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| Kelly Williams, The College of New Jersey, Pathway |

[Note: This summary reflects only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities. The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group.]

1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   October 16-17 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. October 16 and 8:20 a.m. October 17, by the chair, Brit Katz. The chair welcomed the Council and the Pathway participants.

   October 24-25 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., October 24 and 9:17 a.m., October 25, by the chair, President Jeff Docking. The chair welcomed the Council to the meeting.

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

   a. **Management Council Meetings – July 17-18, 2017.**


      Presidents Council. No action necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – August 8-9, 2017.**

      Management Council. No action necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 8-9, 2017, meetings.
3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) 2018 NCAA Convention - Educational Session Topics.

Management Council. The Council approved the following Division III educational session topics for the 2018 Convention:

i. Athletics Integration: Establishing a Campus-Wide Culture of Compliance.
iii. NADIIIIAA: Providing Support for Student-Athletes, Coaches and Staff Around Mental Health Needs.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Division III Governance-Related Sessions.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the following governance-related sessions for the 2018 Convention:

i. Athletics Direct Report Institute. This session is closed (by nomination only). The selection committee chose 42 athletics direct reports. The institute will take place Wednesday, January 17, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ii. Division III Student Immersion Program. A subcommittee of the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group chose forty applicants to attend the NCAA Convention. This program will begin Wednesday, January 17, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and conclude with a debrief session Saturday, January 20, from 11 a.m. to noon.

iii. Chancellors/Presidents Programming.
   • Presidents and Chancellors Engagement Programming. This session is open to all chancellors and presidents in Divisions I, II and III and will take place Thursday, January 18, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. All presidents and chancellors within the first 12 months of their presidency that attend will receive a $200 honorarium.
   • Presidents and Chancellors Luncheon. This session is open to all Division III presidents and chancellors and will take place Thursday, January 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

iv. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Programming.
   • Special Olympics Unified Sports Activity. This activity is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.
and will be open to all Convention attendees. Special Olympics Indiana is working with the Division III SAAC to determine the sport activity.

- **Programming for Students.** SAAC has identified several sessions that will be beneficial to Division III student attendees. As of September 18, 47 students, beyond national SAAC members, are registered for Convention.

v. **Association-wide Session.** The NCAA’s Office of Legal Affairs will conduct a session on Thursday, January 18, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

vi. **Issues Forum.**
- Discussion and Q&A session: The subcommittee reviewed and confirmed the following discussion topics:
  - **Part II: Ethics and Athletics – Establishing a Positive Departmental Culture Grounded in Ethical Decision-Making.**
  - **Enrollment Management and Financial Pressures (e.g., budgets, resource disparity between institutions).**
    - Are there legislated solutions to relieve these financial pressures (e.g., recruiting calendars, etc.); and
    - How do the current pressures intersect with the Division III philosophy?
  - **Convention Legislative Proposals Q&A/Open Forum.**

vii. **Business Session.**
The subcommittee endorsed the following format:
8 to 8:15 a.m. Welcome.
8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Updates from the FAR Engagement and the LGBTQ Working Groups.
8:45 to 11 a.m. Voting on 2018 Legislative Proposals.

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

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**Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the division’s budget report as of September 30, 2017 and noted the following: (1) Championships overall were under budget; (2) Additional revenue of $1.3 million from selling the NCAA controlling interest in Arbiter; and (3) Non-championship initiatives were over with the approved expenses for Gameday the DIII Way and related partnership with the Disney Institute.

In addition, the Council reviewed the division’s long-term budget forecast and noted a projected surplus through the current broadcast agreement (2023-24). The Council noted the previously approved membership dues increase (2016 NCAA Convention legislation) was not included in the budget forecast. The Strategic...
Planning and Finance Committee will review the current and future forecast at its March in-person meeting and make a recommendation to the Councils regarding the implementation of the membership dues increase for 2018-19.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report from its July 31 teleconference. No action was necessary,

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Management Council Subcommittees.**

(1) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

(a) **Approval of NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Council approved the updated policies and procedures document to clarify that three subcommittee members constitutes a quorum.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Mount St. Joseph Waiver Appeal.**

