AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division II Academic Requirements Committee

Grant Ballroom B        February 23-24, 2017
Indianapolis             1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, February 23
                          8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Eastern time Friday, February 24

1. Welcome and announcements. (Brenda Cates)
2. Review of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee roster. [Supplement No. 1] (Cates)
3. Review the Academic Requirements Committee September 2016 report. [Supplement No. 2] (Cates)
4. Review the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council October 2016/January 2017 Summary of Actions. [Supplement Nos. 3a and 3b] (Cates)
5. Review interpretive authority of the Academic Requirements Committee. [Supplement No. 4] (Karen Wolf)
6. Update on 2017 NCAA Convention proposals that impact eligibility and/or were sponsored by the committee and NCAA Division II philosophy statement. [Supplement No. 5] (Wolf)
7. Update on the review of NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award criteria and process. [Supplement No. 6] (Ellen Summers)
8. Review the October 2016 NCAA International Student Records Committee report. [Supplement No. 7] (Elizabeth Coleman)
9. Discuss Academic Portal status and extensions. (Gregg Summers)
10. Discuss SAT operational review. (G. Summers)
11. Update on academic research data. [Supplement No. 8] (G. Summers)
   a. Review Academic Success Rate.
   b. Decrease in African American male graduation/retention rates.
12. Review metrics for progress-toward-degree waivers related to path-to-graduation legislative changes. [Supplement No. 9] (Greg Dana)

13. Discuss timing of certification for a change of degree. [Supplement No. 10] (Susan Britsch)

14. Discuss differences of the nonrecruited student exception in progress-toward-degree and transfer legislation. [Supplement No. 11] (Britsch)

15. Discuss good academic standing clarification on institutional policy. [Supplement No. 12] (Buckner)

16. Discuss cooperative exchange legislation for progress-toward-degree certification. [Supplement No. 13] (Britsch)

17. Review updates to existing interpretations due to path-to-graduation legislative changes. [Supplement Nos. 14a, 14b, 14c, 14d and 14e] (Britsch)

18. Discuss four-year transfer requirements. [Supplement Nos. 15a and 15b] (G. Summers/Angela Tressel)
   a. Current data.
   b. Feedback from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

19. Review modification of wording for two-year transfer grade-point average legislation. [Supplement No. 16] (Britsch)

20. Discuss institutional limits on transferable credits for two-year transfers. [Supplement No. 17] (Jada Buckner)

21. Review of University of Mary nontraditional academic calendar. [Supplement No. 18] (Britsch)

22. Update on communications outreach to incoming student-athletes. (Brian Hendrickson)

23. Discuss upcoming NCAA Division II Census. (Wolf)

24. Update on Foundation for the Future initiatives. (Britsch/G. Summers)

25. Update on education initiatives. (Tressel)

26. Future meeting dates. (Britsch)
   a. June 2017; Teleconference.

c. February 2018.

27. Other business.
   • Chair/vice chair election.

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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3– Eligibility – Transfer Regulations - Two-Year College Transfers - Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid – All Others Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers – English, Math and Science Credit Hours – Credit Hours Earned While Enrolled Part Time at a Previous Institution.

   (1) **Recommendation.** Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit a student-athlete who earned transferable English, math, or science credits while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to use those credit hours to satisfy the two-year college transfer English, math and science credit-hour requirements.

   (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

   (3) **Rationale.** Current legislation does not permit a two-year college transfer student to use credits earned while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to meet the English, math and science credit-hour requirements at the certifying institution. This change would prevent student-athletes from having to retake courses they have already successfully completed while part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements.

   (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.

   (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** Prospective student-athletes will have additional flexibility to use credits earned while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements for English, math and science.

b. Incorporation of Interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual.

   (1) **Recommendation.** To incorporate the following official interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual:

   Application of Admissions Requirement for Graduate Students.
The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that a nonmatriculating graduate student-athlete is eligible for competition while enrolled full time as a nondegree seeking graduate student provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied (e.g. enrolled full time, in good academic standing).

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission requirement), 14.1.8 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate participation), 14.1.8.1 (transfer exception)]

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Incorporating the September 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding admissions requirements for graduate student-athletes.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.

(5) **Estimated Student-Athlete Impact.** None.

c. **Incorporation of Interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual.**

(1) **Recommendation.** To incorporate the following official interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual:

*Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements When Certifying Designation of Degree Program.*

The Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that an institution would not incur a violation if a student-athlete did not designate a degree program prior to the fifth semester or seventh quarter, provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing.

[Reference: Bylaw 14.4.3.6 (designation of degree program)]

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Incorporating the September 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the timing of the required designation of a degree.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
Estimated Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

   None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Discussion of the Academic Portal. The committee received an update regarding the new academic portal. Staff noted that while the portal is designed to replace the NCAA Division II Academic Tracking System, the launch has been delayed until late September in an effort to resolve technical concerns. Staff recommended that a deadline extension be granted to institutions to give institutional staff enough time to familiarize themselves with the new system and accurately complete the data-submission process. The committee approved extending the Academic Performance Census data-submission deadline to February 1, 2017, for all institutions noting that the extension only applies to the 2016-17 academic year.

2. Update on 2017 NCAA Convention Proposals. The committee reviewed two 2017 NCAA Convention proposals that impact student-athlete eligibility. Specifically, the committee reviewed the academic misconduct proposal that it recommended for sponsorship in June 2016 (see Division II SPOPL No. 2-2). Additionally, the committee reviewed a proposal that would permit a student-athlete to miss class for competition during the nonchampionship segment once every four years, providing institutions flexibility to pursue competitive opportunities in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada during the nonchampionship segment. It would also permit institutions located in those states, territory or country with the flexibility to travel to the United States for competition during the nonchampionship segment. (See Division II SPOPL No. 2-16)

3. Discussion of Enforcement Issues and Penalty Structure Related to Academic Misconduct Proposal. The committee was provided an update on the projected enforcement issues and penalty structure that will result with the proposed academic misconduct legislation that will be voted on at the 2017 NCAA Convention. Staff noted that among other things, consideration will be given to each case in regard to the nature of institutional staff member involvement and their proximity to the athletics department.

4. Review of the Q&A Document Related to Academic Misconduct. The committee reviewed the current 2017 NCAA Convention Question and Answer document related to the proposed academic misconduct legislation. The document will be made available to the membership as a resource leading up to the 2017 NCAA Convention.
5. **Update on Impact of Redesigned SAT.** The committee received an update on the operational changes that took effect this summer in response to the redesigned SAT. Staff noted that the concordance established by the College Board in May was used by the NCAA Eligibility Center for operational purposes this summer with only a small percentage of student-athletes impacted. The committee will revisit the issue to determine the appropriate operational process for the 2017-18 academic year at a future meeting.

6. **Review of Four-Year College Transfer Requirements.** The committee began a comprehensive review and discussion regarding the current four-year college transfer legislation. At its March 2016 meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee requested that a detailed review of the four-year college transfer legislation be referred to the committee. The committee requested that staff identify available research data on four-year college transfer student-athletes. In addition, the committee directed staff to seek feedback on the current legislation from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Council. The committee will review the requested information and continue its discussion during its February 2017 meeting.

7. **Issuance of Official Interpretation.** The committee issued the following official interpretation [See Legislative Action No. 1-b]:

   **Application of Admissions Requirement for Graduate Students.**

   The Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that a nonmatriculating graduate student-athlete would be eligible for competition while enrolled full time as a nondegree seeking graduate student provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied (e.g. enrolled full time, in good academic standing).

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8. **Issuance of Official Interpretation.** The committee issued the following official interpretation [See Legislative Action No. 1-c]:

   **Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements When Certifying Designation of Degree Program.**

   The Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that an institution would not incur a violation if a student-athlete did not designate a degree program prior to the fifth semester or seventh quarter, provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing.
[Reference: Bylaw 14.4.3.6 (designation of degree program)]

9. **Update on Academic Research Data.** The committee received a preview of the Federal Graduation Rate and Academic Success Rate for the upcoming year. Staff projected no significant changes. The general expectation is for the rolling four-year rates to increase moving forward as the 2006 cohort, which contributed to an artificially low rate, will drop out of the calculation.

10. **Discussion of NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Criteria and Process.** The committee received an update about the Division II Degree-Completion Award Program. Staff noted that while the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee has approved additional funds to be used for the upcoming year, there have been unused funds for this program in the previous three fiscal years. Therefore, the committee asked that a comprehensive review of the program occur over the 2016-17 academic year to ensure the program is meeting the original intent and is benefiting as many student-athletes as possible. The committee will review final recommendations of possible changes to the program during its June 2017 teleconference.

11. **Review of Waiver Volume Related to Path to Graduation Legislation.** The committee received an update on the number of progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer waivers filed as a result of the NCAA Division II Path to Graduation legislation taking effect August 1, 2016. Staff noted the numbers were minimal with no significant increases in the number of waivers typically filed by institutions. More specific data will be provided at a future in-person meeting.

12. **Professional Development Session on Unconscious Bias.** The committee engaged in a professional development session on unconscious bias provided by representatives from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

13. **Update on Foundation for the Future Funding Requests.** The committee received an update on the progress of requests that were granted funding through the NCAA Division II Foundation for the Future Initiatives. Additional updates will be provided at future meetings.

14. **Review of the NCAA Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed a progress report on the implementation of the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan.

15. **Update on NCAA Division II Priorities.** The committee received an update on the 2016-17 Division II priorities.

16. **Demonstration of Division II Pages on NCAA.org.** The committee received a demonstration of the updated pages dedicated to Division II on the ncaa.org website.
17. **Demonstration of the NCAA Division II Institutional Performance Program.** The committee received a demonstration of the Division II Institutional Performance Program portal.

18. **Update on NCAA Division I Topics.** The committee received an update on current academic topics being discussed by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.

19. **Update on Path to Graduation Toolkit.** The committee reviewed data about usage of the educational materials on ncaa.org related to the Path to Graduation legislative changes.

20. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee Report.** The committee reviewed and approved its June 2016 committee report.

21. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee Roster.** The committee welcomed two new members: Paul Leidig, faculty athletics representative at Grand Valley State University and Patrick Wempe, faculty athletics representative at Henderson State University.

22. **Review of the July and August 2016 NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the July and August 2016 meetings of the Management Council and the Presidents Council.

23. **Future Meeting Schedule.** The committee agreed to conduct its winter in-person meeting February 23-24, 2017, its summer teleconference in June or July 2017 (date to be determined) and its fall in-person meeting September 16-17, 2017.

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<td>Amanda Bonilla, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.</td>
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I. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. The chair welcomed those in attendance, noting that the Woman of the Year Awards Banquet held the previous evening had been a good event recognizing our female leaders of the future. Division II had three finalists at the awards ceremony: Bri Leeper, West Texas A&M University, women’s track and field student-athlete; Maurissa Lester, Limestone College, women’s basketball student-athlete; and Elayna Siebert, Carson-Newman University, softball student-athlete.

The chair noted that the two Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members were absent from the meeting—Deron Washington because of his sport being in-season and Jasmyn Lindsay because of a conflict with her job. All other Management Council members were present.

The chair recognized staff at the meeting, noting that Katie Willett, who previously worked with the academic and membership affairs staff, had taken a new position with the Big East Conference.

The chair summarized the anticipated actions that would take place over the course of the meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. with a working dinner. The chair noted the absences of Dene Thomas and Les Wong. After a few introductory remarks, the Council was joined by members of the NCAA executive staff and the chair of the Board of Governors.

The Council reconvened in executive session Thursday morning after the Divisions I, II and III joint breakfast. The chair delivered more extensive remarks to the Council and acknowledged the three persons who were attending the meeting as part of the NCAA Pathways Program.
2. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

   a. **Management Council July 18-19 Meeting and Presidents Council August 3-4 Meeting.**


      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of action document from the August 3-4 Presidents Council meeting.

   b. **Board of Governors August 3 Meeting.**

      Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the August 3 Board of Governors meeting. No action was necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the August 3 Board of Governors meeting. No action was necessary.

   c. **Administrative Committee Teleconference/Actions.**

      Management Council. The Management Council approved the report from the August 31 Administrative Committee meeting, as well as interim actions taken from August to October.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the report from the August 31 Administrative Committee meeting, as well as interim actions taken from August to October.

3. **DIVISION II 2016-17 PRIORITIES.**

   Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the priorities for 2016-17. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. **NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

   a. **2017 NCAA Convention Schedule.**

      Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the schedule for Division II and other pertinent activities/programs at the 2017 Convention. No action was necessary.
President's Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the schedule for Division II, as well as other activities/programs scheduled for the 2017 Convention. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the 18 pieces of legislation for the 2017 Division II business session, 17 of which were sponsored by the Presidents Council and one that was membership-sponsored. The Council was informed that the Official Notice is still made available in a ‘hard’ copy and that the Question and Answer document would be available electronically by the first week in December. No action was necessary.

President’s Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the legislation. No action was necessary.

c. Discussion of Conference and Membership Feedback Regarding Convention Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council provided feedback on several of the proposals. No action was necessary.

President’s Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council voted to support the proposal, noting that it makes sense to allow the contact period to begin on a Monday, rather than the currently legislated December 1 date, as most institutions have resumed classes on that Monday after the Thanksgiving break. Additionally, this change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the Division I FBS and FCS football recruiting calendars.

President’s Council. The Presidents Council voted to support the proposal, citing the same rationale as the Management Council, Football Committee and Legislation Committee.

[Note that the Division II Championships Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal. The Division II Football Committee and the Division II Legislation Committee.


Committee also agreed to support this proposal, for the same reasons stated above for the Management Council.]

e. **Proposed Grouping of Proposals and Roll-Call Votes.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council agreed to recommend that the Presidents Council approve the proposed grouping of legislative proposals and the designated roll-call votes for the purpose of production of the 2017 Convention Official Notice and the order of business for the Division II business session at the 2017 Convention, as recommended. However, the Management Council asked staff to discuss with the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, which was scheduled to meet the day after the Management Council meeting adjourned, whether Proposal No. 2-9—Recruiting—Recruiting Materials—Elimination of Conference Restrictions—should be pulled from the consent package and voted on separately. At its meeting, the Division II Conference Commissioners Association agreed with recommending that the Presidents Council pull that proposal from the consent package.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council voted to approve the proposed grouping of legislative proposals and the designated roll-call votes, as amended, by recommendation of the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, after the Management Council meeting, as follows:

There is a total of 18 proposals sponsored for the 2017 Convention. The consent package will contain eight proposals: Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) Proposal No. 2-3; Proposal No. 2-4; Proposal No. 2-5; Proposal No. 2-6; Proposal No. 2-7; Proposal No. 2-8; Proposal No. 2-16; and Proposal No. 2-18.

Ten of the proposals will be roll-call votes: SPOPL Proposal No. 2-9; Proposal No. 2-17; Proposal No. 2-2; Proposal No. 2-1; Proposal No. 2-12; Proposal No. 2-13; Proposal No. 2-14; Proposal No. 2-10; Proposal No. 2-11; and Proposal No. 2-15.

Proposal No. 2-10 is a football-only vote.

f. **Suggested Speakers for 2017 Convention Proposals.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the speakers’ chart for the Division II business session at the 2017 Convention. The Council was informed of the duties that go along with being a designated or back-up speaker and was asked to advise staff of any changes individuals would like to make. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the speakers’ chart for the 2017 business session. No action was necessary.
g. **Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the noncontroversial proposals in legislative format, as recommended.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. **Administrative Regulations.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and approved one administrative regulation in legislative format, which had already been approved in concept.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the administrative regulation in legislative format.

i. **Modification of Wording.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the modification of wording proposal, which had previously been approved in legislative format. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. **Incorporation of Interpretations.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the incorporation of interpretations in legislative format, as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.**

a. **Division II Committees.**

(1) **Academic Requirements Committee.**

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation—NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3 (Eligibility—Transfer Regulations—Two-Year College Transfers—Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers—English, Math and Science Credit Hours—Credit Hours Earned While Enrolled Part Time at a Previous Institution).
Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit a student-athlete who earned transferable English, math or science credits while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to use those credit hours to satisfy the two-year college transfer English, math, and science credit-hour requirements, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Incorporations.

Management Council. The Management Council voted to incorporate the following official interpretations into the Division II Manual:

i. Application of Admissions Requirement for Graduate Students.
The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that a nonmatriculating graduate student-athlete is eligible for competition while enrolled full time as a nondegree seeking graduate student, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied (e.g. enrolled full time, in good academic standing). (Effective immediately.)

