# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

## 1. Legislative Items.

- **Modification of Wording – Financial Aid – Financial Aid Reporting Process – Failure to Submit – Penalty Structure.**

  (1) Recommendation. To recommend the Management Council approve in concept and legislative format a penalty timetable reduction for failure to meet the financial aid reporting requirement from a 10-year period to a three-year period. [See Addendum]

  (2) Effective Date. Immediate; to be applied retroactively to all institutions currently subject to or facing a related penalty.

  (3) Rationale. The July 2009 NCAA Division III Membership Committee report reflected that fulfillment of the sports-sponsorship requirement is the top membership priority, and therefore, should a violation of this requirement occur, the penalty time period should be longer than any other membership requirement penalty period. The report further stipulated violations of the sports-sponsorship requirement would result in a five-year penalty period, while other membership requirement violations would result in a three-year penalty period. These changes were ultimately revised via noncontroversial legislation in October 2009. The Membership Committee inadvertently left the financial aid reporting requirement out of its report and, consequently, it was not included in the proposal. This modification of wording would resolve that oversight.

  (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

  (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

## 2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Sports-Sponsorship Waiver – Wells College – Waiver of NCAA Division III Bylaw 20.11.3 (Sports Sponsorship).** The committee will deliberate on appeal information submitted by the institution two business days before NCAA Division III Management Council meets. As such, additional information related to this item and any supporting documentation will be provided at the meeting.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.***

1. **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 added the financial aid membership requirement to the chart and noted oversight of this requirement in initial discussions.

2. **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. The institution entered its first year of a five-year probation period September 1, 2010.

3. **Institutional Self-Study Guide Audit**. The 2010-11 institutional self-study guide audit has commenced. Sixteen institutions are slated for the audit.

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