

NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Meeting Reports April 14, 2022

Reflecting updates from March 29 – April 14, 2022

With March Madness finished, the Transformation Committee congratulates each and every team for their performances the past few months. It was energizing to be on the ground in New Orleans and Minneapolis and to speak with the student-athletes, coaches, and administrators behind these exceptional teams.

Over the span of several weeks, we gathered inputs, perspectives, and feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders. We understand that the process we're following today, and the decisions we ultimately recommend in the future, will have many implications for everyone involved. While we're committed to moving with haste, we're also focused on doing it right, carefully reviewing any and all changes to the betterment of student-athletes and college athletics.

Since our March 29th meeting, the Transformation Committee has had several productive conversations related to areas poised for transformation. This includes:

- **Transfers.** At this time, the Committee is reviewing the possibility of introducing transfer windows, developing expectations for receiving schools, and is assessing current eligibility requirements. We also reaffirmed that any changes must be fair and equitable to student-athletes and member schools and the Committee is looking for ways to streamline and simplify regulations where possible.
- **Financial aid for student-athletes.** The Committee evaluated current financial aid rules that are in place and discussed potential areas of impact including minimum membership requirements, scholarship security and scholarship sustainability. Our goal is to identify financial aid regulations ripe for modernization to meet the unique needs of student-athletes.

Additionally, the Committee has made great progress developing early options related to Division I regulations for the NCAA Board of Directors to consider. These options are intended to modernize the rulebook and bring greater effectiveness and efficiency to certain processes, like infractions. Though these options are still being assessed, it allows the Committee to turn a significant amount of its focus to potential changes that will most directly benefit student-athletes.

On behalf of the Transformation Committee, thank you to everyone for their feedback. In the weeks ahead, we're looking forward to additional conversations with NCAA membership and will be providing them with updates on progress made to-date.

Greg Sankey and Julie Cromer, co-chairs of the NCAA Transformation Committee



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 29, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Discussion on Four-Year College Transfers.

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee continued the exploration of potential guardrails that could be introduced to continue supporting student-athlete choice while fostering academic success and maintaining high quality athletics competitions.
- The committee agreed to engage student-athlete groups, sport-specific communities, including existing sport oversight committees, and the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics for feedback on an enhanced transfer model that could include transfer windows and revised eligibility requirements.

2. Discussion on Student-Athlete Benefits and Financial Support.

- The Transformation Committee progressed its exploration of alternative options for student-athlete benefits and financial support in the post-Alston environment.
- The committee will revisit the issue during its next in-person meeting on April 18-19, 2022.

3. Discussion of Current Events and Constituent Feedback.

- The Transformation Committee co-chairs shared key takeaways and insights from the March 22 meeting of the Division I Conference Commissioners Association.
- Transformation Committee co-chair Julie Cromer shared feedback received during an engagement with presidents from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
- Javaune Adams-Gaston shared feedback received from her conference colleagues.
- Committee members shared feedback from various meetings and engagements leading up the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournament.

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Janna Blais, Northwestern University.	
Dean Bresciani, North Dakota State University.	
Greg Christopher, Xavier University.	
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Damon Evans, University of Maryland, College Park.	
Robin Harris, The Ivy League.	
Bob Jacobsen, University of California, Berkeley.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia.	
Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference.	
Jim Phillips, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Greg Sankey (co-chair), Southeastern Conference.	
Kendall Spencer, Georgetown University.	
Absentees:	
Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.	
Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University.	
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**REPORT OF THE
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APRIL 5, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Discussion on financial aid regulations.

- The Transformation Committee began its review and consideration of potential changes related to financial aid regulations.
- Committee members were provided an overview of current legislation, policies and federal regulations that govern the awarding of financial aid.
- The committee also reviewed financial aid data related to average equivalency and squad size compared to the current equivalency limits for a selection of sports.
- The committee requested additional data and agreed to continue its discussion of potential changes to the financial aid legislation during its in-person meeting on April 19.

2. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.

- The Transformation Committee co-chairs and other members provided an overview of their media and membership engagement at the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Final Fours.
- Committee members noted the importance of executing a comprehensive membership communication plan coming out of the April in-person Transformation Committee meeting.

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**REPORT OF THE
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APRIL 12, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Discussion on student-athlete benefits and financial support.

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee continued its examination of enhanced support to student-athletes in a post-Alston world.
- The committee will continue its discussions during its in-person meeting on April 18-19 with the goal of refining concepts in this area in preparation for seeking membership feedback.

2. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.

- Transformation Committee member Robin Harris shared feedback from the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee regarding membership engagement and the timeline for addressing critical issues related to membership and revenue distribution.
- Harris and Gloria Nevarez also provided feedback from the CCA22 Commissioners regarding the approach to addressing proposals in the legislative cycle while the Transformation Committee continues its work. The NCAA Division I Council will address the legislative approach in its meeting on April 13.
- The Transformation Committee co-chairs noted that a membership webinar will be conducted on April 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. EST. The goal of the webinar will be to share high-level observations regarding the post-Alston environment and preview the first set of topics that will be sent out for membership feedback
- Following the membership webinar, the first of several membership surveys will be distributed to collect membership feedback on a few broad issues and more specific concepts related to infractions and rules modernization.

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