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission requirement), 14.1.8 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate participation), 14.1.8.1 (transfer exception)]

ii. Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements When Certifying Designation of Degree Program.
The Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that an institution would not incur a violation if a student-athlete did not designate a degree program prior to the fifth semester or seventh quarter, provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing. (Effective immediately.)

[Reference: Bylaw 14.4.3.6 (designation of degree program)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(c) **Academic Performance Census Deadline.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council endorsed the committee’s extension of the Academic Performance Census deadline to July 1, 2017, for the 2016-17 academic year only. This decision was made due to technical issues with the new Academic Portal. The portal will open for Division II users not later than February 1, 2017, which will give users approximately 21 weeks to submit their data from 2015-16, including part of summer break.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

(d) **Division II ASR and Federal Graduation Rates Preview.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council received a preliminary update on the Division II Academic Success Rates and the Federal Graduation Rates for the 2006-2009 cohort. Detailed information will be compiled and disseminated to Division II conferences soon. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council was updated on the preliminary ASR and federal graduation rate information. No action was necessary.

(e) **SAT Update.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council considered several options for an operational approach for using test scores from the redesigned SAT for initial-eligibility certification. The Management Council approved an option, which the Council considered the middle ground best supported by research data, to certify initial eligibility and evaluate waivers for 2017-18. In 2018, a new sliding scale will be introduced.

The next steps with the Division II membership include updated resources from the Eligibility Center in the form of newsletters; membership portal announcements; customer service support; and education through the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

(2) Championships Committee.

(a) August Teleconference.

i. Selection Procedures in Cross Country.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to change the selection procedure for at-large teams to the NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships to allow the top three finishers in a region to automatically advance to the championships and the remaining eight teams to be selected based on defined criteria, effective September 1, 2017.

For team selections, the current selection procedure takes into account only the prior year’s championship performance for teams that do not automatically qualify for the championships by finishing in the top three of their respective region. By moving to a selection process with defined criteria, only performances from the current season will be evaluated and rewarded. The new selection process would include the following selection criteria: regional finish; head-to-head competition between teams under consideration; results against common Division II opponents; regional meet point gap ratio; and late-season meet point gap ratio. For individual selections, the top two individuals from each regional not part of a qualifying team will automatically advance. Any individual who finishes in the top five at the regional not on a qualifying team will also automatically advance. The remaining eight individuals would be selected by comparing regional place and strength of each region.

Since the current selection procedures rely on historical data, a successful and winning season for a team has no bearing on postseason advancement. The new process rewards the current year’s performance.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
ii. **Seeding the Regional Champions in Softball.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council agreed that the regional Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which is one of the current selection criteria for softball, would be used to seed eight regional winners after the super regionals, effective September 1, 2016.

Seeding the eight teams that advance to the finals site increases the likelihood that the top teams will advance through the championship. The regional RPI is the most reliable criteria to seed the teams since it takes strength of schedule into account and provides the most competitive matchups for the student-athletes at the championship.

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

iii. **Preliminary-Round Date Formula in Softball.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council agreed to adjust the date formula for the regionals and super regionals so that regionals will be held the Thursday through Saturday before super regionals, and super regionals will be held the Thursday and Friday before finals. This moves the regionals and super regionals one day earlier; effective with the 2017 Division II softball championship.

Last year, the softball committee received approval for a date formula change in Festival years to accommodate the best-of-three championship series and travel requirements. At that time, the committee noted it would evaluate the midweek regionals and super regionals to determine if that timing worked better for the championship overall. After receiving feedback from teams and hosts, the committee learned that this date formula makes travel easier between rounds and also increases hotel availability, since more competition occurs during the week. The current date formula dictates that regionals will be either Thursday through Saturday or Friday through Sunday (depending on no-Sunday play institutions) and that super regionals will be the Friday and Saturday before finals.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
iv. Preliminary-Round Date Formula in Men’s and Women’s Tennis.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to adjust the date formula for the Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships regionals to Saturday-Sunday (Friday may be used for a three-day regional) and Monday-Tuesday two weekends prior to finals, effective with the 2017 Division II men’s and women’s tennis championships.

Currently, the men’s and women’s tennis regional dates overlap, with competition rounds Saturday-Tuesday. A growing number of institutions employ one head coach for both men’s and women’s tennis. In an instance where one such institution qualifies both its men’s and women’s teams for the regionals, the head coach is forced to split time between the two regional sites or choose which gender to coach for the entirety of the regional competition. The regional start days for each gender will mirror the national championship start days for each gender. As such, men’s and women’s regional competitions may be held several states away from one another during a given year, making travel between the two sites nearly impossible for a head coach. This proposal aims to improve the experience for those men’s and women’s tennis student-athletes who, under the current date formula, may not have their head coach on site with them at the regional competition.

Student-athletes in both men’s and women’s tennis will be positively impacted by this change, as institutions with one head coach for both genders will no longer experience having a team at a regional site without their head coach for the duration of the event due to overlapping schedules.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. Seeding the Regional Champions in Women’s Volleyball.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to seed the regional winners before the Elite Eight, effective with the 2016 Division II women’s volleyball championship.
This seeding will allow for the top teams to be placed on opposite sides of the bracket. The volleyball committee will use current selection criteria, along with a national RPI, to seed teams one through eight after the regionals have been completed.

This seeding of teams at the finals site provides the most competitive matchups for the student-athletes at the championship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vi. Regional Adjustments in Wrestling.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to place Drury University and Bellarmine University, both of which have added wrestling as a varsity sport, in the Central Super Region (Super Region III) and Midwest Super Region (Super Region II), respectively. In addition, the Management Council agreed to move Ouachita Baptist University from the Central Super Region to the West Super Region, effective September 1, 2016.

The recommended placements are the most logical fit for Drury and Bellarmine, and moving Ouachita Baptist would allow all four super regions to have 15 members apiece.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vii. Live Video Streaming at the Super Regionals in Wrestling.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to require live video streaming at the four super-regional sites, effective September 1, 2016.

The requirement mitigates the potential competitive advantage super-regional sites may gain by not live streaming. The wrestling committee wants to negate any perceived incentive not to live stream, since live streaming at the super-regional sites is a key element in marketing and promoting the sport. The committee also believes the recommendation helps ensure a consistent experience for
participants at all super regionals. Because super-regional sites are predetermined, the committee believes there is ample time for hosts to adequately plan for the live-streaming requirement.

The requirement standardizes live streaming among the four super-regional sites, thus ensuring more exposure for the sport and competitive fairness at the super-regional sites.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

viii. Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Administrative Committee had ratified the following sport committee and playing rules committee appointments between the regular quarterly meetings of the Councils.

(i) Baseball rules. James C. Jackson, director of athletics, Cameron University, to replace Jason Trufant, senior associate director of athletics, Dowling College, due to Mr. Trufant having left Dowling, effective immediately.

(ii) Women’s golf. Susan Vail, head women’s golf coach, Wheeling Jesuit University, to replace Rebecca Mailloux, head women’s golf coach, Grand Valley State University, due to term expiration, effective September 1, 2016.

(iii) Men’s and women’s track and field and cross country rules. Larry Mortensen, director of athletics, Adams State University, to replace C. Anthony Grant, assistant director of athletics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, due to Mr. Grant having resigned from the committee, effective immediately.

(iv) Women’s volleyball. Josh Collins, head women’s volleyball coach, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, to replace Wendy McManus, associate director of athletics, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, due to Ms. McManus having left
Northwestern Oklahoma State, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) September In-Person Meeting.

i. Regionalization Working Group.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation to appoint a working group to explore alternative models that apply Division II’s regionalization principles to bracketing in team-sport championships and enhance the championships experience for participants, effective immediately. This working group will focus only on how the Division II regionalization principles apply to bracketing in the postseason and not on how they apply to the regular season. The working group is expected to collaborate with the membership to produce initial recommendations to the Championships Committee in 2017, with any recommendations becoming effective in 2018-19.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

ii. Charter Travel Program.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the continuation of the charter travel program for Division II championships travel, which charges institutions a flat fee for all personnel beyond the official travel party, effective immediately. The Championships Committee will assess this additional year of the program to determine whether to implement it as a permanent program in Division II.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

iii. Date Formula for Men’s Golf Regionals.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the adjustment in the date formula for the Division II men’s golf regionals to Thursday-Saturday, two weeks before
finals, rather than the current Monday-Wednesday, two weeks before finals, effective September 1, 2018.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iv. Regional Adjustment in Women’s Rowing.

Management Council. The Management Council approved moving the University of Central Oklahoma from the South region to the West region, effective September 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council approved implementing automatic qualification for the Division II women’s golf championships, effective September 1, 2017, for the 2018 women’s golf championship.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the implementation of AQ for the women’s golf championships.

vi. Revised Selection Model in Men’s and Women’s Swimming.

Management Council. The Management Council approved revisions to the swimming selection model to identify and select the fastest swimmers in each event, effective immediately, with the new relay standards formula implementation being delayed until 2017-18.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) October Teleconference—Division II Baseball Championship.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that, based on the Board of Governors’ decision to relocate all seven previously awarded championship events from North Carolina during the 2016-17 academic year, the Championships Committee had moved the 2017 Division II Baseball Championship from Cary, North Carolina, to Grand Prairie, Texas. This decision by the Board of
Governors was necessitated by the cumulative actions taken by the state of North Carolina concerning civil rights protections.

The championship will be hosted by Angelo State University and Texas Airhogs Professional Baseball.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee for Legislative Relief—Guidelines for Waivers Involving Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (Organized Competition before Initial Collegiate Enrollment) and Assertions of Minimal Competition.

Management Council. The Management Council approved an update to the minimal competition thresholds for the review of waiver requests seeking relief of Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) for assertions of minimal competition from 10 percent to 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum, effective immediately for prospective student-athletes requesting final amateurism certification on or after April 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

(4) Legislation Committee—Proposal No. 2-10 (1-3) (Recruiting—Recruiting Calendars—Football—Contact Period—Monday after Thanksgiving).

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had agreed to support Proposal No. 2-10 (1-3) for the 2017 Division II business session. [See Item 4-d in this report for further information.]

Presidents Council. [See Item 4-d in this report for further information.]

(5) Membership Committee.

(a) August 26 Teleconference.

i. Purdue University Northwest.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had reviewed an appeal submitted by the institution regarding the denial of its application to enter the
Division II membership process. During this call, the committee agreed to uphold its initial decision to not accept the institution’s application for membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

[See Item No. 5-c-(2)-(b) for the Management Council Subcommittee’s action on this appeal.]

ii. Emmanuel College (Georgia).

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had reviewed an appeal submitted by the institution regarding its status in the Division II membership process. During this call, the committee had agreed to reverse its initial decision and, instead, move the institution to provisional status with conditions for the 2016-17 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) September 12 Teleconference.

i. ISSG Waiver Appeals Update.

Management Council. [See Item No. 5-c-(2)-(a) for the Management Council Subcommittee’s actions on these appeals.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information. No Action was necessary.

ii. Simon Fraser Accreditation Process.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that Simon Fraser had completed its accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and that the institution was fully accredited as of September 1, 2016. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(6) Nominating Committee.

(a) September 14 Teleconference—Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the following appointments had been made by the Administrative Committee via email and were being provided as informational items.

i. **Membership Committee.** Natalie Cullen, senior associate director of athletics, Pittsburg State University, and Barbara Hannum, faculty athletics representative, Hawaii Pacific University.

ii. **Field Hockey.** Michael McFarland, director of athletics, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Matthew Finley, director of athletics, Newberry College, due to Mr. Finley having left Newberry.

iii. **Women’s Golf.** A one-year term extension for Chad Markuson, associate director of athletics, Minnesota State University Moorhead, as no nominations were submitted for replacement.

iv. **Men’s Lacrosse.** Drew Howard, associate director of athletics, Florida Southern College, to replace Brad Jorgensen, assistant director of athletics and head men’s lacrosse coach, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration. (A replacement had been named previously, but that person has since left Division II.)

v. **Women’s Lacrosse.** Terry Beattie, associate director of athletics, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, to replace Lesley Graham, head women’s lacrosse coach, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration. (A replacement had been named previously, but that person has since left Division II.)

vi. **Women’s Soccer.** Jonathan Thayil, head men’s and women’s soccer coach, Shepherd University, to replace Todd Diuguid, director of athletics and head women’s soccer coach, University of Charleston (West Virginia), due to term expiration.
vii. **Women’s Volleyball.** Karen Hjerpe, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania, to replace Daniel Kreiger, head women’s volleyball coach, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, due to Mr. Kreiger having left Lock Haven.

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

(b) **October 7 Teleconference.**

i. **Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments:

(i) **Championships Committee**—Greg Bamberger, director of athletics Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, to replace B. J. Pumroy, effective immediately.

(ii) **International Student Records Committee**—Elvin Browne, director of international recruitment, King University, to replace Frank Keenan, effective immediately.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the appointments.

ii. **Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had amended its policies and procedures to prohibit acceptance of committee nominations from individuals whose institutions have not achieved active-member status, effective immediately.

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

(7) **Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **August Meeting.**
Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the August 3 meeting, noting that the majority of actions taken related to the Division II conference grant program. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(b) September Teleconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the September 28 teleconference, noting that the committee had voted to discontinue the Division II Membership Fund as it currently is outlined. Rather, the ability for conferences to use grant dollars in the area of member stabilization will be included as part of the Division II conference grant program. The Planning and Finance Committee will make a determination at its April 2017 meeting with regard to how the funds that were allocated annually to the Membership Fund will be used. The Management Council also noted the action taken by the committee with regard to the Mountain East Conference’s grant report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(c) Unaudited 2015-16 Budget Figures.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the unaudited budget-to-actual figures from August 31, 2016, noting that the committee will meet in early December and make some recommendations with regard to how to use the 2015-16 surplus.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the committee’s July meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.

(a) Independent Medical Care for Division II Institutions.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that this recommendation is being sponsored by the Presidents Council as legislation for the 2017 Convention. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Membership—Conditions and Obligations of Membership—Drug-Testing Program and Consent Form—Nutritional Supplement Designee.

Management Council. The Management Council did not approve a recommendation from the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to sponsor legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Constitution 3.3.4.10 (drug-testing program and consent form) to specify that Division II institutions must designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletic department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; further, to specify that an institution must educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that:

i. The NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website;

ii. Any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete’s health and eligibility; and

iii. Questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution’s designated athletics department resource individual (or individuals).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update. No action was necessary.
(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report and engaged in discussion concerning the low number of Division II nominees for certain awards. The Council also was provided with the RESPECT booklet, which was disseminated to member institutions and is on the NCAA website. No action was necessary.

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

(3) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

(a) **July In-Person Meeting.**

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

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

(b) **August Electronic Vote.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the appointment of Aaron Braun, past recipient, Adams State University, to fill the public member vacancy.

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

c. **Division II Subcommittees.**

(1) **Management Council Identity Subcommittee.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council was updated on the information shared with the Identity Subcommittee, which convened Monday evening after the Management Council recessed for the day. The Council learned that the division has $24,000 left over from the signage credit that was authorized for Division II institutions and conferences, which will be divided among the 24 conferences for their use to purchase more Make It Yours™ signage. Additionally, the Council received updates on the Phase 2 rollout of the Make It Yours campaign; an update on the revised Division II philosophy statement; a report on NCAA.com; and information on the Division II media coverage agreement.
As recommended by the Subcommittee, the Management Council recommended to the Presidents Council that the division forgo the third-year option of the partnership Division II has created with the American Sports Network. The Council asked that the division determine the opportunity to carry all Division II-sponsored games on ESPN3 and WatchESPN for the 2017-18 season. The Council also asked that the staff work with the Management Council Identity Subcommittee to determine the strategy for regular season media coverage following the expiration of the current contract in the summer of 2018. This formal recommendation is based on the challenges American Sports Network has faced in having games cleared in local, regional and national markets for the 2016 football season and the perceived challenges for the 2016-17 basketball season.

ASN carries a total of 11 football games and 18 basketball games each season and all ASN games are available on NCAA.com. The 2017-18 season marks the final year of Division II’s current agreements with ESPN and Niles Media Group.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the Make It Yours Year Two activation and received the recommendation from the Management Council with regard to the regular-season media coverage. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation related to the division’s regular-season media coverage.

(2) Management Council Subcommittee.

