University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown; and University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. Armstrong Atlantic State and Augusta State did not meet the three-season requirement because each institution did not sponsor a men's fall sport. Pittsburgh-Johnstown did not meet the 10 sport requirement. Livingstone failed to meet the 10 sport requirement and did not meet the three-season requirement because it did not sponsor a men's spring sport. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez did not meet the 10 sport requirement, the three-season requirement because it did not sponsor a women's winter sport or the team requirement because it did not sponsor a women's team sport. It was noted that institutions have the opportunity to appeal this status to the Membership Committee, if circumstances warrant. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents received the information noted above. No formal action was taken.

(e) Restricted Membership Status for an Institution Failing to Meet Minimum Sports Sponsorship Requirements during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 Academic Years.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council noted that the University of Puerto Rico, Cayey, is on restricted membership status for failure to meet minimum sports sponsorship requirements during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years. During the 2006-07 academic year, Puerto Rico-Cayey failed to meet the 10 sport requirement. The institution also failed to compete in the minimum

number of contests or dates of competition in baseball, men's cross country, women's cross country and softball. In addition, the institution did not meet the minimum number of participants in men's outdoor track and women's outdoor track. During the 2007-08 academic year, Puerto Rico-Cayey failed to meet the 10 sport requirement. The institution also failed to compete in the minimum number of contests in baseball. It was noted that the institution has the opportunity to appeal this status to the Membership Committee, if circumstances warrant. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information noted above. No formal action was taken.

(f) Membership Application.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the updated membership application, which contains the minimum expectations an institution must meet prior to beginning the Division II membership process.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information noted above. No formal action was taken.

(g) Schools in the Division II Membership Process.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a listing of those institutions currently in the Division II membership process. No action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Planning and Finance Committee.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Budget-to-Actual Results for the period ending October 31, 2008. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Budget-to-Actual Results for the period ending October 31, 2008. No formal action was taken.

(5) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. No report was provided to the Councils.

5. *NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION*.

a. Proposed Legislation for the 2009 NCAA Convention.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the proposed legislation for the 2009 NCAA Convention. In addition to adopting noncontroversial legislation regarding Proposal No. 2009-7 [See Item 4-b-(2)-(d) above for action taken], the Management Council issued a directive to Proposal No. 2009-8, specifying that a student-athlete who suffered an incapacitating injury or illness that occurred during a season of competition between August 1, 2007, and July 31, 2009, may qualify for the waiver under the rule set forth in the 2008-09 NCAA Division II Manual or the proposed legislation. Any incapacitating injury or illness that occurs during a season of competition on or after August 1, 2009, would be subject to the standard set forth in the proposed legislation.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the proposed legislation for the 2009 NCAA Convention. No formal action was taken.

b. Assignments for Legislative Proposals.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed their assignments. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed their assignments. Changes in a few assignments were noted and reassigned to other volunteers.

c. Business Session Position Papers.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was provided a copy of the position papers for the 2009 Division II Business Session. No action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Procedural Issues Memorandum and Question and Answer Document.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the procedural issues memorandum and the question and answer document, with the modifications noted above, and directed the staff to distribute these documents to the membership prior to the 2009 Division II Business Session.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council endorsed both documents.

e. Noncontroversial Legislation Per Constitution 5.3.1.1.1.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council approved the noncontroversial proposals, as presented.

January 15 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Administrative Regulations.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve in legislative format those administrative regulations that had previously been approved in concept.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the administrative regulations, as presented.

g. 2009 Convention Schedule and Programs.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the proposed schedule and programs for the 2009 Convention. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the proposed schedule and programs for the 2009 Convention. No formal action was taken.

h. Joint Management Council/Presidents Council Meeting Evaluation.

January 17 Management Council. The Management Council discussed the joint meeting of the Management Council and Presidents Council, held Thursday, January 15. Suggestions were made for future joint meetings; no formal action was taken.

i. Convention Wrap Up.

January 17 Management Council. The Management Council met with the NCAA Convention management staff to discuss general operations, education sessions and to provide overall suggestions for the 2010 Convention. No formal action was taken.

7. DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

a. Committee and Project Team Assignments.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the assignments for Division II committees and project teams. No formal action was taken.

