



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2017, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Recommendation to Establish an Academic Interpretations Subcommittee of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council approve the establishment of an Academic Interpretations Subcommittee of the Academic Requirements Committee.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Due to the anticipated adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal No. NC-2018-18 (committees -- Division II committees -- Division II general committees -- Academic Requirements Committee -- duties -- interpretive and incorporation authority), which amends the Academic Requirements Committee's duties to provide interpretive authority over academic bylaws, it is necessary to establish a subcommittee to review interpretive matters. The committee approved the subcommittee structure and policies and procedures. [Attachment A]
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Recommendations from the NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Program Working Group.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council approve the updated requirements and additional criteria for the Degree-Completion Program, as recommended by the Degree-Completion Program Working Group. [Attachment B].
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- (3) Rationale. Over the past few years, even though the degree-completion program has awarded its allotted funds, acceptance of those funds has been

less than the allotted amount. 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.

Because of the reasons noted above, the working group engaged in a comprehensive review of the program and determined that requirements and criteria should be modified. The committee approved the recommended requirements and criteria.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. With the approval of the requirements and criteria, it is anticipated that the full amount allocated to the program will be granted to and used by the recipients.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. More funds being disbursed for the first baccalaureate degree to deserving Division II student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Trimester Nontraditional Academic Calendars.** The committee discussed the application of progress-toward-degree legislation for student-athletes who attend institutions that offer full-time enrollment in a trimester system with three full-time terms during the academic year (e.g., fall, spring and summer). The committee agreed that for purposes of certifying eligibility, the fall and spring terms constitute the regular academic year and the summer term would be treated as a normal summer term consistent with institutions on a semester system. Additionally, enrollment in the summer term would not trigger use of a semester toward the 10-semester clock.
2. **Update on SAT Concordance Study.** Staff provided an update regarding the current status of the SAT concordance study that will be conducted by The College Board (SAT) and ACT, which has an anticipated completion in late spring 2018. Additionally, the NCAA will conduct a validity study with anticipated results in summer 2019. Updates related to these studies will be provided to the committee at future meetings.
3. **NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Statistics for 2016-17.** The committee was provided an update on initial-eligibility waiver statistics for the 2016-17 academic year.
4. **Review of 2017-18 Division II Initial-Eligibility Waivers Directive.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated initial-eligibility waiver directive that contained no substantive changes from 2016-17.

5. **Review of 2017-18 Initial-Eligibility Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated initial-eligibility policies and procedures document that contained no substantive changes from 2016-17.
6. **Prospective Student-Athlete Review Statistics for 2016-17.** The committee was provided an update on prospective student-athlete review statistics for the 2016-17 academic year.
7. **Review of March 2017 NCAA Student Records Review Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the March 2017 report and approved a new prospective student-athlete review trigger that outlines information and guidance regarding the use of institutional trimester academic calendars.
8. **Review of 2017-18 Student Records Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated Student Records Review Committee's policies and procedures document that contained no substantive changes from 2016-17.
9. **Review of 2017-18 NCAA International Student Records Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the International Student Records Committee's policies and procedures for 2017-18.
10. **Review of April 2017 NCAA High School Review Committee Reports.** The committee reviewed the reports of the High School Review Committee's April 2017 meeting.
11. **Review of 2017-18 High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the High School Review Committee's policies and procedures for 2017-18.
12. **Review of Division II Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Directive and Statistics.** The committee reviewed and approved the document that outlines the standard of review for progress-toward-degree waivers for the 2017-18 academic year. The committee directed staff to continue providing notification to an institution's chancellor or president and the director of athletics when staff approves progress-toward degree waivers noting misadvisement or lack of advisement as a mitigating factor for the waiver.
13. **Review of Division II Two-Year College Transfer Waiver Directive and Statistics.** The committee reviewed and approved the document that outlines the standard of review for two-year college transfer waivers for the 2017-18 academic year.
14. **Update on NCAA Division II Federal Graduation Rate and Academic Success Rate Data Submission.** Staff provided a report on the status of federal graduation rate and academic success rate information submitted into the academic portal and outlined the

process used by staff to approve deadline extensions for institutions requesting them.

15. **Discussion of Changing Criteria for Inclusion of Student-Athletes in Academic Performance Census Data.** Staff provided an update regarding a potential change to the criteria institutions use to determine which student-athletes to include in their academic performance census data. Noting the review of academic performance census data as part of the Foundation for the Future initiative, the committee agreed to continue conversations about the composition of the cohort at a future meeting.
16. **Review of 2017-18 NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the subcommittee's policies and procedures for 2017-18.
17. **Update on NCAA Division II Membership Census.** Staff provided an update regarding the next membership census that is expected to be released in January 2018. The committee was provided an opportunity to recommend specific questions to be included on the census. The committee will review the census at its September 2017 in-person meeting.
18. **Review of February 2017 Academic Requirements Committee Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the February 2017 in-person meeting.
19. **Review of NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council April 2017 Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the April 2017 meetings of the Management Council and the Presidents Council.
20. **Future Scheduled Meeting.**
 - September 14-15, 2017, in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs
Gregg Summers, Research
Angela Tressel, Academic and Membership Affairs
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee June 1, 2017, Teleconference
Attendees:
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.
Jennifer Heimstead, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.
Phillip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive.
Joseph Kissell, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University.
Perry Massey, Fayetteville State University.
Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College.
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.
Christina Whetsel, Angelo State University.
Jeff Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Susan Britsch, Gregg Summers, Angela Tressel and Karen Wolf.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Elizabeth Coleman, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Jane McGill, Stephanie Quigg Smith, Nick Sproull, Ellen Summers and Quintin Wright.