(a) September 6 Teleconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the September 6 teleconference, noting the following:

i. University of Wisconsin, Parkside. That the Management Council Subcommittee had reviewed an appeal submitted by the institution. The subcommittee noted that the institution did not submit mitigating and/or extenuating circumstances to remove it from probation for the 2016-17 academic year or to make the institution eligible for enhancement funds. The subcommittee noted, however, that since the institution completed the questions contained within the self-study guide, it would not be required to complete the ISSG during the probationary year.
ii. **Queens University of Charlotte.** That the Management Council Subcommittee had reviewed an appeal submitted by the institution. The subcommittee had agreed to uphold the decision of the Membership Committee, which placed the institution on probation during the 2016-17 academic year and made it ineligible to receive Division II enhancement funds. The institution must also complete the ISSG during the probationary year.

iii. **California State University, San Bernardino.** That the Management Council Subcommittee had reviewed an appeal by the institution. The subcommittee noted that the institution did not submit mitigating and/or extenuating circumstances to remove it from probation for the 2016-17 academic year or to make the institution eligible for enhancement funds. The subcommittee noted, however, that since the institution completed the questions within the self-study guide, it would not be required to complete the ISSG during the probationary year.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.

(b) **September 27 Teleconference.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the report from the September 27 teleconference, noting the following:

- **Purdue University Northwest.** That the Management Council Subcommittee had reviewed an appeal submitted by the institution. The subcommittee overturned the Membership Committee’s decision to deny the institution’s application for membership, noting that the committee’s decision was clearly erroneous based on the totality of the circumstances and that the institution was prepared to enter the membership process for the 2016-17 academic year. Purdue University Northwest immediately began the provisional year one of the membership process.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council received the information. No action was necessary.
6. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION TOPICS.**

- **Financial Aid Legislation and Budget Priorities for Academics, Diversity and Inclusion, and Health and Safety Initiatives.**

  Management Council. The Management Council engaged in roundtable discussions Monday afternoon to discuss the financial aid legislation sponsored for the 2017 Division II Business, as well as budget priorities in the areas of academics, diversity and inclusion, and health and safety. The division has some funds that it would like to earmark for these three areas. The Planning and Finance Committee will take some definitive action on funding during its April 2017 in-person meeting.

  Presidents Council. The Presidents Council discussed the financial aid legislation sponsored for the 2017 Convention. No action was necessary.

7. **DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

a. **Management Council Representative Elections.**

  Management Council. The Management Council elected the following representatives to the Management Council, effective at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2017 NCAA Convention for a period of four years, ending January 2021.

  (1) **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.** Felicia Johnson, senior woman administrator, Virginia Union University, to replace Jacqie McWilliams, commissioner.

  (2) **Northeast-10 Conference.** Jessica Chapin, senior woman administrator, American International College, to replace Doug Blais, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University.

  (3) **Pacific West Conference.** Josh Doody, director of athletics, Notre Dame de Namur University, to replace Bob Hogue, commissioner.

  (4) **Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.** Chris Graham, commissioner, to replace Rich Loosbrock, faculty athletics representative, Adams State University.

  Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the slate, as recommended.
b. **Election of Management Council Chair.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council elected Gary Gray, director of athletics, University of Alaska Fairbanks, as chair of the Management Council, effective at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2017 NCAA Convention for a one-year period of time.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the election, as recommended.

c. **Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the list of committee and project team assignments, noting that several vacancies would exist at the end of the year. Representatives interested in serving on specific committees should convey that desire to the Management Council chair or to Division II staff members.

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

8. **DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.**

a. **Alcohol Sales Pilot.** A pilot program was established by the NCAA Board of Governors and began last year, with the sale of beer and wine at the final sites of the Division I Baseball Championship and the Division I Softball Championship. The pilot is being extended into the 2016-17 academic year, based on approval by the Board of Governors, and will include the Division I Baseball Championship; the Division I Softball Championship; the Division I FCS Football Championship; the Divisions I, II and III Men’s Lacrosse Championship; and the Division I Women’s Lacrosse Championship.

As part of the pilot and per its legislated authority, the Presidents Council approved the sale of beer and wine at the final site of 2017 Division II Men’s Lacrosse Championship, which will be held at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts, in conjunction with the Division I and Division III men’s lacrosse championships.

The pilot only includes event sites that allow alcohol sales to the general public for other events. Additionally, the beer and wine sales are permitted at concession stands only where the staff has the necessary training. Finally, the sales will follow existing policies, including limitations on quantity and cut-off times.
The Board of Governors and the Division II Presidents Council agreed that the pilot will provide an opportunity to gather data and feedback from spectators and participating teams.

Any permanent change to the sale of alcohol at Division II championships would require a legislative change voted on by the entire Division II membership.

b. **Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Equity.** The Presidents Council received an update on the work of this ad hoc committee, to include a status report on the presidential pledge and the plan to make this ad committee a permanent NCAA standing committee. No action was necessary.

c. **Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition.** The Presidents Council received an update on the work of this ad hoc committee, noting that several options are being discussed with regard to the Board of Governors structure and composition. No action was necessary.

d. ** Presidents Council Representatives’ Elections.** The Presidents Council approved the elections of Anthony Jenkins, president, West Virginia State University for the Region 1 vacancy; Cheryl Schrader, chancellor, Missouri Institute of Science and Technology, for the Region 3 vacancy; and Connie Gores, president, Southwest Minnesota State University, for the at-large vacancy. All three positions will be effective at the adjournment of the 2017 Division II business session and will extend for a four-year period of time, concluding January 2021.

e. ** Presidents Council Chair Election.** The Presidents Council elected Glen Jones, president, Henderson State University, as chair of the Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2017 Division II business session, for a one-year period of time, concluding, January 2018.

9. **NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.**

a. **Legal and Executive Updates.**

Management Council. The Management Council was joined by Mark Emmert, president; and Donald Remy, executive vice president for law, policy and governance, to provide an update on several issues and current litigation that involves the NCAA. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was joined by several staff members, to include Mark Emmert, Donald Remy, Joni Comstock, Cari Van Senus and Jackie Campbell, as well as Bud Peterson, current chair of the Board of Governors. The
group provided the Council an update on several issues and current litigation with which the NCAA is involved. No action was necessary.

b. International Membership Pilot.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the status of the 10-year international membership pilot. The Management Council voted to recommend that the pilot be terminated by the NCAA Board of Governors and that an Association-wide policy be instituted in the NCAA that would establish the following policy:

- International membership, at this time, in the NCAA is limited to schools in Canada and Mexico. Legislation must be sponsored and adopted by a division in order to permit membership for schools outside of the United States.

- Each division, acting separately by a federated vote(s), has the authority and autonomy to determine whether (if ever) to open its membership to Canadian and Mexican institutions (and, possibly, in the future, other countries).

- Additional countries shall be reviewed and approved/denied by the NCAA Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall assess future countries with the following standard:
  
  “The country shall include a significant cultural benefit for student-athletes and shall strengthen current NCAA conferences and provide more reasonable travel circumstances for institutions within certain regions of the country.”

- International members shall meet all NCAA and divisional legislative requirements of the constitution and bylaws, including regional accreditation.

- Interested international member schools shall complete the division’s membership process.

- The respective division shall annually review the eligibility of international member institutions to host NCAA postseason competition in their respective countries. Additionally, in instances where an international institution is not eligible to host NCAA postseason competition, that institution would be provided the opportunity to host in the United States.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council endorsed the policy and recommended moving the issue forward for consideration by the Board of Governors.

c. **Division II ADA/CCA Officers Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the program for the joint ADA/CCA officers’ meeting, which occurred at the national office September 26. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Conference Compliance Officers’ Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the timeline and programming for the CCACA fall meeting, which occurred at the national office September 20-21. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Institutional Performance Program (IPP) Demonstration.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the Institutional Performance Program and noted that one of the educational sessions at the 2017 Convention would have, as one of its components, a presentation with an overview and case studies of the program. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. **NCAA.org.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the improved NCAA.org website and, specifically, the Division II page(s) within the site. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. **Sport Science Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA chief medical officer, and reviewed a white paper on the origins, rationale and key components of the proposed independent medical care legislation. No action was necessary.
h. **Division II Award of Excellence.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the Division II Award of Excellence, which is presented at the Division II business session during the annual Convention. Deadline for this year’s submissions is November 18. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. **2016 Division II FAR Fellows Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the agenda for the 2016 Division II FAR Fellows Institute, which was held at the national office September 30-October 2. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.**

a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).**

Management Council. No report was given.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on activities of the Division II CCA, which was meeting in Indianapolis immediately following adjournment of the Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **CoSIDA.**

Management Council. No report was given.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
d. Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA).

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on activities of FARA, which would be meeting in Indianapolis November 3-5. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).

Management Council. No report was given.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA).

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on activities of NACWAA, which met in Kansas City the week prior. It was noted that Management Council representative, Lindsay Reeves, had been elected to serve on the Board of the organization. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on activities of NAAC, which is focusing on membership growth and attendance at its annual convention. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. MEETING RECAP/THINGS TO REPORT BACK TO MEMBERSHIP.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to provide to its member institutions, via each member’s preferred delivery method. These issues included: a) information on the 2017 NCAA Convention in the form of legislation, as well as events and topics; b) the time extension on the NCAA Academic Portal; c) the Division II Award of Excellence; d) information on the Division II page of NCAA.org; e) the NCAA presidential pledge; f) sexual violence prevention tool kit; and g) NCAA scholarships and grants. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
12. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on future meetings through 2017. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 10:14 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Thursday morning.

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**Indianapolis, IN**

#### ATTENDEES
Robin Arnold, Holy Family University
Julia Beeman, Belmont Abbey College
Doug Blais, Southern New Hampshire University
Carrie Bodkins, Alderson-Broaddus College
Thomas Bullock, University of the District of Columbia
Curtis Campbell, Tuskegee University
Tonya Charland, Great Lakes Valley Conference
Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus
Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Lynn Griffin, Coker College
Bob Hogue, Pacific West Conference
Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University
Richard Loosbrock, Adams State University
Bridget Lyons, Barry University
Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

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Ronald Ellis, California Baptist University
Mike Fiorentino Jr., Lock Haven University
Debbie Ford, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Cynthia Jackson-Hammond, Central State University
Glen Jones, Henderson State University
Philip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive
William LaForge, Delta State University
Gary Olson, Daemen College
Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University
Mike Scales, Nyack College
Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University
David Watts, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
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Ismael Pagan-Trinidad, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Pennie Parker, Rollins College
Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia
Eric Schoh, Winona State University
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University
Scott Swain, Notre Dame College
Kim Vinson, Cameron University
Stan Williamson, University of West Alabama
Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University

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SUMMARY OF WINTER QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

January 18, and January 30, 2017, Division II Management Council and
January 19, 2017, Presidents Council Meetings

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8 a.m. Wednesday, January 18. The chair welcomed those in attendance, both in person and via teleconference. She acknowledged staff who were present, and noted that Kim Duyst and Ismael Pagan-Trinidad had both been excused from the meeting. Eric Schoh participated for a portion of the meeting via teleconference.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened at noon Thursday, January 19. The chair noted that all Council members were present, along with several staff members. President Scott also acknowledged that this would be his, as well as three other members’, last meeting on the Council.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.


b. Board of Governors Meeting October 26.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the actions of the Board of Governors by President Emmert, noting that it had approved the addition of three NCAA championships to the pilot program on serving alcoholic beverages and had referred the issue to the divisional presidential bodies for actions that would ensure the pilot program is effectuated consistent with the divisions’ legislative requirements. The remainder of the report was informational.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the actions of the Board of Governors by President Emmert, which included discussion on the Inter-Association Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations.

(1) Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

Management Council. The Management Council received the report for informational purposes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.

(a) October 25 Meeting.

(b) November 21 Teleconference.

Management Council. The Management Council received reports from the October 25 meeting and November 21 teleconference, noting that the charge of the commission is to examine issues and propose solutions related to what athletics departments, conferences and the national office can do to address campus sexual violence to achieve positive cultural change.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the reports from the October 25 meeting and November 21 teleconference.

c. Administrative Committee—Interim Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions that were taken by the Administrative Committee, after its October quarterly meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the interim actions taken by the committee, after its October quarterly meeting.

3. 2016-17 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the status of the 2016-17 Division II priorities, noting that much progress has been made on each of the various strategies within the priorities.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the priorities in its packet of meeting information.

4. **2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan Update.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a presentation from the Division II contractor responsible for tracking and reporting on the strategic plan, which included an online look at the progress charts and the scorecards template, both of which are housed on the Division II web page.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a strategic plan update from the Division II contractor.

5. **NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

a. **2017 Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the schedule for the 2017 Convention, noting those meetings where their attendance was most important.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the schedule for the Convention.

b. **Proposed Legislation for the 2017 NCAA Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council briefly reviewed the legislative proposals for the Division II business session. The Council discussed actions that might occur relative to proposals being pulled from the consent package; proposals being divided; or proposals being referred back to a specific governance committee. The Council affirmed the position that it did not support dividing any proposal and that each proposal was intended to be voted on as presented. The Council was prepared to speak against any motion to divide a proposal.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the proposals for the business session and discussed feedback received from the Council members’ conferences. The Council supported the position of the Management Council that no proposal should be divided.

c. **Management Council Assignments for Division II Legislative Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its speaking assignments during the Division II business session.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed its assignments during the Division II business session, making some necessary adjustments to speaking assignments.

d. **Position Papers for 2017 Convention Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the position papers for each of the 18 pieces of legislation that would be voted on at the business session. Staff noted that individuals identified to speak on behalf of the Council had received the papers in advance.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Procedural Issues Document.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and approved the procedural issues document as presented. It was noted by staff that this document would be provided to all delegates at the 2017 Division II Business Session.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the procedural issues document.

f. **Question and Answer Guide Related to 2017 Convention Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the question and answer guide related to the 2017 Convention proposals, noting that it was a good reference when reviewing proposed legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. **Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the noncontroversial proposal (NC 2018-1) in legislative form, as submitted.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. **Incorporations of Interpretations.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the legislative format of the two incorporation of interpretations, as submitted.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
6. **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.**

a. Division II Committees.

   (1) Legislation Committee.

   (a) NCAA Bylaw 16.1.1 (Awards and Benefits—Application of Awards Legislation—Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution Shall Conform to the Rules of the Amateur Organization that Governs Competition.)

   Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to amend Bylaw 16.1.1 (application of awards legislation) to specify that the limitations on awards received by a student-athlete are governed by Bylaw 16.1, if the student-athlete is representing the institution, or by the rules of the amateur organization that governs the competition, if the student-athlete is not representing the institution, effective August 1, 2018.

   The Council believed that tabling the proposal would give the Culture of Compliance Think Tank and the Legislation Committee an opportunity for more in-depth discussion on the legislation prior to the April 2017 Management Council meeting.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   (b) Noncontroversial Legislation.

   Management Council. The Management Council adopted the following noncontroversial legislation, as recommended by the committee:

   i. **Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (Recruiting—Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes—Permission to Contact—Discontinued Sport Exception)**, which specifies that permission to contact is not required for a student-athlete whose institution indicates through public announcement that his/her sport will be discontinued, effective immediately.
Current legislation requires permission to contact to be granted by a student-athlete's current institution, even if the institution has announced an intent to discontinue the student-athlete's sport. The discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception to the four-year college transfer legislation permits a student-athlete to transfer and be immediately eligible once their institution publicly announces that the student-athlete's sport will be discontinued. This change will streamline the transfer process for student-athletes during a challenging time and ensure that the next institution can provide athletics aid to any student-athlete who seeks to transfer because of their sport being discontinued.

ii. **Bylaw 15.01.1 (Financial Aid—General Principles—Institutional Financial Aid Permitted—Exception to Attend Another Institution)**, which specifies that a student-athlete who receives a progress-toward-degree waiver of the full-time enrollment requirement to attend another institution may also receive institutional financial aid, effective immediately.

Annually, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff receives waivers for student-athletes seeking to enroll in a professional program (e.g., medical school, nursing program) at a second institution. Currently, these student-athletes require two waivers to be approved. First, a progress-toward-degree waiver of the full-time enrollment requirement must be approved. If that waiver is approved, the institution must submit a legislative relief waiver to provide athletics aid during the term(s) of attendance at the second institution. The legislative relief waivers are routinely approved based on the approval of the progress-toward-degree waiver.

Establishing an exception to the financial aid legislation to permit an institution to award institutional aid to a student-athlete attending another institution in this limited instance would reduce bureaucracy for the institution and involved student-athlete and would also eliminate an unnecessary waiver for staff to process.

iii. **Bylaw 16.8.1 (Awards and Benefits—Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition)—**
Practice Partners at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship), which specifies that, in wrestling, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete who was not selected for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships in order for the student-athlete to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation, effective immediately.