January 17 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee, project team and mentor assignments for 2009, particularly those that involved new member representatives and their mentors. The Council also reviewed the terms of office for all Council members. No formal action was taken.

b. Student-Athlete Development Conference.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council received information on the registration process for the 2009 NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference. Council members were encouraged to nominate student-athletes for the

conference and to encourage other conference members to nominate student-athletes. No formal action was taken.

c. Division II Membership Fund.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council received information on the Division II Membership Fund application and deadlines. Applications for 2009 are due April 10 and September 16. The online application may be found on the Division II homepage. No formal action was taken.

d. Management Council Recognitions.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council recognized the service of those members whose terms would expire at the conclusion of the 2009 Division II Business Session: Debbie Chin, director of athletics, University of New Haven; Donna Fields, senior woman administrator, St. Mary's University; Gene Hermitte, faculty athletics representative, Johnson C. Smith University; John Mansuy, faculty athletics representative, Wheeling Jesuit University; and Dan Mara, commissioner, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.

8. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.

a. Vice-Chair Report. Dr. Pitts updated the Council on the new committee and project team assignments and the discussions by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee concerning the alignment of the Division II enhancement fund distribution formula with the division's strategic positioning platform, indicating that the enhancement fund would be a major topic for discussion at the business session Saturday. No formal action was taken.

b. Vice President's Report. The vice president for Division II updated the Council on the game environment Web site and pledges received, as well as the meeting with the chairs of Division II conferences Wednesday, April 29. Topics for discussion could include: gender equity; economic conditions and dashboards; partnerships between the athletics department and other departments on campus. The director of Division II updated the Council on the Division II purchasing Web site and the new purchasing catalog. No formal action was taken.

c. Media Advisory Group.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council received information on a recommendation from the Media Advisory Group to the Presidents Council regarding a plan to extend the television initiative for at least two more years. No action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved a plan to extend the Division II national television initiative for at least two more years, through 2010-11.

The Council noted the benefits of broadcasting Division II athletics nationally and the number of messaging opportunities made available on a national platform.

d. Presidents Council Recognitions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized the service of those members whose terms would expire at the conclusion of the 2009 Division II Business Session: David Danahar, Southwest Minnesota State University; Antoine Garibaldi, Gannon University; and Eddie Moore Jr., Virginia State University.

9. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

a. Gender Initiatives and Education Opportunities in Division II.

January 14 Management Council. Karen Morrison, NCAA director of gender initiatives, presented to the Management Council an update on gender equity, pursuant to the presentation made to the Presidents Council in October. The Management Council was informed that the Presidents Council has undertaken discussions to provide greater awareness of gender-equity issues within the division, along with the tools and resources available to member schools. The Division II Management Council will continue to promote gender-equity awareness among Division II athletics administrators, faculty and coaches. The Management Council also believes gender-equity education deserves greater attention from an Association-wide perspective.

b. Division II Purchasing Web Site and Catalog.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council viewed a presentation on the purchasing Web site and received an advance copy of the purchasing catalog. It was noted that each active Division II school and conference has been issued a $1,000 credit that must be used not later than June 30, 2009. All purchases should be made through the Division II purchasing Web site. No formal action was taken.

c. Update on 2009 Winter Division II National Championships Festival.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the upcoming winter festival, to be held March 10-14. No formal action was taken.

d. Championships Travel Policies.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the latest travel recommendations and policies for Division II championships. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the latest travel recommendations and policies for Division II championships. No formal action was taken.

e. Community Engagement and Game Environment Initiatives.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was given a community engagement update by Jill Willson, consultant, which included information on the Community Engagement Workshop in April and the Division II community engagement Award of Excellence. The Community Engagement Award recognizes achievement in building bridges to the community. Each Division II school and conference is eligible to submit its best community engagement activity and/or event.

The Council was also updated on the Game Environment Web site and Award of Excellence, as well as the banner program that the division is initiating. No formal action was taken.

f. Graduation Rates and Academic Success Rate Data.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council was given a conference-by-conference breakdown of the Division II academic success rates and the federal graduation rates. No formal action was taken.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council reviewed future meetings for 2009. No formal action was taken.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed future meetings for 2009. No formal action was taken.

11. OTHER BUSINESS. The Councils went on record to send their best wishes to President Brand for a speedy recovery and to wish senior staff members good luck as they stand in for Dr. Brand over the next few months.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

January 14 Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

January 15 Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

January 17 Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 2:45 p.m.