# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE April 25, 2012

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. Approval of Noncontroversial Legislation – Post Baccalaureate Eligibility – Postseason Event Following Last Term of Eligibility.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council approve in concept noncontroversial legislation to specify that eligibility for participation in athletics after the end of the term in which a student-athlete completes the requirements for his or her degree shall extend to any postseason event. Further, to incorporate an official interpretation [Reference: 6/30/92] to clarify that it is permissible for student-athlete's to participate in regular season competition during this time.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation allows a student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed to participate in an NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student-athlete completed the requirements for his or her degree. This proposal would allow a deserving student-athlete to participate with his or her teammates in any postseason event for which the institution qualifies and would clarify that the student-athlete is permitted to participate in regular season contests during this time.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Greater flexibility for student-athletes that graduated during the season to participate in a postseason tournament.

**b. Approval of an Official Interpretation – Review of Film during Football Strength and Conditioning Period.**

(1) Recommendation. That Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

Review of Film During Football Strength and Conditioning Period. (DIII) The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the review of film is considered limited skill instruction

and would be permissible during the football strength and conditioning period.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation permits athletically related activities to occur during the football strength and conditioning period. Because the review of film is considered an athletically related activity it should be permitted during this period.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. May result in student-athletes spending more practice time (i.e., reviewing film) during the strength and conditioning period.

**2. Nonlegislative Item.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.***

**1. Review March Report.** The committee reviewed the report of its March teleconference and amended to clarify the attendees during that meeting.

**2. Review of Student-Athlete Performing Work Under Supervision of Athletics Staff.** During its February meeting, the committee reviewed a staff interpretation [Reference: 10/20/11] related to student-athletes performing work under the supervision or direction of a coaching staff member and referred the issue to the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Interpretations and Legislation Committee received and considered the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's feedback. At this time the Interpretations and Legislation Committee agreed with the position set forth in the staff interpretation and directed staff to review this interpretation during the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars.

**3. Review of Off-Campus Presentations Issue.** The committee reviewed an issue related to an institution's coach speaking at a banquet where prospective student-athletes are present. After reviewing the current legislation in Divisions I and II, the committee instructed the staff to draft an official interpretation that mirrors the conditions set forth in the Divisions I and II legislation.

**4. Review of Staff Interpretation – Nonathletics Department Hosting High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Personnel.** During its February meeting, the committee reviewed recently approved interpretations in Divisions I and II and instructed the staff to issue a similar staff interpretation in Division III related to the provision of benefits to nonathletics department hosting high school, preparatory school and two-year college personnel. The committee approved the staff's interpretation.

**5. Other Business.** At its February meeting the committee reviewed the transfer regulations as it applies to a student-athlete that only participated (practiced and competed) in the nontraditional segment. Specifically, a student-athlete that competed in the fall nontraditional segment and thereafter is determined to be academically ineligible may transfer to another Division III institution and be immediately eligible for the spring traditional segment. The committee tabled this issue to allow the Division III Commissioners Association to review the issue. This issue was reported back to the committee during this teleconference. The Commissioners Association determined that a student-athlete should not be permitted to transfer out of academic eligibility and be immediately eligible. The commissioners, however, recommended that this issue is more appropriately addressed legislatively through the governance structure as opposed to a membership proposal.

**6. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Darryl Sims, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh*
*Staff Liaisons: Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs*
*Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*
*Kristin Nesbitt, Academic and Membership Affairs*

| Meeting/Teleconference Date: April 25, 2012 | |
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| Attendees | Absentees |
| Kurt Beron, University of Texas, Dallas | Nathan Love, Hope College |
| Jason Fein, Drew University | |
| Donna Ledwin, Allegheny Mountain Conference | |
| John Meany, Worcester State College | |
| Julie Muller, North Atlantic Conference | |
| Darryl Sims, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, chair | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: Brandy Hataway, Jeff Myers, Kristin Nesbitt. | |