Current legislation permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete for competition, provided the student-athlete is eligible for competition. If a wrestling student-athlete is not selected for participation in the championship, the institution cannot provide expenses for the student-athlete to attend the event and serve as a practice partner for a teammate who was selected. This change will enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing the selected student-athlete to continue practicing with a teammate with whom he has practiced throughout the academic year on-site in preparation for the championship.

iv. Bylaw 18.4.1.4 (Championships and Postseason Football—Eligibility for Championships—Amateur-Status Certification), which requires amateur-status affidavits for student-athletes participating in any NCAA championship or football bowl contest, effective immediately.

The legislation associated with the amateur-status affidavits was adopted in 1976, at a time when the eligibility standards for regular-season and championship competition were different. The standards are now the same for regular-season and championship competition and institutions are expected to monitor and enforce such standards at all times. This change is also consistent with changes previously adopted in Division I.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Preseason Activities Before the First Day of Classes or First Scheduled Date of Competition—Women's Volleyball.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to refer the following issue to the NCAA Committee on Competitive
Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for consideration of a potential legislative change:

Whether, during the preseason practice period, an institution's women's volleyball team should be permitted to participate in multiple scrimmages or exhibitions during an exempted date of competition without providing student-athletes at least three continuous hours of recovery time between scrimmages, effective immediately.

The Legislation Committee reviewed feedback from the Division II Volleyball Coaches Connection expressing concern that institutions are not applying the current legislation correctly. Additionally, a Division II conference expressed interest in submitting a membership-sponsored proposal to create an exception to the three-hour recovery period for exempted dates of competition occurring before the first day of classes or the first countable date of competition.

The rationale for the current legislation (NCAA Proposal No. 2010-5) was to reduce the risk of student-athlete injury and heat-related illnesses. The Legislation Committee noted that heat-related illnesses may not be as much of a concern in women's volleyball as other fall sports, but requested that the issue be referred to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for further review and discussion.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee and Organized Competition.

Management Council. The Management Council noted the follow up from the Legislation Committee on its referral regarding the application of the organized competition legislation, noting concerns of competitive inequity.

The committee had reviewed data provided by the NCAA Eligibility Center and research staff regarding the average age of Division II student-athletes, the percentage of international student-athletes and the organized competition trends specific to men’s soccer.
The committee also agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the organized competition legislation in all sports, starting with a further review of data specific to men’s soccer student-athletes. The committee requested the following data for review at the March 2017 in-person meeting: (1) average age of men’s soccer student-athletes, including graduate student-athletes; (2) differences in age between student-athletes who initially enroll at a Division II institution compared to student-athletes who trigger full-time enrollment at another institution (e.g., international institutions); (3) average age of student-athletes participating in the NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Championship in recent years; and (4) international student-athlete retention, including graduation rates. The committee also discussed a potential survey of men’s soccer coaches for additional feedback.

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

(e) **Student-Athlete Time Demands.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council was informed that the Legislation Committee will receive an update at its March 2017 in-person meeting regarding the proposals adopted in Division I. The committee requested that staff provide the results of the Division I student-athlete survey and educational materials developed previously for Division II student-athletes on countable athletically related activities.

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

(f) **December 6-7 Culture of Compliance Think Tank Session.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council received information on the first meeting of the Culture of Compliance Think Tank, which was created from a directive of the Presidents Council, as one of its priorities for 2016-17. Preliminary information was given to the Management Council concerning background information on Bylaw 13; trends among Division II institutions; and compliance responsibilities. The think tank will meet via teleconference and conduct one in-person summit in the future. No action was taken.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(2) **Membership Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **December 9 Teleconference—2015-16 Division II Budget Surplus Funds.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the allocation of funds from the 2015-16 budget surplus for the recommended uses, as follows:

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Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the 2015-16 budget surplus uses.

(b) **2016-17 Year-to-Date Budget to Actual.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the year-to-date budget-to-actual figures.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the year-to-date budget-to-actual figures.

(4) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the November meeting and was updated on the activities of the committee during Convention, which included a series of CPR/AED certification training and social justice discussions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.**

(a) **Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution For Receipt Of Improper Benefit - $100 to $200.**

Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to increase from $100 to $200 the value of improper benefits for which restitution is required, effective August 1, 2018.

The restitution value has not been reviewed by the membership for approximately 10 years. Review of case data indicates an increase to $200 will decrease bureaucracy and increase efficiencies for the benefit of the NCAA Division II membership. This change will not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation to the NCAA enforcement staff or request reinstatement if relief from repayment or an alternative reinstatement condition to repayment is requested (e.g., service learning).

This legislation will be reviewed in April, once the Council is aware of the actions being taken by Divisions I and III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) Ethical Conduct- Sports Wagering Activities—Sanctions.

Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering, effective immediately.

The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, the committee believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, it is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines, which would recognize the Association’s continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations. Note: Bylaw 10.3.2 is a common provision across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III.

This legislation will be reviewed in April, once the Council is aware of the actions being taken by Divisions I and III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Association-Wide Committees.

(1) Honors Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council noted the following award recipients:

(a) Theodore Roosevelt Award Selection—Beth Brooke-Marciniak, Purdue University, as the 2017 Theodore Roosevelt Award recipient.

(b) Silver Anniversary Award Selection. The following were selected as 2017 Silver Anniversary Award recipients:

i. Ty Detmer, Brigham Young University.
ii. Alonzo Mourning, Georgetown University.
iii. Susan Robinson, Pennsylvania State University.
iv. Heather Taggart, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
v. Tommy Vardell, Stanford University.
vi. Troy Vincent, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

(c) **Award of Valor Selection.** Florent Groberg, University of Maryland, College Park, for the 2017 Award of Valor.

(d) **Inspiration Award Selection.** Pete Frates, Boston College, for the 2017 Inspiration Award.

(e) **Today’s Top 10 Selections.**

i. Logan Andryk, men’s soccer, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Division III.
ii. Elizabeth Arnoff, women’s swimming and diving, Emory University, Division III.
iii. Kendall Coyne, women’s ice hockey, Northeastern University, Division I.
iv. Taylor Ellis-Watson, women’s track and field, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Division I.
v. Nicole Hensley, women’s ice hockey, Lindenwood University, Division II.
vi. Christopher Krimbill, men’s tennis, Case Western Reserve University, Division III.
vii. Haylie McCleney, softball, University of Alabama, Division I.
viii. Tiffany Mitchell, women’s basketball, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Division I.
ix. Rayne Dakota Prescott, football, Mississippi State University, Division I.
x. Jason Vander Laan, football, Ferris State University, Division II.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council noted the award recipients.

(2) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the inclusion of the phrase “gender identity” into the NCAA’s office of inclusion statement, effective immediately.

When the original inclusion statement was adopted, the phrase “gender identity” was infrequently included in various inclusion statements.
However, as society continues to evolve in its views on diversity and inclusion, there is an increasing expectation of equity and fair treatment based on gender identity.

The Board of Governors’ recent decisions to issue a non-discrimination statement and to withdraw NCAA championships from North Carolina serve as actions that support “gender identity” being included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement.

The Office for Civil Rights’ Dear Colleague Letter, issued on May 13, 2016, states that Title IX specifically prohibits discrimination based on gender identity.

And, finally, the second edition of the NCAA’s transgender guide (anticipated publication in November 2016) will be a more effective and meaningful resource for the membership if “gender identity” is included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement. Otherwise, the inclusion statement and the best practices feature in the guide will be misaligned.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council tabled the recommendation to include the phrase in the NCAA office of inclusion statement. The Council asked for clarification on how this will be implemented if it is added to the inclusion statement, especially as it relates to the question of how policy and self-identification align.

(3) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Research Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation from the committee to approach the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees to determine its interest in calling for research panels to be recommended in all three divisions.

Creating panels will enable more ‘real-time’ access to the opinions of student-athletes on important issues related to the student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(5) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Committee on Women’s Athletics.

(a) Initiatives that Support Equity.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following projects for the office of inclusion for 2016-17: senior woman administrator (SWA) research project; partnership with the University of Minnesota Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport on a research project on women coaches; and the second edition of the Status of Women in Intercollegiate Athletics report. All projects should be concluded by the summer of 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Adding “gender identity” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement. [See Item 6-b-(2) above.]

(7) Gender Equity Task Force.

Management Council. The Management Council received the committee report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.


Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. 2017 Committee and Project Team Assignments.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee and project team assignments for Council members in 2017. This document was previously approved by the Division II Administrative Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.

a. NCAA Constitution 4.3.2—Organization—NCAA Division II Presidents Council—Duties and Responsibilities—Waiver Authority. The Presidents Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Constitution 4.3.2 (duties and responsibilities) to specify that the Presidents Council shall have authority to grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division II membership because of the delay in its effective date.

b. NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Review Structure and Composition. The Presidents Council received reports from the Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee and the Division III Presidents Council relative to their stance on the structure and composition of the Board of Governors. The Division II Presidents Council discussed the positions of both bodies, as well as those of others.

The Presidents Council agreed that the current composition of the Board of Governors is appropriate and that it would not recommend any change to the body at the current time.

c. Vice Chair Election. The Presidents Council elected Gary Olson, President, Daemen College, as the new vice chair of the Council, effective immediately and running through August 2017. President Olson replaces Glen Jones, President, Henderson State University, who was elected to serve in the capacity as chair at the October 2016 meeting.

9. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

a. Graduation Rates by Conference.

Management Council. The Management Council received the Division II federal graduation rates and academic success rates document, for the 2006-2009 freshman cohorts.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information in its packet of materials.

b. Division II Insurance Survey.

Management Council. The Management Council received a copy of a memorandum that will be sent to Division II directors of athletics and conference commissioners the end of January to alert them to the fact that a survey on student-athlete medical insurance will be sent to the head athletic trainer of all Division II member institutions February 2. Division II is asking for assistance from these two groups in ensuring that this critical data is gathered in a timely manner.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Make It Yours Purchasing Website.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the new purchasing website credit ($1,000) that will be issued to all Division II institutions and conferences Monday, January 23.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. 2016-17 Schedule for Coverage of Regular Season Basketball Games.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with the listing of all Division II basketball games showcased by Watch ESPN and ASN for the 2016-17 season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. NCAA President.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on issues surrounding the presidential inauguration that could affect the NCAA, as well as other items of importance.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the update from the NCAA president.
b. Legal.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the current legal landscape.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on legal issues.

f. Sport Science Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the mental health modules that have been created by the Sport Science Institute.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the mental health modules that have been created by the Sport Science Institute.

10. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated organizations.

a. Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).

b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).

c. CoSIDA.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA).

e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).

f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA).

g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Interassociation Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations.

Management Council. The Management Council discussed the recommendations that resulted from the Second Safety in College Football Summit, which was
conducted in February 2016. Two items contained within the document, both of which deal with the preseason model and are listed below, were specifically considered by the Council:

1) Recommendation that two-a-day practices should not occur. The Management Council discussed the current legislation, which allows two-a-day practices, and the need to amend the legislation prior to the fall to eliminate such legislation.

2) Recommendation to allow an extension of the preseason by one week. This would accommodate the lost practice time from elimination of two-a-days and help ensure that players obtain the necessary skill set for competitive play. The Management Council discussed an option that would provide relief this fall only, through a waiver that would be issued by the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief, to those Division II member institutions that play football. The Council will discuss the issue in further detail during its future meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also discussed this document among its members, as well as with the Association’s president, and was informed that a teleconference was scheduled with Division II conference commissioners for the following week. Although the Presidents Council did not take formal action, the body asked that the staff carry forward to the Sport Science Institute, and to other groups within the Association, that it needs to have ample time to be able to react to issues such as this one. A better process needs to be implemented within the structure, from start to finish, on this type of issue so that it can take a proactive, rather than a reactive, approach to things that affect the division.

b. Proclamation Regarding Winston-Salem State University.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to issue a proclamation regarding the 1967 Division II national championship in basketball, during which Winston-Salem State University’s team was the first Historically Black College and University team to win a Division II national championship.

12. MEETING RECAP/ITEMS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions, via each member’s preferred delivery method. These issues included: conference graduation rates and the division’s academic success rate; information on supplemental distribution and championships travel reimbursement; information on the Division II purchasing web site; Division II strategic plan resources; football interassociation guidelines; Sport Science Institute modules; FARA website; and regionalization working group information.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. **RECOGNIZE OUTGOING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.**

Management Council. The Management Council recognized the following individuals, whose terms are ending on the Management Council: Doug Blais, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University; Tom Bullock, faculty athletics representative, University of the District of Columbia; Bob Hogue, commissioner, Pacific West Conference; Rich Loosbrock, faculty athletics representative, Adams State University; and Jacqie McWilliams, commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized the following individuals, whose terms are ending on the Presidents Council: Debbie Ford, chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Parkside; Mike Scales, president, Nyack College; Steve Scott, president, Pittsburg State University; and Dene Thomas, president, Fort Lewis College.

14. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**


Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted future meeting.

15. **POST-CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

a. **Convention Evaluation.** Via teleconference Monday, January 30, the Management Council discussed and evaluated the governance meetings that were held jointly with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Presidents Council, as well as all other programs developed for and by the division. Additionally, several members of the Convention management staff joined the meeting to obtain relevant feedback on the overall Convention and its programming and logistics. Suggestions were offered by the Council.

b. **Convention Legislation.** The Management Council noted the following results from the Division II Business Session, held during the 2017 NCAA Convention.

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16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m.
### Division II Management Council
**January 18, 2017**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

#### ATTENDEES
- Robin Arnold, Holy Family University
- Julia Beeman, Belmont Abbey College
- Doug Blais, Southern New Hampshire University
- Carrie Bodkins, Alderson-Broaddus College
- Tom Bullock, University of District of Columbia
- Curtis Campbell, Tuskegee University
- Tonya Charland, Great Lakes Valley Conference *(vice chair)*
- Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Lynn Griffin, Coker College
- Bob Hogue, Pacific West Conference
- Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University
- Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University
- Richard Loosbrock, Adams State University
- Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University *(Charlotte)*
- Bridget Lyons, Barry University
- Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association *(chair)*
- Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

### Division II Presidents Council
**January 19, 2017**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

#### ATTENDEES
- John Denning, Stonehill College
- Ronald Ellis, California Baptist University
- Michael Fiorentino, Lock Haven University
- Debbie Ford, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- Cynthia Jackson-Hammond, Central State University
- Glendell Jones, Henderson State University
- Philip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive
- Bill LaForge, Delta State University
- Gary Olson, Daemen College
- Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University
- Michael Scales, Nyack College
- Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University
- Dene Thomas, Fort Lewis College
- David Watts, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University
- Les Wong, San Francisco State University

### Division II Post-Convention Management Council
**January 30, 2017**  
**Via Teleconference**

#### ATTENDEES
- Robin Arnold, Holy Family University
- Ashley Beaton, University of Illinois at Springfield
- Julia Beeman, Belmont Abbey College
- Curtis Campbell, Tuskegee University
- Jessica Chapin, American International College
- Tonya Charland, Great Lakes Valley Conference *(vice chair)*
- Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University
- Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus
- Storm Glautier, Nyack College
- Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Association
- Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks *(chair)*
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SUPPLEMENT NO. 4

NCAA Bylaw 21.8.5.1 – Committees – Division II Committees – Division II General Committees – Academic Requirements Committee – Duties – Interpretive Authority

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend that the NCAA Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend the committee’s duties to provide interpretive authority over academic bylaws, including incorporations of interpretations into the NCAA Division II Manual.

Background and Analysis:

Currently, the Academic Requirements Committee does not have interpretative authority. Interpretive authority for all Division II-specific legislation rests exclusively with the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee also has the purview to incorporate interpretations into the Division II Manual.

In effect, the current legislation allows the Academic Requirements Committee to make legislative recommendations regarding Division II academic requirements but does not allow the committee to interpret that legislation once it is adopted without approval from the Legislation Committee. The committee is asked to consider whether it is appropriate to request interpretive authority of academic bylaws, including incorporations of those interpretations in the Division II Manual.

Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee **recommends** that the Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend the committee’s duties to provide interpretive authority over academic bylaws, including incorporations of academic interpretations into the Division II Manual.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee **does not recommend** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation.

