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Greg Woods, Springfield College [SAAC]
1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

January 13 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by the chair, Lori Runksmeier. Ms. Runksmeier reviewed the agenda, noting the Council would try to end the meeting no later than 3:15 p.m. to join the SAAC/Special Olympics activity.

Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by the chair, President Alan Cureton. The chair welcomed Council members and outlined the agenda.

January 16 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by the chair Tracey Ranieri. The chair welcomed new Council members, Brad Bankston and Kate Roy, to the meeting.

2. **REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

a. **Management Council Meetings – October 19-20, 2015.**


Presidents Council. No action necessary.
b. **Presidents Council Meeting – October 28-29, 2015.**

*January 13 Management Council.* No action necessary.

*Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council approved the summary of its October 28-29, 2015, meetings as presented.

c. **Administrative Committee Actions.**

*January 13 Management Council.* The Management Council ratified the minutes of the October 29 and November 18, 2015, Administrative Committee actions.

*Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council ratified the minutes of the October 29 and November 18, 2015, Administrative Committee actions.

### 3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

a. **Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

1. **Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

   • **2016 Convention.**

   *January 13 Management Council.* The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s reports and was briefed on the following sessions scheduled to occur during the 2016 Convention:

   • Division III New Athletics Director Meet & Greet.
   • Joint Presidential Programming with Division II.
   • Chancellors/Presidents Engagement Program.
   • ADR Institute.
   • Student-Athlete programming.
   • Ethnic minority programming.
   • Presidents and Chancellors Luncheon and Forum.
   • Athletics Direct Report Luncheon and Forum.
   • SAAC Luncheon and Forum.
   • Division III Issues Forum.
   • Division III Business Session.

   The Council noted the format for the Division III Issues Forum would include a review of the 2016 legislation; updates from the Sportmanshihip and Game Environment Working Group and the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group; and roundtable discussions on the Playing and Practice Seasons review.

   New for this year, the membership will use Poll Everywhere, smartphone software, to answer the straw poll questions during the Issues Forum.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**January 16 Management Council.** The Council discussed the logistics and content of the 2016 Convention and forwarded to the subcommittee several comments and recommendations for consideration. [Refer to Page 15, Item No. 5.]

(2) **Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).**

(a) **Conference Grant Program.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The Council approved the committee’s request to allow Tier One spending on presidents and chancellors, who also serve as the athletics direct report to attend the NCAA Convention.

The Council also requested staff better engage constituent groups who are directly impacted with proposed Division III commissioner recommendations[e.g., optional faculty athletics representative (FAR) funding in Tier One versus the current mandatory requirement] to garner feedback prior to taking a position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Budget.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The Council reviewed the final budget-to-actual for 2014-15 noting that championships ended with a surplus of $418,317, with an overall positive allocation of $1,166,324. Council noted that the surplus increase was primarily due to the championships budget cuts implemented in the fall of 2014.

The Council also reviewed budget projections through 2023-24, noting that in 2020-21 the forecast indicates a projected overage given current allocations and also assuming the adoption of the membership dues increase in Proposal No. 2016-1.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee.

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

- Approve Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee’s policies and procedures, effective January 16, 2016.

During its November 2015 teleconference, the subcommittee reviewed an updated policies and procedures document, which reflects the absorption of the NCAA Division III Management Council Academic Issues Subcommittee. In addition to combining and editorially revising the existing policies and procedures for the two subcommittees, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief increased its size from five to six members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

- 2016 NCAA Convention Issues Forum presentation.

January 13 Management Council. The Council discussed the subcommittee’s presentation of the Playing and Practice Seasons Review during the upcoming Issues Forum. The Council noted that with the new voting software, the subcommittee will have the ability to determine how constituent groups voted during the straw polls. Staff will create an Executive Summary of the roundtable written feedback to be shared with the Council during its upcoming April meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

- Men’s and Women’s Skiing Committee Composition.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation for noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA
Bylaw 21.4.5 (skiing committee, men’s and women’s) so that the committee composition requires at least one representative from each of the three regions.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Infractions.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Financial Aid Committee.**

