MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Teleconference September 9, 2010

Participants:
Chris Graham, Midwest Conference
Charles Harris, Averett University
Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University, chair
Christopher Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Charlyn Robert, Nichols College
Diana Schwartz, Westfield State College
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University
Azure Davey, NCAA, recording secretary
Kristin Nesbitt, NCAA

Stefanie Baker-Watson, North Central College, Dale Knobel, Denison University, Mark Majeski, Willamette University, 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 1:02 p.m. Eastern time by the chair, Ms. Levine. All members were present as noted above.

1. Review June 22-24 in-person minutes. The Membership Committee reviewed minutes from the June 22-24 in-person meeting. It was noted the minutes should reflect the meeting was in person.

   It was VOTED

   "That the June 22-24 minutes be approved as amended."

2. Membership requirements penalty structure. The committee reviewed the membership requirements penalty structure chart and the multiple violations chart to ensure they accurately reflect committee and council discussions and outcome. The committee noted the charts were accurate and will be used for future deliberations. The committee endorsed

adding the financial aid membership requirement to the chart and noted oversight of this requirement in initial discussions. As a result of this oversight, the committee considered whether this requirement is equivalent to the other requirements and/or equivalent to a sports-sponsorship violation. The committee noted sports sponsorship should maintain the most punitive penalty ramification and as such, failure to file a financial aid report will result in a three year penalty time period. The discussion was consistent with all committee membership requirement penalty deliberations to date and is in accordance with all previous actions. Therefore, the committee did not deem a formal action necessary; rather, updates should be made to reflect the committee's past actions and inclusion of the financial aid reporting requirement.

3. Sul Ross State University. The committee noted that Sul Ross State University did not meet sports-sponsorship requirements for the 2009-10 academic year. The committee recognized the institution did not wish to apply for waiver relief and wished only to express their intent to comply with legislation in the future.

4. Wells College – sports-sponsorship waiver request. The committee considered a waiver from Wells College. Wells was deficient in meeting sports-sponsorship requirements for men for the 2009-10 academic year. The institution properly sponsored four sports for men and was required to sponsor five. The institution failed to meet sports-sponsorship requirements in men's golf and men's swimming and diving. The committee noted the institution had a checks-and-balances system in place, but it was reliant on one individual that did not fully make use of all available resources (e.g., NCAA academic and membership affairs interpretative hotline) until it was too late to rectify any deficiency.

   It was VOTED

   "To deny the sports-sponsorship waiver request from Wells College."

5. NCAA Division III Institutional Self-Study Guide. The committee was provided an update on the Institutional Self-Study Guide. Staff noted that the guide is currently on the NCAA Web page and reflects both the six Division III attributes as well as the three Division III identity words: Discover, Develop, Dedicate. The committee was encouraged to review the document and provide feedback.

6. Meeting policy changes. The committee reviewed the meeting policy changes. These three changes will be in effect when the committee has its next in-person meeting.

7. Adjournment. Ms. Levine concluded the teleconference at 1:57 p.m. Eastern time.

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