Associated References:

**Division II Bylaws**

21.8.5.1 Academic Requirements Committee.

21.8.5.1.2 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Review and consider those portions of the Association's constitution and bylaws that affect Division II and relate to principles of sound academic requirements;
(b) Study, create policies and, when appropriate, make legislative recommendations to the Division II Management Council regarding initial-eligibility, progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements;

(c) Review and establish procedures for considering waivers of initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements;

(d) Monitor procedures for gathering data on membership persistence and graduation rates and report the findings from the study of such rates;

(e) Serve on the NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee;

(f) Interact with Divisions I and III to monitor appropriate application of academic issues; and

(g) Study and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the Division II Management Council concerning relationships between the Association and its members, the secondary-school community and two-year colleges.

21.8.5.6 Legislation Committee.

21.8.5.6.2 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Determine interpretations of all Division II-specific legislation;

(b) Incorporate new legislation and interpretations in the NCAA Manual;

(c) Review deregulation issues in consultation with other Division II committees;

(d) Approve the publication of supplementary compilations of interpretations;

(e) Review and consider legislative issues of those portions of the Association's constitution and bylaws that relate to the principles governing financial aid and amateurism, professional sports relations, recruiting, personnel limitations, and playing and practice seasons;

(f) Review and consider issues regarding rules education and compliance resources; and

(g) Review and determine the facts related to the certification of a prospective student-athlete's amateur status on request of an institution. An institution may make such a request if it disagrees with the determination of facts rendered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
### 2017 NCAA Convention DII Adopted Legislation Impacting Eligibility

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of 2017 Convention Division II Legislation and the Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide. The committee reviewed the 2017 Convention proposals and the Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide to resolve all possible questions and procedural issues prior to the 2017 Convention Division II business session January 21, 2017. The committee recommended that the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee review Proposal No. 2017-9 (division membership – membership requirements – philosophy statement) to determine whether the philosophy statement should more significantly reference the academic success of student-athletes. Staff also provided the committee with an update on the release of the Question and Answer Guide. The final version of the guide for the 2017 Convention will be available not later than December 8, 2016, and will only be produced electronically.
Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Proposal Number: 2017-9

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Identity Subcommittee)].

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Adopted Final

Bylaws: Amend 20.10, as follows:

|Roll Call|

20.10 Membership Requirements.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual’s future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division’s priorities and emphasize the division’s position within the Association: Learning; Service; Passion; Sportsmanship; Resourcefulness; and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II members also believes in abide by the following principles, which assist in defining that help define and distinguish the division:

(a) Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution’s student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution’s student body;

(b) That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community;

(c) Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution’s mission and philosophy;

(d) That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions;

(e) Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities;
(f) Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors;

(g) That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at-large;

(h) Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit;

(i) Recognizing the need to “balance” the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state);

(j) Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes;

(k) That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget and compliance with and self enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and

(l) That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II.

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution’s educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight;

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution’s budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a “partial scholarship” model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well:

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This “Life in the Balance” emphasis facilitates learning through:

(1) Academics. Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution’s student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution’s student body;

(2) Athletics. Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division’s 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA’s three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission;

(3) Community Engagement. Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and

(4) Post-graduation Success. Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation;

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a “game environment” initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division’s governance structure.

[20.10.1 through 20.10.5 unchanged.]
Rationale: Much of the current Division II Philosophy Statement aligns with the implementation of the "I Chose" identity campaign in the mid-2000s and has not been reviewed comprehensively since that time. In accordance with the 2013 communications audit that identified the need to better explain Division II to external audiences, and in conjunction with the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and the Make It Yours brand enhancement, it is necessary to update the statement to reflect the refreshed brand. The proposed revision does not omit any of the philosophy’s key elements and core principles; rather, it reorganizes the division’s commitment to a balanced and inclusive approach in academics, athletics, community engagement and post-graduation success in a contemporary manner that better reflects the Make It Yours identity enhancement.

Review History:

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Jul 18, 2016: Recommends Approval - Identity Subcommittee
Aug 31, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee
Aug 4, 2016: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Introductions. The working group chair welcomed the group and thanked everybody for their willingness to serve on this project, after which there was an opportunity for each person to introduce himself/herself.

2. Review Charge and Timeline for Working Group. The NCAA staff highlighted the background and charge for the NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Program Working Group. The staff noted that over the past few years, the degree-completion program has awarded fewer funds than have been available. Some possible reasons for the unused funds include recipients withdrawing after the award has been granted, as well as current program requirements eliminating some applicants from consideration. When the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved additional funds for this program as part of the NCAA Division II Foundation for the Future Initiative, the committee asked that a comprehensive review of the program take place over the 2016-17 academic year. The committee also charged this working group with ensuring that the program is meeting the original intent of providing financial assistance for completion of a degree to deserving Division II student-athletes and that the budget allocated for this purpose is benefiting as many student-athletes as possible. It is expected that final recommendations should be reviewed by the Planning and Finance Committee in August 2017 and that any new standards will be implemented in the 2017-18 academic year.

3. Overview of Current Degree-Completion Program Requirements and Comparison with Division I Requirements. The staff provided an overview of the current requirements and evaluation scale for the Division II Degree-Completion Program and compared them with the requirements and evaluation scale in place for Division I. In addition, the staff shared a document summarizing the history of Division II-degree completion applications and selections; and shared a case study to review the timeline for applications and funding. The working group discussed potential reasons why the current requirements may be decreasing the application pool and brainstormed ideas on possible
changes. The working group also noted that an overall review of the current timeline for applications and funding may be in order.

4. **Overview of Survey to Division II Membership and Previous Recipients.** The working group reviewed drafts of surveys to be sent to the Division II membership and previous applicants to gather feedback on the current process. The working group recommended sending the membership survey to directors of athletics, faculty athletics representatives, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners. The surveys are expected to be sent in late January/early February.

5. **Request for Agenda Items for In-Person Meeting.** The working group discussed several items it would like to review during the in-person meeting. In addition, the working group agreed to send any additional requests for agenda items to the staff.

6. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.** The working group agreed to hold its in-person meeting March 13, 2017. The committee also noted that a spring teleconference may be needed before finalizing recommendations to the Planning and Finance Committee.

Committee Chair: Timothy Ladd, faculty athletics representative, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ellen Summers, Gregg Summers, Karen Wolf

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ACTION ITEMS.

- There were no action items to vote on at this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of current International Student Records Committee roster.

2. Review of the April 2016, Meeting Report. The committee approved the report from the April 12, 2016, meeting.

3. Review the committee's policies and procedures. The committee approved the updated version of policies and procedures as presented by NCAA academic certification staff with no amendments.

4. Crediting policy for China. At the April 2016 meeting the committee requested follow-up research regarding the seat times for year nine through year twelve courses in China, Taiwan, Japan and The Republic of Korea. Staff presented research findings for China, which did not have universal seat times or a universal crediting policy available, but research for Taiwan, Japan and The Republic of Korea remained outstanding. The committee determined that if no course crediting exists on transcripts from these countries, the standard crediting policy will apply as published in the Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility (International Guide). Consistent with all countries, if a student from China wishes to appeal the standard crediting policy, seat times (hours per week and total weeks per year) may be submitted for all courses. Staff were directed to update China’s country profile to include the standard crediting verbiage. Staff will present research findings for Taiwan, Japan and The Republic of Korea at or prior to the spring 2017 committee meeting.

5. Crediting policy for South Africa. At the April 2016 meeting, the committee requested current research from the Ministry of Education in South Africa regarding seat times for year nine. Per South Africa’s Ministry of Education website, the mandatory seat times in years nine through twelve amounted to 120-plus hours per core course per school year. The committee amended the crediting policy for South Africa to award one credit unit per course per year to all core courses (.5 credits per semester/.34 credits per trimester). Staff were instructed to update the International Guide accordingly.

6. Grading scale scenarios. Staff presented findings from their recent audit of international grading scale policy and procedure scenarios, including proposed updates to international grading scale policies and procedures. Staff presented grading scale variables (numeric, alpha, descriptor, or other) and variations of those variables within multiple scenarios. Staff proposed new policy and procedure direction for resolving each grading scale scenario based on two key variables (range and minimum pass) and whether those variables aligned with an already established grading scale within the International Guide.
Three scenarios were identified when a grading scale presented by an international school did not align (nor could be converted to) a grading scale in the International Guide. Staff proposed that the committee review any grading scales that fell into one of the three scenarios on an as-needed basis. The committee approved and directed staff to publish the new grading scale policies and procedures in the introduction section in the International Guide.

7. **Weekly committee teleconferences.** Committee members and staff scheduled a standing weekly teleconference to address time-sensitive international academic policy and procedure questions. The teleconferences are scheduled for 2:30-3 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesdays with a quorum of four committee members to approve additions or amendments to international policy and procedure, including edits to the International Guide.

8. **Revised Introduction Section of the International Guide.** The committee reviewed the most recent draft of the introductory section of the International Guide. The policies on documentation and translations were still being finalized by staff and were unavailable at the time of the meeting. The committee approved the draft as amended. Staff will provide an amended final draft in November 2016 for the committee’s final review. In addition, staff will also present the complete final draft of the new International Guide for committee approval prior to a publication release date on or before March 1, 2017.

9. **Revised country profiles.** At the April 12, 2016, committee meeting the academic certification staff presented newly drafted profiles for 80 of the 163 countries currently listed in the International Guide. The committee directed staff to draft the remaining 83 country profiles to align with the new version of the International Guide. Staff presented the remaining 83 country profiles and the committee approved the drafts as amended. The committee directed staff to add the new country profiles to the newest version of the International Guide.

10. **First Afghanistan country profile.** The committee approved the addition of the first Afghanistan country profile for the International Guide. The committee reviewed supporting research presented by staff from educational resources EDGE, UK NARIC, and NAFSA. The committee approved the Afghanistan country profile and grading scale as presented. The committee directed staff to add Afghanistan to the newest version of the International Guide.

11. **Sample Certifications.** The committee reviewed sample academic certifications for inclusion in country profile sections within the new version of the International Guide. The sample transcripts highlighted key international academic certification evaluation components such as school year, course titles, grade/year level, and credit values. The committee approved the examples but suggested that the section within each country profile, titled “Sample Academic Certifications,” should instead be a stand-alone section within the new version of the International Guide titled, “How to Review a Transcript.” The staff agreed to incorporate the suggested edits into the next draft of the International Guide.

12. **Interim Evaluation Process end date.** The committee determined that the interim evaluation process for international prospective-student athletes will conclude with the winter/spring 2021 enrollees. Beginning with the fall 2021 (August) enrollees, only the new international evaluation methodology (yearly marks) will be used. The committee noted that providing five academic years from the initial point of messaging will allow sufficient time for prospective student-athletes and member institutions to comply with the new evaluation standard.
13. Future meeting dates.

a. Meeting dates for April 24-26, 2017; Indianapolis, Indiana.
   (1) Monday, April 24, 2017 – Travel to meeting in Indianapolis.
   (2) Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - Full committee meeting in morning and afternoon.
   (3) Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Full committee meeting in morning.
   (4) Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Return travel after noon Eastern time.

b. Meeting dates for October 23-25, 2017; Indianapolis, Indiana.
   (1) Monday, October 23, 2017 - Travel to meeting in Indianapolis.
   (2) Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - Full committee meeting in morning and afternoon.
   (3) Wednesday, October 25, 2017- Full committee meeting in the morning.
   (4) Wednesday, October 25, 2017- Return travel after noon Eastern time.

**Staff Liaison:** Elizabeth Coleman, Associate Director of Academic Certification, International

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Division II Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates Review

Division II Academic Requirements Committee – February 2017
Division II Federal Graduation Rates vs. Academic Success Rates

Four-Year Rate
(2006 through 2009 Entering Cohorts)

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Red numbers indicate percentage change from 2005-08
# Division II Federal Graduation Rates vs. Academic Success Rates

## Single-Year Rate
(2009 Entering Cohort Only)

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Single-Year Division II Academic Success Rates for Male Student-Athletes

By Ethnicity

- White
- Other
- All Males
- Hispanic
- African-American
Single-Year Division II Academic Success Rates for Female Student-Athletes

By Ethnicity
Federal Graduation Rates of Scholarship Student-Athletes versus All Students at Division II Institutions

Note: 2016 reporting year represents 2009 cohort; 2015 represents 2008 cohort, etc.
Federal Graduation Rates of Div. II Scholarship Student-Athletes versus Div. II Student Body by Gender

Note: 2016 reporting year represents 2009 cohort; 2015 represents 2008 cohort, etc.
Federal Graduation Rates of Div. II Scholarship Student-Athletes versus Div. II Student Body by Ethnicity

Note: 2016 reporting year represents 2009 cohort; 2015 represents 2008 cohort, etc.
Single-Year Federal Graduation Rates for African-American Student-Athletes and Student Body

By Gender
NCAA Division II adopted the Path to Graduation legislative package regarding progress toward degree and two-year college transfers with an effective date of August 1, 2016. To earn eligibility for competition during the 2016 fall term, all continuing and transfer student-athletes were required to meet the new requirements. The following table shows the progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer waiver statistics for the first half of the 2016-17 academic years compared to the previous year (July 1 through January 31):

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Note: Waiver requests for some student-athletes include deficiencies in multiple bylaws.
SUPPLEMENT NO. 10

NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.4.3.7.7
– Eligibility – Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements – Eligibility for Competition – Requirements for Administration of Progress-Toward-Degree – Timing of Certification for a Change of Degree

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee recommends issuing an official interpretation to clarify the application of the timing of certification for a change of degree when a student-athlete changes their degree program after the academic year.

Background:

Beginning with the fifth semester or third year of enrollment a student-athlete must designate a program of studies. Prior to the designation, a student-athlete may use the successful completion of credits earned in any degree program for certification of eligibility. Once a degree has been declared all credits used in certification moving forward must be accepted toward the degree of study (NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.6).

Current legislation also provides guidance in the event a student-athlete changes their major after the fifth semester, allowing all credits earned before the change to be certified under the previous degree requirements and all credits earned from the time of the change to be certified under the new degree requirements (Bylaw 14.4.3.7.7). In the event a change of degree creates a deficiency for a student-athlete, a progress-toward-degree waiver is available and has been used by member institutions in the past.

Staff has been providing interpretive guidance to the Division II membership that supports the outlined legislation. This includes a restrictive response for inquiries regarding student-athletes who, at the time of certification, had recently changed their degree. As a general rule, staff has advised member institutions that the certification of progress toward degree is performed based on the designated degree at the time of certification. The intent is to ensure a student-athlete is making adequate progress toward a baccalaureate degree within the five years of enrollment as multiple degree changes can delay academic progress. For student-athletes who have changed their degree during the year, this can create academic deficiencies. It has become clear that certification of eligibility after a change of degree has occurred is not performed consistently by member institutions and current legislation appears to be less restrictive than previous staff guidance. Further, an official interpretation from August 25, 1994, seems to provide more permissive guidance, allowing credits earned during the previous academic year applicable to the degree previously sought to be used in the certification.
Questions:

1. Is the current interpretive position too restrictive based off of the original intent of Bylaw 14.4.3.7.7?

2. Should member institutions certify a student-athlete based off the degree designated at the time of certification or based off of the degree designated at the time the credits were earned?

Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee agrees to archive the August 25, 1994, official interpretation and reissue an official interpretation to require the certification of student-athletes based on the designated degree at the time of certification. Further, the committee recommends incorporating the new interpretation into the Division II manual.


Applicable Legislation and Interpretations:

14.4.3.6 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: [D] (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

(a) Formal enrollment by the student-athlete in a specific baccalaureate degree program; or
(b) Approval by an appropriate academic official (who must not be an academic adviser/counselor employed by the athletics department) of the program leading to the specific baccalaureate degree that the student-athlete is pursuing

14.4.3.7.7 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit After Change of Degree Program. A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program after his or her fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment may comply with the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 if: (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

(a) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;
(b) The credits earned before the change are acceptable toward a degree previously sought; and
(c) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree.
Official Interpretation:

Student-athlete who changes designated degree program after completion of the academic year

Division: II
Date Issued: August 25, 1994
Date Published: August 25, 1994
Item Ref: 7

Interpretation:

7. Student-athlete who changes designated degree program after completion of the academic year: The committee confirmed that a student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program after the conclusion of the academic year may meet the credit-hour requirement set forth in 14.4.3.1 only if the credits earned during the previous academic year are acceptable toward the degree previously sought during that year.