- **Financial Aid Reporting Process – Level I Reviews.**

  **January 13 Management Council.** The Council noted the committee’s report that identified 33 Level I reviews this fall, eight more than last year and noted the use of the newly created review criteria (i.e., sport outliers). The report noted the committee took the following actions: 1) Voted to take no action on 18 cases; and 2) Voted to forward nine Level I cases to a Level II review, one fewer than last year.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(5) **Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).**

(a) **Approval of Official Interpretation – Programming Involving Sports-Related Information.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The Council approved the following official interpretation:

**Programming Involving Sports-Related Information (III).** The committee determined that student-athletes may participate in leadership and other programming involving sports-related information outside the playing and practice season provided that programming is not limited to members of a specific team and participation is voluntary. Leadership and other programming involving sports-related information that is limited to members of a specific team constitute an athletically related activity.
The committee agreed that this interpretation clarifies how student-athletes may participate in leadership and other programming involving sports-related information outside the playing and practice season.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.1.1 (Athletically Related Activities) and 16.3.2 (Support Services and Other Programming) and 16.3.2.1 (Exception – In-Season Athletically Related Activities)].

President Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Determination of a Varsity and Subvarsity Contest.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Determination of a Varsity and Subvarsity Contest (III). The committee determined that, for purposes of NCAA Division III Bylaw 17 maximum institutional contest and date of competition limitations, an institution shall define a contest as either varsity or subvarsity (e.g., junior varsity). Further, an institution is not permitted to change the classification of a given contest or date of competition after that contest or date of competition has commenced.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.3 (contest, countable, institutional), 17.02.6 (date of competition, countable, institutional), 17._.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional); an Official Interpretation (3/30/89, Item No. 5), which has been archived, a Staff Interpretation (11/2/90, Item No. c), which has been archived.]

Previous interpretations defined a varsity contest as one in which 50 percent or more of the individuals representing an institution in the contest participate primarily on the varsity level. Participate primarily on the varsity level refers to an individual who plays in 50 percent or more of the institution’s varsity contests. These interpretations often caused confusion, were difficult to apply and resulted in unintended consequences. The committee agreed that deferring to the institution’s determination for defining the contest was more consistent with existing legislation and was clearer to apply.

President Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Recruiting or Scouting Service Operating Event on Institution’s Campus.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Recruiting or Scouting Service Operating Event on Institution’s Campus (III). The committee confirmed that a recruiting or scouting service is permitted to host an event on an institution’s campus, provided the event is operated consistent with the tryout legislation. The recruiting or
scouting service must be charged the normal facility rental fee and the institution may not publicize or endorse the event. Additionally, coaching staff members are precluded from being employed, in any capacity, by a recruiting or scouting service.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.2.12 (recruiting or scouting service), 13.11.3.1 (Athletics Events or Activities Involving Prospective Student-Athletes), staff interpretation (10/1/2003, Item No. 1), and staff action (3/24/2014, Item No. c).]

This interpretation clarifies that permitting a recruiting service to conduct an event on campus does not equate to endorsement of that recruiting service. While it was clear that institutions may not endorse a recruiting or scouting service, there existed confusion regarding what actually constituted an endorsement. Specifically, is there an implied endorsement of a recruiting service if that service conducts an event on an institution’s campus? This interpretation answers that question and resolves the confusion.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Approval of Official Interpretation – Social Media Photos of Prospective Student-Athletes Participating in Institutional Camp or Clinic.**

**January 13 Management Council.** The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Social Media Photos of Prospective Student-Athletes Participating in Institutional Camp or Clinic (III). The committee determined that an institution may post photographs of prospective student-athletes participating in an institutional camp or clinic on its social media outlets, provided the institution posts photographs of prospective students generally participating in nonathletic on-campus events on its social media outlets.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.10.4 (prospective student-athlete’s visit) and 13.10.4.2 (Exception).]

