MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Teleconference June 10, 2010

Participants:
Stefanie Baker-Watson, North Central College
Chris Graham, Midwest Conference
Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University, chair
Mark Majeski, Willamette University
Christopher Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Charlyn Robert, Nichols College
Diana Schwartz, Westfield State College
Azure Davey, NCAA
Amy Huchthausen, NCAA
Kristin Nesbitt, NCAA
Katie Willett, NCAA, recording secretary

Dale Knobel, Denison University, Charles Harris, Averett University and Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State 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 1:03 p.m. Eastern time by the chair, Ms. Levine. All members were present as noted above.

1. Review May 13 Teleconference Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 13 teleconference.

   It was VOTED

   "That the May 13 teleconference minutes be approved as written."

2. New York City College of Technology – Sports-Sponsorship Waiver. The committee reviewed a waiver request for sport-sponsorship requirements submitted by New York City

College of Technology. The committee was reminded of the discussion that took place on the May 13 teleconference pertaining to the sport-sponsorship audit that was conducted for City Tech for the 2008-09 academic year. Staff noted that inconsistent information and failure to provide the necessary documentation to demonstrate that the institution had met sport-sponsorship requirements for men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field in 2008-09 led the committee to determine that it had not met the requirements. Therefore, the committee recommended the institution be placed into restricted status.

The committee noted in its deliberations of the waiver request that evidence was discovered that indicates the institution uses a system to track times and qualifications which would require results to be manually entered and therefore maintained. Additionally, the committee discussed the fact that the institution was already on probation for not meeting sport sponsorship in 2007-08. Therefore, the institution should have been tracking and been thorough in its efforts to demonstrate it was meeting all membership requirements, especially sport sponsorship. Also, the committee felt it was not the responsibility of only the sports information director to maintain results but that the responsibility should also lay with the coaching staff and administration.

As part of its discussions, the committee pointed out that historically with sport-sponsorship issues of this nature it tends to be a systemic issue. As such, the committee noted that when it reviews City Tech's program assessment at its June meeting it will be mindful of this in its assessment of the entire program.

It was VOTED

"To deny the sport-sponsorship waiver request submitted by New York City College of Technology per NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3."

The committee brought up the emphasis that has been placed on meeting sport-sponsorship requirements by the membership and that City Tech has missed that requirement twice. The committee noted that the letter to the institution needs to be explicit in its language so that the institution is clear that if it fails to meet another membership requirement while on restricted status the institution will be reclassified as a corresponding member.

Discussion ensued about the sanctions associated with restricted status and what membership privileges would be impacted. Staff informed the committee of the possible sanctions as well as the timeline and potential options as it relates to appeal of the committee's decision.

It was VOTED

"To recommend to the Division III Management Council that New York City College of Technology be subject to loss of championships eligibility, voting privileges and Division III grant and initiative funding as part of its restricted membership status per NCAA Bylaw 20.2.5.1.2.2 and NCAA Constitution 3.02.3.1.2.2."

3. Other Business. Staff reminded the committee that the in-person meeting will take place in Indianapolis June 22-24.

4. Adjournment. Ms. Levine concluded the teleconference at 1:35 p.m. Eastern time.

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