[References: 14.4.3.1.5-(c) (hours earned or accepted for degree credit), 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit hour requirements), 14.4.3.1.6 (additional requirements -- football), 14.4.3.1.6.1 (regaining eligibility for two contests) and 14.4.3.1.6.2 (regaining full eligibility -- one-time exception)]
Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend that the NCAA Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.8.3 (nonrecruited, nonparticipant exception) to eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must be in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year.

Background:

A conference office has asked for clarification on why the exceptions made available to nonrecruited student-athletes for waiving progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements contain different conditions. For example, a student-athlete who wishes to transfer from a two-year or four-year institution may use the respective transfer exception if the student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution, has not received athletically related financial aid, and has not competed or participated beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period. The exception for progress toward degree diverges by including a restriction for use during the initial season of eligibility if the student-athlete has not been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year. As a result, student-athletes who transfer to a four-year institution using the nonrecruited student exception would not also be able to access the similar exception to waive the progress-toward-degree requirement on transfer (Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1).

Staff noted that the original intent of the nonrecruited, nonparticipant exception for progress toward degree was the result of a proposal approved during the 1990 NCAA Convention that sought to remove such scenarios from the progress-toward-degree waiver process. Based on the differences in the current legislation, a nonrecruited transfer student-athlete who qualifies for use of a transfer exception but does not have nine transferable degree credits from the last full-time term would require a progress-toward-degree waiver. As such, the committee is asked to discuss whether a legislative change is appropriate to align the requirements of the nonrecruited exceptions.

Questions to Consider:

1. Should the progress-toward-degree exception for nonrecruited student-athletes mirror the same exception language for transfers?

2. What potential issues would arise if the modification is made?
Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee **recommends** noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.4.3.8.3 to eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must be in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee **does not recommend** noncontroversial legislation.

Applicable Legislation:

**14.4.3.2.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student.** For purposes of certifying eligibility for a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit. (See Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.) *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

**14.4.3.8.3 Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant Exception.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulations for the initial season of eligibility, if the student has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; was not recruited; has not received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete’s eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the progress-toward-degree requirements, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

**14.5.4.6.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception.** The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/11/89)*
(a) The student was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.10.1 by the certifying institution;
(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete;
(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; and *(Revised: 1/12/04, 7/24/07)*
(d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.

**14.5.5.3.8 Nonrecruited Student Exception.** The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:
(a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);
(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and
(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in
countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a
14-consecutive calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day
period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically
related activity. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/07 for any transfer occurring on or after 8/1/06)*
Issue.

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend incorporating an official interpretation [Reference: 8/9/95, Item No. 5-n-(5)] into the NCAA Division II Manual to clarify the application of good academic standing when institutional policy grants students who are on academic probation access to extracurricular activities.

Background and Analysis.

Staff has received multiple requests for interpretive guidance in regard to how institutions should apply good academic standing for student-athletes who are on academic probation, but institutional policy grants them access to extracurricular activities. Current legislation states that to be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics a student-athlete must be in good academic standing which is determined by the institution.

Staff has provided guidance that the application of good academic standing is an institutional decision based on NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1. Therefore, if the student-athlete in question is determined to be eligible for extracurricular activities based on the process applied to all students, then the student-athlete would be permitted to participate in intercollegiate athletics based on the official interpretation [Reference: 8/9/95, Item No. 5-n-(5)]

Conclusions.

1. The Academic Requirements Committee recommends that the NCAA Division II Management Council incorporate the official interpretation [Reference: 8/9/95, Item No. 5-n-(5)] clarifying that a student-athlete may have access to competition if institutional policy still grants access to extracurricular activities when on academic probation.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee does not recommend that the official interpretation be incorporated.

Associated Bylaws.

Bylaw 14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases
for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member.

**Bylaw 14.4.3.1 Good Academic Standing.** To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing, as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students at the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. A student-athlete shall maintain a grade-point average that places the individual in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students who are at an equivalent stage of progress toward a degree. A student-athlete who is not in good academic standing is not eligible for competition even if the individual satisfies the progress-toward degree requirements.

**Associated Interpretation.**

**Title:** Definition of Good Academic Standing  
**Date Issued:** August 09, 1995  
**Date Published:** August 09, 1995  
**Item Ref:** 5-n-(5)

**Interpretation:**

The Academic Requirements Committee recommended that the Council issue an interpretation of Bylaws 14.01.1 and 14.02.5 to specify that the definition of good academic standing applied to student-athletes shall be a standard at least as demanding as the minimum standard applied to all students in order to participate in extracurricular activities at that institution.

It was VOTED

"That the Council issue an interpretation consistent with the committee's recommendation."
SUPPLEMENT NO. 13

NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.4.3.7.11
– Eligibility – Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements – Eligibility for Competition –
Regulations for Administration of Progress-Toward-Degree – Cooperative Educational,
Work Experience, and Study-Abroad Programs

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend the
NCAA Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA
Bylaw 14.4.3.7.11 (cooperative educational, work experience and study abroad programs) to
specify that the progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete who participates in a
cooperative educational, work experience or study-abroad program may be adjusted to require
completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance in traditional coursework.

Background:

Current legislation provides an exception to the nine-semester/eight-quarter hour requirement for
a student-athlete participating in a cooperative exchange, work experience or study-abroad
program. However, the legislation does not include an adjustment to meet the necessary annual
credit hour requirements (Bylaws 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4). As a result, while enrollment in one of
the programs eliminates the need to meet the term-by-term credit hour requirement (Bylaw
14.4.3.2), it can create a deficiency for student-athletes who are required to earn 18 hours of degree
applicable credit during the regular academic year and 24-hours of degree applicable credit
annually.

The intent of the original Division II proposal (NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2005-16), which
was approved at the 2004 NCAA Convention, included eliminating the need for Division II
institutions to file progress-toward-degree waivers for student-athletes participating in such
programs. However, it places an additional burden on the student-athlete to earn the necessary
academic year and annual credit hour requirements without the use of potential credits earned
during that term, and the institution if a waiver needs to be filed as a result. Further, flexibility
exists for similar circumstances such as the use of the missed-term exception, allowing the annual
credit hours to be adjusted to require the completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance
(Bylaw 14.4.3.8.1).

Question:

1. Should the current legislation be adjusted to include an adjustment of the annual credit hour
   requirement to 12 hours per term of attendance?

2. What potential issues might arise from making an adjustment?
Conclusion:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee **recommends** that the Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.4.3.7.11 to specify that the progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete who participates in a cooperative educational, work experience or study-abroad program may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance in traditional coursework.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee **does not recommend** noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.4.3.7.11.

Applicable Legislation:

14.4.3.2 Term-By-Term Credit-Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3 Credit Hours Earned During the Regular Academic Year. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4 Annual Credit Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit during any year in which the student-athlete is enrolled full time in at least one academic term. A student-athlete may satisfy this requirement based on the student-athlete earning: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

(a) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term;
(b) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters; or
(c) 48-semester or 72-quarter hours during the first two years of collegiate enrollment (the certifying institution's first four semesters or six quarters following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution).
(Note: A student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution for a full academic year following his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment is considered to be enrolled in his or her second year of collegiate enrollment upon the next enrollment in a regular academic term at a collegiate institution.)

14.4.3.7.11 Cooperative Educational, Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.3.8.1 Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaws 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions: (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)
(a) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance;
(b) The student-athlete was eligible for enrollment during the student's absence; and
(c) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

Applicable Proposal:

ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- SIX-HOUR REQUIREMENT -- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS -- EXCEPTION

Convention Year: 2005
Date Submitted: August 11, 2004
Status: Adopted Final
Effective Date: Immediately subsequent to the 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned in the 2005 fall term and thereafter.
SPOPL Number: 21
Official Notice Number: 2005-16
Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].
Proposal Category: Presidents Council
Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete shall not be required to complete six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative education program or an institutionally approved study-abroad program.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.3 by adding new 14.4.3.3.10, pages 124-125, as follows: "14.4.3.3 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree [14.4.3.3.1 through 14.4.3.3.9 unchanged.]

"14.4.3.3.10 Cooperative Education and Study Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative education program or an institutionally approved study-abroad program."

Rationale: Many student-athletes in cooperative-education program are considered enrolled in a full-time program of studies under institutional policies, but may not be awarded six credit hours that are considered degree applicable, or institutions may have difficulty documenting the completion of the hours in time for certification due to the administrative challenges in dealing with foreign institutions. The NCAA Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Committee or NCAA staff have approved waivers involving these circumstances noting that the student-athletes were making appropriate progress toward a degree and the intent of the six-hour requirement was not to adversely impact student-athletes who participate in such programs. This proposal will eliminate any Division II institutions having to file such progress-toward-degree waivers, since the intent in Division I is consistent with the intent of the Division II legislation adopted at the 2004 NCAA Convention.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:
None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:
None

Position Statement(s):
None

Review History:
Aug 5, 2004:
Approved in Concept - Presidents Council
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Convention Vote:
No Convention Record

Legislative References:
Division Number Title
II 14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.
Original Interpretation.

Student-athlete who changes designated degree program after completion of the academic year

Division: II
Date Issued: August 25, 1994
Date Published: August 25, 1994
Item Ref: 7

Interpretation:

7. Student-athlete who changes designated degree program after completion of the academic year:
The committee confirmed that a student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program after the conclusion of the academic year may meet the credit-hour requirement set forth in 14.4.3.1 only if the credits earned during the previous academic year are acceptable toward the degree previously sought during that year.

[References: 14.4.3.1.5-(c) (hours earned or accepted for degree credit), 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit hour requirements), 14.4.3.1.6 (additional requirements -- football), 14.4.3.1.6.1 (regaining eligibility for two contests) and 14.4.3.1.6.2 (regaining full eligibility -- one-time exception)]

Rewritten Interpretation.

Student-athlete who changes designated degree program after completion of the academic year (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: February 23, 2017
Date Published:
Item Ref:

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee confirmed that a student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program after the conclusion of the academic year may meet the academic year and annual credit-hour requirements only if the credits earned during the previous academic year are acceptable toward the degree previously sought during that year.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.3 (credit hours earned during the regular academic year) and 14.4.3.4 (annual credit hour requirement); and an official interpretation (Reference: 8/25/1994, Item No. 7), which has been archived]
Original Interpretation.

Transfer Student who Fulfills a Residence Requirement at the Certifying Institution with Enrollment in Nonconsecutive Terms (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: November 03, 2009
Date Published: February 08, 2010
Item Ref: 7-b

Interpretation:

The Legislation Committee confirmed a student-athlete who fulfills a residence requirement by enrolling in nonconsecutive terms (e.g., fall terms of consecutive academic years, while missing the interim spring term), must meet all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements prior to competing in the semester following fulfillment of the residence requirement.

[References: Bylaws 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements), 14.4.3.1.2 (academic year in residence), 14.4.3.2.3 (application of rule to transfer and continuing student), 14.4.3.2 (fulfillment of minimum grade-point average requirements), 14.4.3.2.2 (application of rule to transfer student), 14.4.3.3.1.1 (application of rule to transfer student) and 14.5.1.1 (determination of year of residence)]

Rewritten Interpretation.

Transfer Student Who Fulfills a Residence Requirement at the Certifying Institution with Enrollment in Nonconsecutive Terms (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: February 23, 2017
Date Published:
Item Ref:

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee confirmed a student-athlete who fulfills a residence requirement by enrolling in nonconsecutive terms (e.g., fall terms of consecutive academic years, while missing the interim spring term), must meet all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements prior to competing in the semester following fulfillment of the residence requirement.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (term-by-term credit-hour requirement), 14.4.3.3 (credit hours earned during the regular academic year), 14.4.3.4 (annual credit hour requirement) and 14.4.3.5 (fulfillment of minimum grade-point average requirements); and an official interpretation (Reference: 2/8/2010, Item No. 7-b), which has been archived]
Original Interpretation.

Use of Credit Hours Earned During Part-Time Enrollment at Another Institution while Enrolled Full Time at the Certifying Institution (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: July 24, 2007
Date Published: July 24, 2007
Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Management Council determined that a student-athlete, who enrolls as a part-time student in a course(s) at another institution (e.g., traditional, extension, online, correspondence) after the beginning of the certifying institution's semester or quarter, and such course(s) is not completed until after the certifying institution's semester or quarter has ended, may not use these credit hours to satisfy the six-hour rule, but may use the credit hours to satisfy the 12/24-hour rule and/or the 75/25 rule. To be counted in the 75 percent of the minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during the regular academic year, the course(s) must have been completed during the time beginning with the opening of the certifying institution's fall term and concluding with the certifying institution's spring commencement.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements) and 14.4.3.1.3 (hours earned during regular academic year).]

Rewritten Interpretation.

Use of Credit Hours Earned During Part-Time Enrollment at Another Institution while Enrolled Full Time at the Certifying Institution (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: February 23, 2017
Date Published:
Item Ref:

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee confirmed that a student-athlete, who enrolls as a part-time student in a course(s) at another institution (e.g., traditional, extension, online, correspondence) after the beginning of the certifying institution's semester or quarter, and such course(s) is not completed until after the certifying institution's semester or quarter has ended, may not use these credit hours to satisfy the nine-hour rule but may use the credit hours to satisfy the 18/27-hour rule and/or the 24/36-hour rule. To be counted in the 18/27-hour minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during the regular academic year, the course(s) must have been completed during the time beginning with the opening of the certifying institution's fall term and concluding with the certifying institution's spring commencement.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (term-by-term credit-hour requirement), 14.4.3.3 (credit hours earned during the regular academic year) and 14.4.3.4 (annual credit hour requirement); and an official interpretation (Reference: 7/24/2007, Item No. 1), which has been archived]
Original Interpretation.

Satisfactory progress -- enrollment as full-time student during portion of term

Division: I
Date Issued: January 20, 1994
Date Published: January 20, 1994
Item Ref: 4

Interpretation:

4. Satisfactory progress -- enrollment as full-time student during portion of term: For purposes of meeting satisfactory-progress requirements, a student-athlete who enrolls anytime during a term as a full-time student may use credit hours earned during that term when using either the "24 hour" and/or the "averaging" method.

[References: 14.5.4 (eligibility requirements for competition) and new Bylaw 14.5.4.2 (part-time enrollment -- Division I)]

Rewritten Interpretation.

Eligibility -- Enrollment as Full-Time Student During Portion of Term (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: February 23, 2017
Date Published:
Item Ref:

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee confirmed that a student-athlete who enrolls at any point during a term as a full-time student may use credit hours earned during that term to meet the nine/eight-hour, 18/27-hour and 24/36-hour credit requirements.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (term-by-term credit hour requirement); 14.4.3.3 (credit hours earned during the regular academic year); and 14.4.3.4 (annual credit hour requirement); and an official interpretation (Reference: 1/20/1994, Item No. 4), which has been archived]
Original Interpretation.

Calculation of Transferable Credit -- Six-Hour Requirement -- Transfer Students (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: October 20, 2009
Date Published: February 12, 2010
Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Management Council determined that when certifying the six-hour requirement for a transfer student-athlete, the certifying institution may calculate the hours based on the earned transferable credit hours as they appear on the previous institution's transcript, rather than converting the transferable credit hours to the certifying institution. For example, a transfer student-athlete who attends a college using a quarter system and completing six-quarter hours of transferable credit in the previous academic term satisfies the six-hour requirement for transfer students, even though the six-quarter hours convert to 3.96-semester hours pursuant to the certifying institution's conversion formula.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements), 14.4.3.1.1 (transfer student -- six-hour requirement) and 14.5.4.4.3 (determination of transferable degree credit)]

Rewritten Interpretation.

Calculation of Transferable Credit – Term-by-Term Credit Hour Requirement -- Transfer Students (II)

Division: II
Date Issued: February 23, 2017
Date Published:
Item Ref:

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee confirmed that when certifying the term-by-term credit hour requirement for a transfer student-athlete, the certifying institution may calculate the hours based on the earned transferable credit hours as they appear on the previous institution's transcript, rather than converting the transferable credit hours to the certifying institution. For example, a transfer student-athlete who attends a college using a quarter system and completes eight-quarter hours of transferable credit in the previous academic term satisfies the term-by-term credit hour requirement for transfer students, even though the eight-quarter hours convert to 5.33-semester hours pursuant to the certifying institution's conversion formula.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (term-by-term credit hour requirement), 14.4.3.2.1 (application of rule to transfer student) and 14.5.4.5.3 (determination of transferable degree credit); and an official interpretation [Reference: 2/12/1990, Item No. 1], which has been archived]
NCAA Division II Transfers from Four-Year Institutions
NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee
February 23-24, 2017
Available Data for Four-Year Transfers

NCAA Academic Performance Census (APC).
- Year/term of initial full-time collegiate enrollment.
- Year/term of initial full-time enrollment at current school.
- Transferable credits accepted by Division II institution.
- Term-by-term credits, GPAs, outcomes at Division II institution (until eligibility is exhausted).

