1. **Academic Metrics.** In response to the referral by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics continued a review to address enhanced and effective measurement of academic achievement, including campus-based comparisons, under the metrics. The committee engaged in high-level discussion on what is academic achievement to help frame an assessment of the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program and provide a target for committee review. Committee review of academic metrics is ongoing and will continue throughout 2016-17.

2. **Discussion With American Council on Education Representatives.** As part of outreach by the committee to build stronger external relationships with higher education organizations, representatives from ACE and the committee provided introductions and discussed their work in several topical areas, including academic metrics, interface with limited-resource institutions and historically black colleges and universities, and academically at-risk students. ACE and the committee will continue their discussions and could identify opportunities for collaboration.

3. **APP Penalty Waiver and Appeals Process.** The committee continued its review of the APP penalty waiver and appeals process. The committee modified the process to create a single process for all penalty waivers and appeals. The modified process provides appropriate appellate opportunities and presidential oversight on appeals of decisions by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals while eliminating the appeal of Level-Three penalties to a subcommittee of the Board of Directors. A one-page summary of the modifications, rationale and impact on the Board of Directors is attached.

For additional detail, the committee’s full report may be accessed on ncaa.org by clicking [here](#).
Changes to the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics
NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program Penalty Waiver and Appeals Process

The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics revised the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program penalty waiver and appeals process to meet the needs of the membership and the committee. This resulted in the following:

1. Elimination of the appellate opportunity to a subcommittee of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors for those teams that were required to attend an in-person hearing with the committee.

2. Elimination of in-person committee hearings to determine prescribed penalties for teams subject to Level-Three APP penalties.

3. Creation of a single process for all waiver and appeal requests.

The newly adopted model is more efficient and easier to understand while still retaining meaningful opportunities for a request to be heard and to engage institutions.

The changes create a process that more effectively and efficiently achieves the purpose of the waiver and appeals process and benefits the membership, committee and the board in a number of ways:

1. Creation of one waiver and appeals process that is easy for institutions to understand and follow. This creates a less burdensome process for the membership and the committee while continuing to effectively produce appropriate penalty decisions.

2. Creation of opportunities to engage with institutions’ presidents earlier in the penalty and waiver process.

3. Provides more authority to the subcommittee charged with overseeing the operations of the penalty and appeals process and allows the committee time to pro-actively examine academic issues and initiatives.

4. Provides time for the board to focus on its strategic initiatives while still maintaining an appropriate appellate opportunity that includes presidential involvement and oversight.