



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE
JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of 2016 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2016 annual meeting report as submitted.
- 2. Review of Division II Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed Championships Committee actions from the last year that were relevant to men's soccer.
- 3. Rankings and selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the rankings and selection criteria and agreed the process went smoothly.
- 4. Review of the 2016 preliminary rounds.** The committee reviewed the preliminary rounds of the championship and noted the following items.
 - a. Site selection.** The committee reviewed the site selections from this year, as well as the bid documents for future hosts. The committee discussed institutions hosting preliminary-round competition off campus, specifically Simon Fraser, which is required to host in the United States, as opposed to on its campus in Canada.
 - b. Preliminary-round advancement.** The committee agreed that discussing third-round and quarterfinal information on Sunday evening, after the final second-round match has been completed, helped ensure that advancing teams received information in a timely manner to begin preparations for the next week. The committee will continue this practice.
 - c. Site representatives.** The committee agreed to continue to ensure that site representatives are assigned prior to selections. Specifically, the committee will emphasize to the regional advisory committee members that serving as a site representative is part of their responsibility. Further, in situations where a site representative is serving for the first time,

the committee agreed that better preparation/guidance should be provided. The committee and staff will continue to work together on this to ensure they are prepared.

- d. Selection show. The committee agreed the selection show is an enhancement for the teams selected to the tournament, but members believe improvements are necessary. Among suggestions was to insert a brief tape delay so the show can be reviewed before going online as a way to reduce mistakes.
- 5. Championship review.** The committee briefly discussed the championships prior to the joint meeting with the women's committee. A complete review will be provided in the joint men's and women's committee meeting report.
- 6. Preview of 2017 championship.** The committee reviewed the bracket and regional matchup rotation for next year and asked staff to update accordingly.
- 7. 2018-2022 bid process.** The committee reviewed bids for the 2018-2021 championships and will be providing recommendations in accordance with the updated site selection timeline.
- 8. Academic and Membership Affairs update.** Angela Tressel from the academic and membership affairs staff reviewed the legislative process and provided an update on legislation passed at the 2017 NCAA Convention. Specifically, the committee was interested in changes made to scholarship/financial aid awards and how they are calculated.

Ms. Tressel also updated the committee on the progress of its request to modify legislation regarding student-athlete eligibility as it relates to organized competition policies. Ms. Tressel noted that the Legislation Committee is reviewing the effects of organized competition in all sports, particularly those that tend to attract both a larger percentage of international student-athletes, as well as student-athletes who delay their initial enrollment in order to begin their collegiate competition at an older age.
- 9. Officials.** Committee members discussed the officials recommendation process and agreed to the timeline that staff and the national coordinator of officials provided.
- 10. Misconduct.** The committee reviewed the misconduct situation involving Lander University and noted that the process had concluded, since Lander did not appeal the penalties the committee assessed.
- 11. Review of national committee and regional advisory committees.** The committee noted vacancies on the national committee and on the regional advisory committees. There were no candidates for the opening in the Atlantic region, and nominations have been re-solicited. Gavin Donaldson, the current Atlantic region member, expressed that he would be willing to continue serving if no nominations are collected.

The committee also reappointed Gary Hamill, head men's soccer coach at Wingate University, the chair of the committee. Mr. Hamill is be entering his fourth year of committee service in September.

12. Manual review. The committee began reviewing the 2016 championship manuals and will provide feedback to staff in the coming weeks so that updates can be made before next year.

13. 2018 annual meeting dates. In conjunction with the women's soccer committee, the committee agreed to meet January 29-31, 2018.

Committee Chair: Gary Hamill, Wingate University; South Atlantic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee January 30-February 1, 2017, Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Kevin Alcox, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
	Rob Cummings, California State University, Monterey Bay; California Collegiate Athletic Association.
	Gavin Donaldson, West Virginia Wesleyan College; Mountain East Conference.
	Bill Elliott, University of West Florida; Gulf South Conference.
	Gary Hamill, Wingate University; South Atlantic Conference.
	Matt Thompson, University of the District of Columbia; East Coast Conference.
	Brock Wissmiller, Upper Iowa University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
Absentees:	
	Claudio Arias, Texas A&M International; Heartland Conference.
Guests in Attendance:	
	None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
	Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Angela Tressel, Academic and Membership Affairs.
	Carla Laster, Championships and Alliances.