Eligibility Center (via NCAA ID).
- Test scores, core GPA and core units.

Graduation Rates Reporting System (via NCAA ID, other methods).
- Graduation outcome (graduated, left eligible, exclusion) after 6 years.
- 20% of APC records not matched for four-year transfers.
## Transfer Status of Student-Athlete Population

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Source: Division II Academic Performance Census
Demographics of Student-Athlete Population

Student-Athletes Attending a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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<td>16%</td>
<td>57%</td>
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Source: Division II Academic Performance Census
Demographics of Student-Athlete Population
2014-15 Academic Year

### Primary Sport

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<td>79.8%</td>
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<td>65.3%</td>
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<td>Women’s Other Sports</td>
<td>86.4%</td>
<td>6.6%</td>
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*Source: Division II Academic Performance Census*
Demographics of Student-Athlete Population
Student-Athletes Attending a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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<td>Non-Transfers</td>
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<td>5%</td>
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<td>Two-Year Transfers</td>
<td>94%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Four-Year Transfers</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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Most common countries among international 4-year transfers:
Canada (11%), United Kingdom (10%), France (7%), Germany (7%) and Brazil (6%)

Sources: Division II Academic Performance Census/NCAA Eligibility Center
# Academic Preparation of Student-Athlete Population

Student-Athletes Attending a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Mean High School Core GPA</th>
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<td>2.97</td>
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* Based on HSCGPA and test

Note: Test and/or GPA not available for 5% of non-transfers, 52% of two-year transfers, 25% of four-year transfers

Sources: Division II Academic Performance Census/NCAA Eligibility Center
Transferable Credits
Four-Year Transfers First Enrolling in a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

N=17,137 (excludes 999 cases where transferable credits = 0)

Source: Division II Academic Performance Census
Transferable Credits

Four-Year Transfers First Enrolling in a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

Credits Transferred (Semester Scale), by Years Between Initial and Current Enrollment

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Source: Division II Academic Performance Census
Transferable Credits

Four-Year Transfers  First Enrolling in a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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Student-Athletes First Enrolling in a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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Source: Division II Academic Performance Census
## First-Year Outcomes

Four-Year Transfers **First Enrolling** in a Division II Institution in 2010-11 or Later

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<th>Transferable Credits Per Year of Prior Enrollment</th>
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<td>6.1 - 12</td>
<td>1,617 (9%)</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<td>12.1 - 18</td>
<td>2,337 (14%)</td>
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<td>18.1 - 24</td>
<td>3,353 (20%)</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>24.1 - 30</td>
<td>4,921 (29%)</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>30.1 - 36</td>
<td>2,508 (15%)</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>3.06</td>
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<td>36.1 - 42</td>
<td>790 (5%)</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>42.1 or more</td>
<td>911 (5%)</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>86%</td>
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*Source: Division II Academic Performance Census*
# Academic Success Rates
## 2006-07 through 2009-10 cohorts

### By Ethnicity

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*Includes federal cohort (fall freshmen on aid), mid-year enrollees and nonscholarship athletes

Source: Graduation Rates Data
### Academic Success Rates

#### 2006-07 through 2009-10 cohorts

#### By Sport

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Source: Graduation Rates Data
Academic Success Rates
Four-Year Transfers, 2006-07 through 2009-10 cohorts

By First-Year Outcomes

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<td>Ineligible</td>
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Sources: Division II Academic Performance Census/Graduation Rates Data
# Academic Success Rates

Four-Year Transfers, 2006-07 through 2009-10 cohorts
By Transferable Credits and Years Since Initial Enrollment

## Transferable Credits (Semester Scale)

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*Italics* denote cell sizes less than 100 student-athletes

Sources: Division II Academic Performance Census/Graduation Rates Data
THANK YOU

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phone: 317-917-6521
SUPPLEMENT NO. 15b

NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5 – Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend sponsorship of 2018 NCAA Convention legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5 (four-year college transfers).

Background and Analysis:

In March 2016, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reviewed four-year transfer legislation under Bylaw 14.5.5 (four-year college transfers) to discuss whether current legislation was appropriate or if the legislation should be amended. The Legislation Committee requested that a detailed review of the four-year college transfer legislation be referred to the Academic Requirements Committee.

During the September 2016 Academic Requirements Committee meeting, the committee began a comprehensive review and discussion regarding four-year college transfer legislation and requested that staff identify available research data on four-year college transfer student-athletes. In addition, the committee directed staff to seek feedback on the current legislation from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

A legislative change was not recommended by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with the rationale that unique situations may be reviewed through the waiver process. There was interest in exploring a potential additional exception based on academics (e.g., meeting to be determined transferrable GPA requirements) but noted the potential negative impact of such an exception since multiple transfers may postpone graduation.

The committee is asked to consider whether the current legislation should be amended.

Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee **recommends** sponsorship of 2018 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 14.5.5.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee **does not recommend** a legislative change at this time.

Associated References:

*Division II Bylaws*

**14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers.** See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's
14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.11). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/30/10)

14.5.5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid and practice at a Division II institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw 14.3.1) at the time of initial enrollment.

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a partial qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.2) or a nonqualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.3) and who attended the four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaws 14.3.2.1 (partial qualifiers) and 14.3.2.2 (nonqualifiers).

14.5.5.1.2.1 Attendance at Four-Year Institution for Less Than One Academic Year Following Transfer from a Two-Year Institution. A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a two-year college, transfers to another four-year institution and attends the four-year institution for less than one full academic year before transferring to a Division II institution (e.g., '2-4-4 transfer') is not eligible to use a four-year college transfer exception unless the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for competition under the Division II two-year college transfer regulations had the student-athlete transferred directly from the two-year college to the Division II institution. (Adopted: 7/19/16)

14.5.5.2 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a qualifier shall be eligible to compete immediately at the subvarsity level only at the certifying institution before meeting the transfer eligibility requirements. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity practice sessions. (Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97)

14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring.
(except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete’s first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. See Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2.1 for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year. (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05, 7/19/16)

14.5.5.3.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to his or her original institution under any of the following conditions:

(a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program; (Revised: 1/11/12)

(b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or

(c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

14.5.5.3.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program (e.g., sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education) recognized by the institution's academic authorities. (See Bylaw 14.4.1.1.) (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92, 7/20/10)

14.5.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major. (Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)

14.5.5.3.4 Military Service, Religious Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official religious mission. (Revised: 1/9/06, 4/20/10)

14.5.5.3.4.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service or Religious Mission. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty or engaged in active service on an official religious
mission may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement. *(Revised: 4/20/10, 6/16/10)*

**14.5.5.3.5 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception.** In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:

(a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped the sport [in which the student has participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) at that institution in intercollegiate competition] from its intercollegiate program. This exception becomes applicable at the time the student-athlete's institution indicates through public announcement that his or her sport will be discontinued; or *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/10/05)*

(b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.

**14.5.5.3.5.1 Original Institution.** In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately before transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

**14.5.5.3.6 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception.** The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)*

**14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception.** The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the
institution from which he or she is transferring. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/11/06, 7/19/16)*

14.5.5.3.8 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

(a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);

(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and

(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/07 for any transfer occurring on or after 8/1/06)*

14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1): *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05 for those student-athletes who transfer to a Division II institution for the 2005-06 academic year, 5/3/07)*

(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/non-sponsored sport exception) or 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions; *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/11/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/3/07, 10/21/08)*

(b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution, except that, for a student transferring from a Division I institution, he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution; and *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 8/8/05, 5/3/07, 4/14/15)*

(c) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from
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a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/3/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 10/22/13, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

(d) A student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/3/07, 4/28/09, 2/5/13)

14.5.5.3.9.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's written request for the hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

14.5.5.3.9.2 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive academic components of the one-time transfer exception. Those components include good academic standing, progress-toward-degree requirements, and the 12-semester or 12-quarter hour requirement for a transfer student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining to complete eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to waive all remaining components of the one-time transfer exception. (Adopted: 6/3/15)

14.5.5.4 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.1.8.1 or 14.5.5.3), is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from
which a student-athlete transfers declares separate segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the segment that does not conclude with the NCAA championship for such an institution and during the segment that does conclude with the NCAA championship for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition. (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/17/06, 1/25/10, 7/24/12)
NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.5.4.2 and 14.5.4.3 – Two-Year College Transfers – Grade-Point Average Requirement – Calculation of Grade-Point Average

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should recommend that the NCAA Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaws 14.5.4.2 and 14.5.4.3 to clarify that the 2.200 minimum grade-point average required for purposes of meeting the two-year college transfer legislation must be calculated based on transferable degree credit.

Background:

A student-athlete who transfers from a two-year institution and has not earned an associate degree is required to earn specific transferable credits and a 2.200 grade-point average per Bylaws 14.5.4.2-(c) and 14.5.4.3-(d). The intent is to ensure that student-athletes are not only making progress toward a degree but performing well in relevant coursework that prepare the student for the academic rigors of a four-year institution.

Current legislation specifies that the student-athlete who transfers from a two-year institution present a cumulative 2.200 grade-point average in order to gain access to competition. The use of the word 'cumulative' creates an assumption that all credits earned at the previous institution may be used in the calculation. The legislation then provides further guidance in how to calculate the transferable grade-point average (Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2), despite the use of "cumulative" in the base bylaw. Staff has consistently provided guidance that the certification is a distinct calculation, separate from what may be reflected on the two-year transcript. Based on potential confusion in the membership regarding the proper calculation of grade-point average for purposes of meeting two-year college transfer requirements, staff is presenting this issue to the committee for consideration of a possible legislative change.

Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee **recommends** noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 14.5.4.2 and 14.5.4.3 to clarify that the grade-point average requirement shall be based on transferable degree credit.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee **does not recommend** noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 14.5.4.2 and 14.5.4.3.
Applicable Legislation:

14.5.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- Qualifier with No Four-Year College Attendance and Only One Term of Attendance at a Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1), has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution and has only attended a two-year college for one academic term (semester or quarter), is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for only one semester or one quarter (excluding summer sessions);
(b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for the full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and
(c) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) The student-athlete has completed least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions) of enrollment as a full-time student at the two-year college; (Revised: 6/1/16)
(b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college;
(c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:
   (1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;
   (2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and
   (3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;
   Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled full time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy these requirements. (Revised: 7/19/16 effective 8/1/16)
(d) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.3.2).
14.5.4.5.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.
NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.4.3 – Eligibility – Transfers –
Two-Year College Transfers – Transferable Credit Requirement -- Institutional Limits on Transferable Credits

Issue.

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should issue an official interpretation to clarify the application of the two-year college transfer transferable credit hour requirement when institutional policy limits the number of transferable degree credits.

Background and Analysis.

Staff has received multiple requests for interpretive guidance in regard to institutions limiting the number of credits that transfer into their institution causing student-athletes to fall short of the transferable credit hour requirement of NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(b). Current legislation requires a two-year college transfer to earn an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours accepted toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time term of enrollment. An official interpretation [Reference: 12/16/05, Item No. 6] pertaining to four-year college transfers and the one-time transfer exception permits a student-athlete to meet the credit hour requirement even if the institution has a limit on the maximum number of transferable degree credits toward any of its degree programs, provided that limit is less than the number of transferable credits the student-athlete is required to transfer under the legislation. Staff has utilized this interpretation to provide flexibility to two-year college transfers who are unable to meet two-year college requirements due to an institutional limitation on the overall number of credits transferring in to the institution.

Conclusions.

1. The Academic Requirements Committee recommends that a staff interpretation [Reference: 7/22/92] be archived and issue an official interpretation clarifying that a two-year college transfer student-athlete may meet the transferable credit hour requirement even when institutional policy restricts the number of transferable credits provided the student-athlete has satisfactorily completed enough normally transferable degree credits that the student-athlete is required to transfer per the two-year college transfer rules.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee does not recommend staff archive the staff interpretation [Reference: 7/22/92] and recommends issuance of an official interpretation to clarify that a two-year college transfer student-athlete must meet the transferable credit hour requirement even when institutional policy restricts the number of transferable credits.
Associated Legislation.

Bylaw 14.5.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid-Qualifier With No Four-Year College Attendance and Only One Term of Attendance at a Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1), has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution and has only attended a two-year college for one academic term (semester or quarter), is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

(a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for only one semester or one quarter (excluding summer sessions);

(b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for the full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and

(c) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200.

Bylaw 14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid-All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

(a) The student-athlete has completed at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions) of enrollment as a full-time student at the two-year college;

(b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college;

(c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements: (1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English; (2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and (3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science; Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled full time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy these requirements.

(d) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200.

Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3 Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.
Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions (“4-2-4-4” transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions;

(b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution, except that, for a student transferring from a Division I institution, he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution; and

(c) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student’s previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

(d) A student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits.

Associated Interpretations.

Staff Interpretation [Reference: 7/22/92]. The Legislative Services Staff confirmed that when a member institution places a limit on the number of courses from a specific area (e.g., a maximum of three physical education activity classes) that may be transferred to the institution, then the
institution may not use courses in excess of that limit when meeting two-year college transfer requirements (i.e., transferable degree credit, grade-point average requirement).

**Staff Interpretation [Reference: 12/16/05]**. The Interpretations Subcommittee of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee confirmed that under 2006 NCAA Convention Proposal No. 22, a transfer student-athlete is able to meet the credit-hour condition of subsection (e) of the one-time transfer exception, even if the certifying institution is limited in accepting a maximum number of transferable degree credits toward any of its baccalaureate degree programs, and that number of accepted degree credits is less than the number of transferable credits that the student-athlete is required to transfer under the proposal. Institutional policy designed to limit the maximum number of transferable credits will not prevent the student-athlete from meeting subsection (e), provided the student-athlete has satisfactorily completed enough, normally transferable, degree credits acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program to satisfy subsection (e).

For example, a student-athlete has two full-time semesters remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and has not earned a baccalaureate degree. The student-athlete wants to transfer from Institution A to Institution B. While at Institution A, the student-athlete satisfactorily completed 104 credits. Under Institution B’s policy, the institution is limited in accepting a maximum of 90 transferable credits, even if a transfer student has earned more, normally transferable, degree credit hours. Institution B requires the remainder of the credits required for graduation must be completed at its institution. Since the student-athlete has been enrolled in eight full-time semesters, he or she would be required to have satisfactorily completed a total of 96 semester hours of transferable degree credit toward any of the institution’s baccalaureate degree programs (i.e., eight full-time semesters x 12 credits = 96 credits) to satisfy the credit-hour condition of subsection (e) in Proposal No. 22. However, because of Institution B’s policy, the institution will only accept 90 transferable credits. Under this proposal, the student-athlete will be immediately eligible to compete at Institution B if the institution verifies that six other credit hours would have transferred to any of its baccalaureate degree programs, but for the policy, and if the student-athlete fulfills the other requirements of the one-time transfer rule.
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To Whom It May Concern:

Following various conversations with staff members from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference as well as the NCAA, this letter is to serve a dual purpose as a means of explanation and as a request for appeal towards previous NCAA interpretations in regards to the University of Mary’s unique and innovative academic calendar. Before getting into an in-depth explanation, the following will provide some background as to the path the University of Mary has been on the last few years.

Recently, the University of Mary created what we call "Year-Round Campus." The basis of this new academic calendar is to grant students greater course offerings during the summer months for those who are seeking to graduate at an accelerated rate. Furthermore, with the expanded offerings, the various colleges within the University have generated Year-Round Campus academic plans for their various degree programs that will allow students to receive their bachelor’s degree in just 2.6 years.

In generating this calendar, the University of Mary has transitioned from the traditional fall and spring semester plan, to having three equal-length terms. To provide exact dates, the 2017-18 academic calendar reads: Fall Term – September 4 – December 22, Spring Term – January 8 – April 27, and Summer Term – May 7 – August 24. In order for students to fully participate in the 2.6 year bachelor’s programs, they must be enrolled full-time each term.

Through the planning process, the University of Mary has rationalized this offering to the students citing that if an individual is able to get their degree in 2.6 years rather than the standard 4-5 years, they are looking at a total lifetime financial benefit – including increased lifetime savings, increased lifetime earnings, and decreased student loan payments – of more than $315,000.

