MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Teleconference October 8, 2009

Participants:
Page Cotton, DePauw University
Susan Hoffman, State University College of Brockport
Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University
Mark Majeski, Willamette University, Chair
Scott Miller, Bethany College (West Virginia)
Diana Schwartz, Westfield State College
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University
Azure Davey, NCAA
Katie Willett, NCAA, recording secretary

Chris Graham, Midwest Conference, Kristen Hall, Bard College and Christopher Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference were unable to participate on the teleconference.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the meeting") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee's agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee teleconference was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Eastern time by Mr. Majeski. All members were present as noted above.

1. Review September 10 Teleconference Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 10 teleconference.

   It was VOTED

   "That the September 10 teleconference minutes be approved as written."

2. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Waiver. The committee reviewed the waiver request from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to allow a transfer student-athlete in men's ice hockey, which is a Division I sport at the institution, to practice during the 2009-10 academic year without using a season of participation. It was noted that as a Division III institution that

sponsors a Division I sport the institution is required to apply the rules of both divisions or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue. Rensselaer filed a similar waiver previously that was approved. However, when the decision was issued the institution was notified that future waivers of this type would only be considered until August 2008 due to a legislative change to NCAA Division III Bylaw 20.7.1.1.1, and that the institution should take this into consideration when recruiting student-athletes going forward.

It was VOTED

"To deny the waiver request for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to allow a transfer student-athlete in men's ice hockey, which is a Division I sport at the institution, to practice during the 2009-10 academic year and not use a season of participation."

3. Other Business. Staff noted that the provisional/reclassifying educational session taking place at the NCAA Convention will include institutions that are at different points in the provisional process and that as discussed previously with the committee it would like to pursue a more informal gathering that would provide attendees with an opportunity to interact and network. The committee supported this concept and indicated that it may be beneficial to review topics covered in the issues forum.

   It was also noted that institutions have been selected to participate in the NCAA Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) audit and staff has determined a preliminary timeframe of notification on November 9 with a three-day turnaround that would require institutions selected to submit the complete ISSG to the national office by November 12. The committee was in agreement with the proposed timeline for submission of the ISSG.

   Staff updated the committee on La Sierra University and noted the NCAA Division III Administrative Committee voted to require La Sierra to start the provisional process over. As such, La Sierra was placed into the new provisional process as a year one institution. The campus visit will take place October 26-27. Mark Majeski, as the institutions mentor, will be accompanying staff on the visit.

   The committee inquired about the status of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and NCAA discussions. Staff noted that at this point the conversations between the two organizations about collaboration have ended.

4. Adjournment. Mr. Majeski adjourned the teleconference at 1:25 p.m. Eastern time.

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