This interpretation clarifies existing publicity restrictions with respect to institutional marketing efforts. Specifically, the prohibitions regarding publicizing a prospective student-athlete’s visit to campus do not apply in the context of posting photographs of camp attendees, if the institution acts similarly with respect to non-athlete prospective students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(e) Approval of Official Interpretation – Application of Promotional Activities Legislation for Activities not Sponsored or Organized by the Athletics Department or Conference Office.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Application of Promotional Activities Legislation for Activities not Sponsored or Organized by the Athletics Department or Conference Office (III). The committee determined that the requirements of the institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions legislation are applicable only to promotional activities sponsored or organized by the institution’s athletics department or conference office. Promotional activities in which a student-athlete participates independent of his or her status as a student-athlete (e.g., institutional community service requirement) are not subject to the legislation.

[Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions)]

This interpretation clarifies that if a student-athlete participates in an institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotional activity independent of his or her status as a student-athlete, the student-athlete is not subject to the promotional activities legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Approval of Official Interpretation – Application of Promotional Activities Legislation for Activities not Sponsored or Organized by the Athletics Department or Conference Office.

January 13 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Signature Requirements for Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions (III). The committee confirmed that an institution’s chancellor or president (or his or her designee) is only required to provide a student-athlete with permission to participate in institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions once per academic year. In addition, a student-athlete may sign a release at the beginning of the academic year authorizing the use of his or her name, image or appearance in permissible promotional activities for the remainder of the academic year. For on-going promotional activities (e.g., Special Olympics), an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may sign a release statement ensuring that a student-athlete’s name, image and appearance will be used in a manner
consistent with permissible promotional activities for the entire academic year instead of signing a release statement for each activity.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw III 12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions)]

The committee agreed this interpretation clarifies the application of the institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions legislation. Specifically, the institution’s chancellor or president is only required to provide a student-athlete permission to participate in promotional activities once per academic year. The committee also confirmed that a student-athlete and authorized representative from an ongoing promotional activity are only required to sign a release statement once to be used for the entire academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee

- Conference Self-Study Guide.

January 13 Management Council. The Council noted the Membership Committee will distribute the Conference Self-Study Guide (CSSG) to the Division III commissioners after a final review at its February meeting. The commissioners will have until June 2018 to complete the CSSG.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

(a) SAAC Elections.

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting its new officers – Rob Wingert, Stevenson University, will be the chair and Kayla Porter, Frostburg State University, will be the vice-chair. The new additional Management Council representative is Greg Woods, Springfield College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) “It’s On Us” working group.

January 13 Management Council. The Council noted the committee filmed a video that will be shown during the Division III Business Session at the 2016 NCAA Convention. It also noted that a best practices and call to action document will be made available to the membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

• Eligibility for Practice after Receipt of Hardship Waiver.

January 13 Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed and discussed Bylaw 14.2.5.3 (Eligibility for Practice after Receipt of Hardship Waiver). The first sentence of the legislation indicates that in order for the legislation to apply, a hardship waiver must be granted during the season in question. However, the practical application for processing hardship waivers (by conference offices and the student-athlete reinstatement staff) is that hardship waivers are not processed until the season in question concludes. This timing is to ensure a student-athlete does not return to competition during the season and effectively, voids the granted hardship waiver. As a result, Bylaw 14.2.5.3 would rarely, if ever, apply given the timing for review of hardship waivers. Based on this concern the committee will have the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee review this bylaw at its February in-person meeting and discuss potential modifications to account for these practical concerns.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

• RESPECT Campaign.

January 13 Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved revisions to the printed materials for the RESPECT campaign and recommended the development of a strategic communications plan.
including a social media campaign and development of in-venue audio and visual public service announcements use by member institutions and conferences. These revisions and new content will be part of the re-launch of the RESPECT campaign in June 2016.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Honors Committee.

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

January 13 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
4. **2016 NCAA CONVENTION LEGISLATION.**

a. **Review of 2015 NCAA Convention Notice and Program.**

   January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Convention Notice and Program. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide.**

   January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Legislative Q & A document. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Review of Parliamentary and Voting Issues.**


   Staff informed the Council that NC 2016-4 may be pulled from the blue pages and sent back to the Council for review. This proposal’s intent is to eliminate the
requirement that a student-athlete departs for a competition not earlier than 48 hours before the start of the competition and remain not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Position Papers and Speaker Assignments.