The University of Mary has also generated an accompanying Master’s program that can easily follow the 2.6 year undergraduate program. Through this offering, the University of Mary estimates that the total lifetime savings for individuals totals over $600,000.

One of the key purposes of this academic plan is to provide the opportunity to all University of Mary students to achieve their bachelor’s degree in less time and allow them to get to their professional career ahead of their peers. This is the component where conflict with the NCAA’s regulations begins to settle in.

NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.2.1 states that “A student-athlete is considered to have used a semester or quarter...when the student-athlete is officially registered in a collegiate institution in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by
the institution”. In preparation of the Year-Round Campus program, the previous Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance filed an Interpretation Request with the NCAA (case number 825528) to seek direction as to if the student-athletes would be able to trigger full-time status during the summer, and not have their eligibility be negatively affected. The official interpretation provided stated that if a student-athlete triggers full-time status during the summer term, they would be charged one semester against their 10-semester limit. Therefore, if a student-athlete were to fully participate in the Year-Round Campus program, they would use three full-time semesters for each academic year in attendance; and thus a student-athlete would expire their 10-semester allotment by the fall of their senior year (pending no injuries, redshirts, or other unexpected delays).

With that being the case, it is difficult to advise fall student-athletes to participate in Year-Round Campus due to the fact that their time at the University of Mary needs to be virtually error/delay free, otherwise they will run out of semesters before they have the opportunity to utilize their four seasons. Furthermore, it is impossible to advise winter and spring student-athletes because their semesters would expire either during or right before their fourth season and that is if they have no errors/delays in their participation. Therefore, the student-athletes are not able to participate in the same academic calendar as the rest of the student body due to NCAA legislation. The student-athletes would be forced to choose between taking advantage of accelerated degree programs or utilizing all four seasons of their NCAA eligibility within the traditional academic calendar.

One benefit of the new Year-Round Campus program within the current legislation is it does offer student-athletes a greater catalog of courses to choose from during the summer months that they can take to accelerate within their programs, pending they do not trigger full-time status. In addition to the greater course selection, the 2.6 year bachelor program allows students the opportunity to receive their master’s degree in four years. For student-athletes, this becomes a very attractive possibility as they would need at least 4 years to use their athletic eligibility, and could be within a semester or two of receiving that degree by the time their eligibility expires. However, this does not take into account any potential injuries or course placement issues that could significantly set a student-athlete back within their degree program.

To better analyze the Year-Round Campus program as it relates to NCAA legislation, the following scenario directly reflects a situation that occurred during this past fall while advising a freshman track & field student-athlete that expressed an interest in fully participating in Year-Round Campus.

Once the conversation began, it was explained to the SA that once he triggers full-time status during any of the terms, we are required to count that against his 10-semester clock. Therefore, we laid out the various outcomes for him. First off, we laid out the 2.6 year plan within the Criminal Justice Program:
The model above, the SA would have his 10-semester clock expire during the fall term preceding his final seasons for both indoor and outdoor track & field. All of this is entirely dependent on numerous factors including no injuries, or even the need to retake a course/remediation.

The next model provides a scenario that was put forth was if he would go part-time one semester to conserve his last FT term for his final season(s):

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Given this model, that one part-time semester would allow the SA to expire his 10-semester clock during the same term that he utilizes his final indoor and outdoor seasons. Furthermore, getting to part-time status would be fairly easy to project as the criminal justice department 2.6 year plan calls for 16 credits during the initial summer. Therefore, we would move two, 3 credit courses to other semesters to allow for part-time status.
However, the movement of those courses would require a significant course load during two terms, which could add a certain amount of difficulty onto the student-athlete, who is trying to balance school, athletics, and life. Additionally, this plan does not accommodate any issues throughout the way. Therefore, the individual would not be able to utilize a redshirt year for physical development, would have to avoid injuries at all costs and numerous other potential factors. One final road block that would occur during the part-time term is that the SA would not be able to receive any athletic financial assistance and would not be eligible to partake in practice activities until the conclusion of the term.

When the University of Mary set out to create the Year-Round Campus program, the idea was to create a vibrant campus that is alive all year and to give students the option to accelerate their education thus joining the working community much quicker than their peers. Given the legislation that student-athletes are governed under, they are unable to fully engage the program and would instead have to hope for a perfect series of events which includes a semester of going part-time for all winter and spring sport participants.

Similar to the mission statement of the NCAA, the Year-Round Campus program and the University of Mary as a whole, strives to ensure that the educational experiences of all students is the primary focus of all campus-wide decisions and direction. That perspective is the exact reason the Year-Round Campus program was developed; to give students ample opportunities to achieve their academic goals as soon as individually possible. This is especially true of student-athletes. One of the premium qualities of the NCAA’s philosophy towards academics is that is provides individuals an opportunity to use their physical talents to achieve a high level of education. For some, their athletic talents may be the only reason they can afford the investment of a college education. We desire to provide these individuals with the premier academic and athletic experience possible while at the University, which includes the ability to participate in the Year-Round Campus program.

The University of Mary is by no means looking to give our student-athletes an advantage over other member institutions by prolonging the number of seasons or semesters initially awarded. Rather, we desire to provide our student-athletes the same opportunities as the general student body. If a student-athlete wishes to complete their bachelor’s degree in 2.6 years and obtain their master’s degree by the time their eligibility expires, we hope that we can provide that experience for them. At the same time, we want our student-athletes to have every chance possible to utilize all four seasons of competition in which they are granted. In order for both of those items to be possible, our student-athletes must be able to trigger full-time status during the summer terms without consequence.

The University of Mary has a long-standing tradition of academic success, especially within athletics. Following the Fall 2016 semester, the athletic department comprised a total department GPA of 3.20, which proves the University of Mary is recruiting student-athletes that fully understand the importance of academics on top of their athletic pursuits. This gives us great confidence that our student-athletes would continue to be successful in the Year-Round Campus program, and would truly showcase the purpose and mission of the NCAA; “to integrate
intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount”.

The University of Mary is respectfully requesting the Academic Requirements Committee to analyze the Year-Round Campus model that has been developed and showcased within this letter to mirror the purpose and mission of the NCAA. Through that analyzation, we hope the Academic Requirements Committee can provide us feedback on whether an interested student-athlete can fully engage themselves within the Year-Round Campus program without having it negatively affect their eligibility within NCAA rules and regulations. To specify with our previously stated track & field student-athlete example, would he be able to avoid going part-time during summer 2017 and be able to utilize his final track & field seasons during spring 2020, which would be his 11th full-time semester. If not up front, would we be able to file a semester extension waiver per Bylaw 14.2.2.3, and under what premise would that waiver be based around.

We are profoundly thankful for the time and consideration this committee has shown while reviewing this letter and the Year-Round Campus program as a whole. We feel that we are representing a rising trend within higher education with more and more students looking to get to their professional careers before their peers and institutions seeking ways to help them advance in an accelerated program. A positive response to this request would allow us to assist University of Mary student-athletes to join in on that trend, within NCAA Division II requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns as you review this letter and its accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to provide any guidance or clarification that you may be in need of.

Highest Regards,

Monsignor James P. Shea
President
University of Mary
### University of Maryland

#### Academic Calendar 2017-2018

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| **Fall Term**    | September 4 - December 22, 2017            | 2017-2018     | **Spring Break** | Mar 8 - 11 |
| Faculty Orientation and Meetings | Aug 26 - Sept 1                         | 2017-2018     | Mid-term Ends | Mar 9 |
| Welcome Week - New Student Orientation | Sept 2 - 4                              | 2017-2018     | Mid-Term Spring Grades Due In Registrar's Office | Mar 12 |
| Fall Term Begins | Sept 4, 2017                              | 2017-2018     | Classes Resume | Mar 12 |
| Labor Day-No Classes | Sept 4                                     | 2017-2018     | On-line Registration for Summer & Fall Terms | Mar 19 |
| Registration - New Students, Transfers/ Add/Drop | Sept 5                            | 2017-2018     | Last Day to Drop with W for Spring Semester | Mar 30 |
| Summer Grades/Incompletes Due | Sept 5                                     | 2017-2018     | Easter Vacation | Mar 29 - Apr 2 |
| Main Campus Fall Classes Begin | Sept 6, 2017                           | 2017-2018     | Classes Resume | Apr 3 |
| Last Day to Add a Fall Course or Directed Study | Sept 20                                  | 2017-2018     | Prior Learning Portfolios Due | Apr 13 |
| Last Day to Drop a Fall course with No Record | Sept 20                                | 2017-2018     | Graduating Senior's Directed Studies Due | Apr 13 |
| Fee Payment-All Students | Sept 25                                   | 2017-2018     | App. for Degrees Due/Degree Audits for Dec. Grads | Apr 20 |
| Fall Break       | Oct 26 - 29                               | 2017-2018     | Last Day to Drop with WP/WF for Spring Semester | Apr 20 |
| Mid Term Ends    | Oct 27                                     | 2017-2018     | Last Day of Spring Semester Classes | Apr 20 |
| Classes Resume   | Oct 30                                     | 2017-2018     | Semester Examinations | Apr 23 - 26, 2018 |
| Mid-Term Fall Grades Due | Oct 30                                   | 2017-2018     | Commencement | Apr 28, 2018 |
| Online Registration for Spring & Summer Terms | Nov 6                                    | 2017-2018     | Spring Term Final Grades Due | May 1 |
| Last Day to Drop with W for Fall Semester | Nov 8                                     | 2017-2018     | Spring Incompletes Due | May 16 |
| Thanksgiving Vacation (Begins 4p.m.) | Nov 22 - 26, 2017                   | 2017-2018     | **Summer Term** | May 7 - August 24, 2018 |
| Classes Resume   | Nov 27                                     | 2017-2018     | Semester Break | Apr 29 - May 6 |
| App. for Degrees Due/Degree Audits for Spring Grads | Nov 30                                   | 2017-2018     | Summer Term Begins | May 7, 2018 |
| Last Day to Drop with WP/WF for Fall Semester | Dec 4                                   | 2017-2018     | Memorial Day Holiday (no school) | May 28, 2018 |
| Last Day of Fall Semester Classes | Dec 14                                   | 2017-2018     | Summer Break | July 2 - 4 |
| Semester Examinations | Dec 15 - 20                              | 2017-2018     | Summer Term Ends | August 24, 2018 |
| Christmas Vacation Begins After Tests | Dec 20, 2017                            | 2017-2018     | Fall Term Final Grades Due | Dec 21, 2018 |
| Fall Term Final Grades Due | Dec 21                                   | 2017-2018     | Fall Term Ends | Dec 21, 2018 |

| **Fall Term**    | September 3 - December 21, 2018            | 2018-2019     | Semester Break | Dec 24-Jan 4, 2019 |
| Faculty Orientation and Meetings | Aug 27 - Aug 31                          | 2018-2019     | Welcome Week | Sept 1-3 |
| Welcome Week | Sept 1-3                                   | 2018-2019     | Fall Term Begins | Sept 3 |
| Labor Day-No Classes | Sept 3                                   | 2018-2019     | Labor Day-No Classes | Sept 3 |
| Registration - New Students, Transfers/ Add/Drop | Sept 4            | 2018-2019     | Registration - New Students, Transfers/ Add/Drop | Sept 4 |
| Fall Classes Begin | Sept 5                                   | 2018-2019     | Fall Classes Begin | Sept 5 |
| Fall Term Final Grades Due | Dec 20                                   | 2018-2019     | Fall Term Final Grades Due | Dec 20 |
| Fall Term Ends | Dec 21, 2018                              | 2018-2019     | Fall Term Ends | Dec 21, 2018 |

Add/Drop dates = 7 calendar days, with exception of 15 week courses

10.14.16
2016-17 Summer YRC Course Offerings
All YRC students must enroll in: HUM 125-02 YRC Summer Seminar (0 cr) Fridays @ 11:00-11:50

15 Week Courses – Seated
ART 108 Introduction to Photography (3 cr)
BIO 103 General Biology + Lab (4 cr)
CIS 101 Introduction to CIS (3 cr)
COM 110 Oral Communication (3 cr)
CTH 210 Search for Happiness (3 cr)
CTH 234 Benedict Yesterday and Today (3 cr)
CTH 330 Catholicism & the Modern World (3 cr)
ENG 121 Composition II (3 cr)
ENG 140 Introduction to Narrative (3 cr)
ENG 321 Survey of British Literature I (3 cr)
ENR 202 Dynamics (3 cr)
HIS 101 World Civilization I (3 cr)
HIS 330 Catholicism & the Modern World (3 cr)
MAT 103 College Algebra (4 cr)
MAT 180 Elementary Statistics (4 cr)
PHI 108 Search for Truth (3 cr)
PHI 210 Search for Happiness (3 cr)
PHI 308 Ethics (3 cr)
PHY 252 Engineering Physics II + Lab (5 cr)
POL 101 Responsible Citizenship (3 cr)
PSY 205 Educational Psychology (3 cr)
PSY 207 Lifespan Development (3 cr)
THE 120 Search for God (3 cr)
The 234 Benedict Yesterday & Today (3 cr)
The 326 Christian Marriage (3 cr)

TH 9:30 – 10:45
MW 3:00 – 4:15 (Lab F 8:00-9:50)
MWF 12:30 – 1:45
MW 8:00 – 9:15
MW 1:30 – 2:45
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5 Week (May 8 – June 9)
Global Studies Courses (4 Options: England, Northern Ireland, Peru Medical Mission, or Rome - credits vary)
SOC 107 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr)

TH 9:30 – 12:00

5 Week (June 12 – July 21)
Ecclesia (PHI 325 and THE 325 – 6 cr)
Ecology, Math, and Culture in Peru (BIO 225 and MAT 225 - 7 cr)
TBD

5 Week (July 21 – August 25)
ART 125-01 Pottery (3 cr)
ART 125-02 Ballet, Irish, and Swing Dancing (3 cr)

TH 9:00 – 1:00
MTWH 10:00 – 12:00
TUITION & FEES

New tuition & fees schedules start each fall. Students will save by attending the Summer 2017 semester, which remains on the previous year’s Tuition & Fees schedule.

Financial aid for full-time YRC (12+ total credits for summer)
- Students’ financial aid is awarded on a borrower-based academic year, meaning the aid will follow the student in a way that makes sense for that student.
- Federal Financial Aid and University of Mary scholarships are available for students, as eligible, for the summer semester.
- Questions? Contact Kathy Lowe, YRC financial aid counselor, at KLLowe@umary.edu for more information.

Savings in First Summer Alone!
The cost savings available through YRC mean you would have to work 140 additional hours just to make-up the cost difference for the summer semester of Year-Round Campus.

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Remember! You’re saving this money while also working an on-campus job!
**HOUSING COSTS**

- **Summer occupancy:**
  - May – August, 2017

- **Summer rates are 1/3 less than the Spring 2017 rate:**
  - Double room: $1,025.00
  - Single room: $2,050.00

- **Air-Conditioned Residence Halls:**
  - Men’s residence: Hillside
  - Women’s residence: Greg Butler

**MEAL PLAN COSTS**

- Meals will be available in the Benedictine Dining Center from May 8 – August 25, 2017.

- **Serving Hours:**
  - Monday through Friday: Continental breakfast
  - Anytime Dining: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
  - Weekends & Holidays: Will feature specially themed meals and outdoor grilling outdoors

**WORK CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Student positions:** mid-May through mid-August, 2017

- **Work Campus Job Fair:** February 15, 2017
  - Come find a summer job on campus!

- **Work Campus Positions**
  - **Summer rate:** $10.00 / hour
  - **Hours/week commitment varies**

  Students will apply, interview and be awarded Work Campus positions.

**VIBRANT SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

- Special topics courses such as a course on John Henry Newman by Dr. Don Briel, one of the foremost Newman Scholars in the world!

- Hiking trip in the rugged beauty of the North Dakota Badlands which captured the minds of Lewis and Clarke and the heart of Teddy Roosevelt. Experience the majesty of the Badlands with preeminent humanities scholar and North Dakota aficionado, Clay Jenkinson, along with Monsignor and Father Shea!

- Guest lecturers like Dr. Peter Kreeft of Boston College, one of the nation’s top philosophers, and a leading scholar on C.S. Lewis, St. Thomas More, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

- **Plus:** hot air balloon rides! Gun safety and clay pigeons! Intramural waterskiing!

  ...and more to come!