

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 12-13, 2018 MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Non-legislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review November report. The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 13-14, 2017 meeting.

2. Level II reviews. The committee reviewed 24 Level II financial aid reporting cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA and conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:

a. Voted to take no action on the following 17 Level II review cases:

- (1) 2006-1-11;
- (2) 2006-1-15;
- (3) 2006-3-01;
- (4) 2007-2-06;
- (5) 2010-2-02;
- (6) 2011-1-05;
- (7) 2011-2-03;
- (8) 2012-1-04;
- (9) 2013-1-05;
- (10) 2014-2-04;
- (11) 2015-1-08;
- (12) 2016-1-06;
- (13) 2016-2-03;
- (14) 2017-1-01;
- (15) 2017-1-04;
- (16) 2017-1-05; and
- (17) 2017-1-06.

b. Voted to refer the following seven Level II review cases to NCAA enforcement:

- (1) 2006-3-04;
- (2) 2007-1-05;
- (3) 2007-1-07;
- (4) 2008-1-08;
- (5) 2009-1-01;
- (6) 2012-1-08; and
- (7) 2017-1-08.

3. **Assessment of the financial aid committee review process.** The committee reviewed the complete committee review process as detailed in the Financial Aid Reporting Program Users' Manual. Careful attention was given to the timing of the review process as it relates to workload for the staff and committee members as well as timely communication with schools under review. The committee concluded the review process as it currently stands is appropriate.
4. **Review of Division III financial aid interpretive requests.** The committee reviewed a summary of interpretive requests received by the Academic and Membership Affairs staff between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. It was noted that NCAA Bylaws 15.2.3.5 (No Relationship to Athletics, Leadership, Ability, Participation or Performance) and 15.4.5 (Athletics Staff Involvement) continue to be the most frequently cited.
5. **Review of Awards and Financial Aid Legislation.** The committee reviewed the legislation in NCAA Bylaws 15 (Financial Aid) and 16 (Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes). During the review, the committee identified outdated terminology within Bylaw 15.2.2.1 (Exempted Government Grants) and instructed staff to review and edit the legislation to align with common practices.
6. **Update on educational initiatives.** The committee reviewed the current educational initiatives created by the Academic and Membership Affairs staff and provided recommendations for future educational documents.
7. **Financial aid hot topics.** The committee reviewed a legislative proposal for the 2019 Convention pertaining to pre-enrollment educational expenses. Specifically, the proposal would allow a prospective student-athlete to accept educational expenses prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual other than an agent, professional sports team/organization or representative of an institution's athletics interests, provided the expenses are disbursed directly through the recipient's educational institution. It was noted that the proposal would not impact the committee's annual reviews.
8. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned 11:16 p.m. Eastern time, February 13, 2018.

Committee Chair: Angel Mason, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Research
Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee November 13-14, 2017, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Stephanie Bender, Goucher College; Landmark Conference.	
Greg Carroll, Morrisville State College, North Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Crystal Finefrock Gaff, Plymouth State University; Little East Conference.	
Tina Hill, Randolph College; Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Angel Mason, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Todd Moravec, Plattsburgh State University of New York; State University of New York Athletic Conference.	
Ron Noborikawa, Pacific Lutheran University; Northwest Conference.	
Charlyn Robert, Nichols College; Commonwealth Coast Conference.	
Larry Scheiderer, Denison University; North Coast Conference.	
Kandis Schram, Maryville College; USA South.	
Steve Taylor, Concordia University (WI); Northern Athletics Conference.	
Absentees:	
Richard Dunsworth, University of the Ozarks (Arkansas); American Southwest Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung and Chris Brown.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Louise McCleary and Jeff Myers.	