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the position papers and speaker assignments noting that a motion to divide the application of the deregulation of electronic transmissions legislation (sections A and B of Proposal No. 2016-2) and the deregulation of publicity legislation (section C of Proposal No. 2016-2) may be requested on the floor by the sponsor. The Council recommended the Presidents Council continue to oppose the proposal should the sponsors divide it.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the position papers and speaker assignments. The Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation of opposition if Proposal No. 2016-2 is divided.

5. 2016 NCAA CONVENTION.

• Programming and Logistics.

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the agendas for the Division III Convention sessions. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the agendas for the Division III Convention sessions. No action was necessary.

January 16 Management Council. The Council discussed and made the following comments regarding future Convention programming and logistics:

• Supported continued access to Wifi in the hotel and meeting rooms.
• Poll Everywhere was suitable for the Issues Forum straw poll questions.
• Membership requested smaller NCAA brand materials be sold at the Convention (e.g., trinkets).
• Noted that an athletics director expressed interest in an AD-only session. Staff will discuss with NADIIIIAA.
• New AD meet and greet was well received and informative.
• ADR Institute was a great success, noting that 35 conferences had representation.
• The Ethnic Minority Student program had great reviews.
• Programming for the 130 plus non-national SAAC student-athletes was well received.
• The room logistics for the Presidents and Chancellors Luncheon and Forum weren’t ideal. The room was too large, which made it hard to have good conversations.
• Noted the Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) reception conflicted with the NACWAA reception.
• Noted the Convention App is useful; however the suggestion was to have it to default to the actual day and not open to the entire Convention schedule.
• Noted that Condoleezza Rice, Keynote Luncheon speaker, was outstanding. Membership inquired if this was recorded for those who weren’t able to attend.

The Council questioned the concept behind the Window of Reconsideration during the Business Session and whether it is a bylaw requirement. Staff noted this topic could be added to April’s agenda for further discussion.

6. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

a. **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group’s reports from its November and December teleconferences. The Council noted the working group’s discussion regarding the Convention presentation outlining the membership’s feedback from the 2015 Convention; explaining the working group’s charge; outlining diversity and inclusion initiatives overall in higher education; explaining the importance of diversity; and creating a presentation that is digestible and useful for all.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group’s report regarding the presentation during the 2016 Issues Forum, focusing primarily on how to take advantage of the opportunity to conduct ‘straw poll’ questions and what the working group should ask of the forum participants.

The working group showed overall support for the questions and presentation outline; however raised points regarding incentives for completing the program and potential concerns from the membership about monetary source for the financial incentive.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the agenda for the ADR Institute noting a welcome dinner Wednesday, January 13, followed by a full day of programming on January 14.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
d.  **360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed an update on the 360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative noting the outreach plan that include: 1) Booth and Technical Assistance provision at the 2016 Convention and the January 2016 NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Strategies Conference; and 2) March 2016 NASPA Annual Conference, including participation by Grinnell College and Rogers State University. 360 Proof advertisements will be included in the conference program for the NASPA AOD Strategies and Annual Conferences.

Staff also noted that the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) released its updated compilation of recommended strategies in September. This publication will be integrated into the 360 Proof portal by spring 2016.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

e.  **Division III Identity Initiative.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on Division III Week, the Purchasing Website, social media, branding initiatives and Special Olympics.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

f.  **Division III Technology Users Group.**

January 13 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Technology Users Group report from its last teleconference. Staff highlighted the NCAA’s mobile platform, data analytics with the PDF fillable compliance forms, user hurdles with the NCAA Online Compliance forms, Single-Source Sign-On access, the use and benefit of learning management educational tools and a proposed process for creating an NCAA ID for Division III student-athletes.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

g.  **Feedback from Conference Meetings.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from conference meetings. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

h.  **Executive Summary of Division III Health and Safety Summit.**

January 13 Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update from Brian Hainline, senior vice president and chief medical officer of the NCAA, including the October 21, 2015, Health and Safety Summit. The summit brought a diverse group of Division III constituents together to discuss the issues, challenges, and
opportunities related to delivering optimum athletics healthcare programs to Division III student-athletes, noting that institutions have varying levels of resources.

