1. **Review of Academic Misconduct Legislation.** Previous academic governance bodies have reviewed the current academic misconduct legislation and provided feedback to the newly formed NCAA Division I Committee on Academics. The committee began its initial discussion of academic misconduct that occurs on member institutions' campuses and the role of the NCAA. The committee will resume its review during its February meeting and will continue to seek membership feedback. The committee anticipates sponsoring a legislative proposal for the 2015-16 cycle. The committee seeks the NCAA Division I Board of Directors input during the Board's April meeting.

2. **Liaison from the Committee on Academics to the NCAA Division I Council.** The committee supported the creation of a liaison role from the Committee on Academics to the NCAA Division I Council. The Committee on Academics has a bifurcated reporting structure in that it reports directly to Board while it also forwards legislative proposals to the Council for action. To ensure that clear, efficient and effective perspectives on academic matters are communicated within the new governance structure, a communications link between the Council and the Committee on Academics should be established. This will help ensure that both governance bodies most effectively serve the Board. The identification of a committee liaison to the Council will provide the Council with real-time Committee on Academics perspective on academic issues. The liaison will also offer context on academic-related legislation. The Committee on Academics Council liaison would not vote on Council proceedings, but act as a communication link between the governance bodies. The Committee on Academics submitted this concept to the Council for its review and action.

3. **NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) - Access to Postseason Waiver Directive.** The committee approved an amendment to the APP waiver directive that emphasizes the extraordinary mitigation threshold for teams requesting a waiver of the loss of access to postseason competition for the first time. The committee recognized that the extraordinary mitigation threshold has led to improved academic performance and an increase in the number of student-athletes achieving graduation. This reinforcement of the high standard is essential given the number of first occasion failure to access postseason waivers filed that do not include extraordinary mitigation or do not include mitigating circumstances that satisfy the definition of extraordinary mitigation as defined in the waiver directive. The clarifying statement reinforces that the waiver threshold is both philosophically and purposefully high, and an institution should anticipate an unsuccessful waiver outcome unless it can demonstrate extraordinary mitigation. The amended directive is effective immediately.

For additional detail, the committee's full report may be accessed on ncaa.org by clicking [here](#).