ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   - 2016 East Super Regional Course Change.
     (1) Recommendation. That the host course for the 2016 East super regional be changed from Piper Glen Golf Course in Springfield, Illinois, to Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield, Illinois. The University of Illinois at Springfield will remain the host institution for the super regional.
     
     (2) Effective Date. Immediately.
     
     (3) Rationale. Piper Glen Golf Course gave Illinois-Springfield preliminary approval to bid for the super regional under the condition that renovations would be done before hosting in 2016. However, these renovations have not been completed, and Illinois-Springfield is not comfortable hosting at Piper Glen in 2016. The course is not yet in condition or of a caliber required to host an NCAA super regional.

     Illinois-Springfield has secured the Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield to host the super regional. The committee supports the recommended course change.

     The Panther Creek Country Club has hosted Ladies Professional Golf Association tour events for more than 10 years, and has recently completed renovations to the course and clubhouse.

     (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None. Illinois-Springfield and the Panther Creek Country Club staffs have committed to working within the previously approved budget for the super regional.

     (5) Student-Athlete Impact. The committee believes the course change will not impact participating student-athletes, as they will still be presented with a first-class golf course during the regional competition.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Approval of 2014 Minutes. The committee reviewed and approved the 2014 annual meeting minutes as written.

2. 2014-15 Championships Committee Actions. The committee reviewed and discussed relevant actions and informational items from the 2015-16 academic year.

3. 2015 Super Regional Evaluations. The committee reviewed the evaluations from the 2015 super regional sites and noted that when selecting future super regional hosts, continued importance will be placed on involving the host institution and host venue in order to ensure a quality student-athlete experience.

The committee also discussed tee times for the individual competitors at the super regional tournaments, as the individual competitors are currently the first participants to tee off at the super regional sites each day. The committee agreed to change the pairing and instead use a horseshoe format to allow the individuals to tee off at different times each day of competition. The new format will allow the individuals a better championship experience and equity between team and individual participants.

4. 2015 Championships Review.

a. Championships Evaluations. The committee discussed participant evaluations from the national championships, noting that the overall experience seemed to be very positive. The committee particularly liked having the starters announce introductions at the Nos. 1 and 10 tees every day, as well as at the Nos. 9 and 18 tees during the final round at the finals site. Committee members also noted that the participating student-athletes and coaches enjoyed the community engagement event. The committee anticipates the event growing and adding a greater military presence as Division II expands its community engagement activities at championships to include military groups. The committee also noted some evaluations that expressed a need for improved hotel accommodations at the finals site.

b. Practice Round. The committee discussed the practice round at the championship site and will continue to have teams begin their practice rounds off both the Nos. 1 and 10 tees during the morning prior to the first round of the championships. The committee noted that coaches would benefit if registration were held at the host hotel.

c. Schedule of Events. The committee discussed the schedule of events for the championships and did not make any changes for the 2016 championships.

d. Rules Officials. The committee was pleased with the rules officials at the 2015
championships.

In addition, the committee spoke via teleconference with the official in charge of the women’s golf championships. Members addressed several items related to the championships, including pace of play policies; hole and tee placements; rules committee and golf committee roles and responsibilities; and plans for the 2016 championships.

e. **Pairings.** The committee agreed to change the championship pairings to provide variety for the individuals and more excitement for the championship. On day one, the individuals will tee off first, with teams to follow. On day two, the individuals will play following the teams, and on day three, the individuals will play in the middle of the teams. On days two and three, the leaders will be last to tee off on the Nos. 1 and 10 tees.

f. **Pace of Play.** The committee noted that the checkpoint pace of play system is being implemented for championships during the 2015-16 academic year. The checkpoint system has been used successfully during the Division II Men’s Golf Championships since 2009. The checkpoint system will help participants complete rounds in a timely manner. Volunteers will be placed at hole Nos. 5, 9, 13 and 18 to manage the checkpoint and to ensure that participants are playing within the time specified for the course.

g. **Executive Sports.** The committee discussed the role of Executive Sports at the championship site and noted the enhanced look and feel of the championships as a result of their services. With the new branding for Division II, the committee would like to see some Division II, Make It Yours and NCAA Golf flags added to the contract. With the addition of checkpoints, more atomic clocks will be needed on the course.

5. **Selection Criteria.** The committee discussed and prioritized how the selection criteria will be used for selections in order of relevance and importance:

1. Head-to-head competition within regions;
2. Results vs. common opponents;
3. Stroke differential;
4. Spring results compared to fall results;
5. Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and head-to-head grid vs. par);
6. Strength of schedule (number of teams in tournaments, rounds of competition and overall strength of tournament fields);
7. Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

6. **Match Play.** The committee discussed feedback from coaches on the concept of match
play as a championships format and met with other NCAA golf championships managers to review how match play has benefited the Division I men’s and women’s championships and DII men’s championships. The committee will weigh the current format and a proposed match play format to evaluate any budgetary implications and possibly develop a formal proposal after this process is complete.

7. **Automatic Qualifiers.** With an increased field size for 2015-16, the committee discussed whether automatic qualification should be considered for the Division II Women’s Golf Championships. The committee took no action but agreed to gather more data and feedback to decide whether and how automatic qualifiers should be awarded. A formal proposal will follow in the coming months.

8. **Golfstat.** The committee met with Mark Laesch from Golfstat and discussed selection criteria, results reporting, and how to improve the webinar, among other topics.

9. **Future Sites.** The committee noted that the July Division II newsletter will include information for soliciting bids for the 2017 and 2018 super regionals. When reviewing the bids, the committee will pay particular attention to the course, potential travel issues and hotel accommodations.

10. **Sport Sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship listing from the 2014-15 academic year and noted anticipated changes for 2015-16.

11. **Division II Governance Update.** The committee met with Josh Looney from the Division II governance staff regarding the strategic plan, community engagement and the Make It Yours brand enhancement.

12. **Manual Review.** The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, site representative manual, and super regional and finals participant manual templates.

13. **2016 Annual Meeting Dates.** The committee agreed to meet June 21-23 in Indianapolis.

14. **Other Business.** The committee met with Katie Willett from the academic and membership affairs staff to discuss how legislation regarding limits on practice and contact time during the non-championship segment of the academic year in golf could be altered in the future.
**Committee Chair:** Chad Markuson, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference  
**Staff Liaisons:** Ali Teopas, Championships and Alliances

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