The roundtable discussions during the summit highlighted the unique resource pressures that exist for most Division III schools, and the difficult decision-making and resource prioritization that must occur in the current resource environment.

There were three summit outcomes:

1. **Director of Medical Services.** Participants agreed that the idea of a Director of Medical Services at every school was worth exploring in more detail. This person would have responsibility for overseeing legislative requirements and/or best practices, as well as for directing other members of the sports medicine staff. Some guidance may be necessary to help member institutions identify the characteristics of an “ideal” Director of Medical Services to satisfy the obligations identified above. Importantly, the group felt this person should be autonomous from athletics. Where possible, the Director of Medical Services should be aligned with on-campus health centers. There may have to be several models to suit the diversity of Division III institutions and their resources.

2. **Model Care Protocol Template.** Support to develop template protocols for model care made widely available to the Division III membership. The value of these templates is that they would greatly assist the athletic training staffs, which may be understaffed, in standardizing and implementing protocols that are known to be effective. An example of such a template is the concussion protocol and related checklist that is currently being utilized in Division I.

3. **Delay Start of Fall Non-Traditional Segment.** In late August/early September, sports medicine staff must prioritize the needs of traditional segment sports (e.g., football, soccer). The start of the fall non-traditional season (e.g., spring sports like baseball and softball) creates an additional time and resource challenge for the sports medicine staff. Committing to a single date for the start of the fall non-traditional season, and having that date as late as reasonably possible, would provide an important buffer for sports medicine personnel who attend to the preparation and screening requirements of fall traditional athletes until well into September.

Dr. Hainline also outlined four of the “priority areas” with the current health and safety agenda of the Sport Science Institute (SSI):

- Concussion management;
- Cardiovascular care;
- Mental health and wellness; and
- Drug testing and deterrence.

The Management Council expressed concern with the practical challenges of implementing the recent SSI initiatives and directed staff to explore, with SSI, the creation of an advisory group for health and safety initiatives.
i. 2015 GOALS Study.

January 13 Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on the 2015 GOALS Study from Tom Paskus, principal research scientist at the NCAA and Lydia Bell, associate director of research. The GOALS study was designed to provide data to NCAA committees, policymakers and member institutions on a range of issues important to today’s student-athletes. A number of items have been repeated across three administrations of the survey (2006, 2010 and 2015), allowing for the examination of trends. New items in the current study include questions on youth sports participation, parental aspirations, burnout, involvement/interest in study abroad and internships, and athletics department programming. Survey responses were received from over 21,000 student-athletes at nearly 600 schools across Divisions I, II and III.

A release of the summary was posted January 14 on the NCAA’s research website. Among the Division III findings were the following:

- 70% have positive experiences in keeping up with classes and athletics.
- Overall academic experience was positive.
- Female student-athletes are very connected to their families and home.
- 49% are involved in community service.
- Closest friends of student-athletes are their teammates.
- More than 15% student-athletes feel they can’t participate in study abroad due to athletics.
- Increasing number for student-athlete time commitments including out of season.
- Time for relaxation and socialization was down.
- Student-athletes in sports with highest time demands are sleeping less.
- Many student-athletes specialized in a primary sport at an early age.
- The number of student-athletes feeling overwhelmed had increased over 5% from the 2010 survey.

The Councils requested time during their April meetings to have more in-depth conversations specific to the Division III findings.

7. ASSOCIATION WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Litigation Update.

January 13 Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

b. Governmental Relations Report.

January 13 Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.
c. Board of Governors Update.

January 13 Management Council. The Council received an update on various Association-wide issues to be considered by the Board of Governors during its January meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council will receive an update on various Association-wide issues that were considered by the Board of Governors during its Friday’s Presidents and Chancellors Luncheon and Forum.

8. OTHER BUSINESS.

January 13 Management Council. Lori Runksmerier acknowledged departing Council members, Terry Rupert and Jaime Salcedo, thanking them for their service on behalf of the Association, while Tracey Ranieri thanked Lori Runksmeier for her service as chair of the Management Council.

Presidents Council. President Cureton thanked the departing Council members for their service on behalf of the Association.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

January 13 Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

January 16 Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.