Management Council. The Council upheld the subcommittee’s decision to deny the waiver appeal submitted by Mount St. Joseph University. For the 2017-18 season, the subcommittee provided a waiver to Mount St. Joseph to conduct the Lauren Hill Tip-Off Classic as a regular season contest prior to the first permissible start date. A condition of the waiver required that each participating institution lose an exempted exhibition contest which Mount St. Joseph appealed. In denying the waiver appeal, the subcommittee noted a lack of compelling mitigation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 219.1.4.2 – Division III Committees – Composition Requirements – NCAA Women’s Ice Hockey Committee Composition.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the composition requirements for the Women’s Ice Hockey Committee be revised as follows “5, consisting of including three members from the East region and two members from the West region/Independents (one coach from each region).”

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Term Extension for the Division III Men’s Golf Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that William Gorman’s term be extended by one year to better stagger committee composition. Mr. Gorman’s term, along with two other committee members, was set to expire August 31, 2018. The recommendation extends his term a year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Days off Between the Team and Individual Portions of the Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s recommendation that a day off be added between the team competition and the start of the singles/doubles portion of the Division III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships. The team competition dates will remain on Monday through Wednesday, with the off day on Thursday and the singles and doubles competition taking place Friday through Sunday. Due to the overall financial impact, the Council approved forwarding this request to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Championships Participation – Obligation to Compete.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed and supported, in principle, a recommended policy adjustment regarding occasions when NCAA member schools decline to participate in an NCAA championship for various reasons (e.g., a state-imposed travel ban, school-imposed restriction, etc.). The recommendation requires a team that opts not to participate in the NCAA championship to notify the
championships staff at least 48 hours before the published deadline for conferences to submit their automatic qualifier. The recommendation also introduces to-be-determined penalties (e.g., fines and/or withholding from championship participation for the following year) and appellate procedures for failure to meet the deadline or withdrawing from the championship at any point after selections are announced. Staff noted that because this is an Association-wide matter, the proposal will not be finalized until championships oversight groups in Division I and II also complete their review.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Wrestling – Regional Alignment.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved recommended regional alignments effective with the 2017-18 season that accommodate growing sport sponsorship and help ensure geographic proximity, balanced championship access, conference affiliation, and competitive considerations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Financial Aid Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Approval of Official Interpretation – Independent Medical Care – Athletics Director Serving as a Coach.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:
Independent Medical Care – Athletics Director Serving as a Coach (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a director of athletics who is also a coach may not serve as the sole supervisor nor have sole hiring/firing authority over an institution’s primary athletics health care provider.

Therefore, a director of athletics who is also a coach may serve as a supervisor for the primary health care provider, provided the supervisory responsibilities are shared with another institutional staff member that is not a coach. It would also be permissible for a director of athletics who is a coach to maintain supervisory responsibilities over the primary health care provider, if an institution creates an appeal or oversight mechanism, external to the athletics department, to evaluate the merits of any negative employment decisions. Finally, an institution could permissibly create an administrative “firewall” to ensure that decision-making by primary athletics care providers is always autonomous and unchallengeable.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Scrimmage, Exhibition, or Joint Practice Exemptions – Contest and Date of Competition Sports.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Scrimmage, Exhibition, or Joint Practice Exemptions – Contest and Date of Competition Sports (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the two annual exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices shall be applied as a contest (single game) or date of competition (any contest(s) on a single date). The contest or date of competition classification is dependent on whether a sport calculates its maximum limits via contests or date of competitions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Organized Competition – Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment (III).

Management Council. The Council approved the incorporation of the following official interpretation [Reference: 4/21/17, Item No. 2] into the legislation:

Organized Competition – Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a player agreement to compete with an amateur team, where no payment is provided, is not competition pursuant to the signing of a contract that would constitute participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual in this circumstance shall not be charged with a season of participation nor be required to serve an academic year of residence.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(d) **2019 Convention Legislation – Eligibility – Full-time Enrollment – Exceptions – Final Semester/Quarter – Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement – NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.**

Management Council. The Council referred back the committee’s recommendation to sponsor Convention legislation to permit a student-athlete to practice and compete while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies during the final term or quarter of the student’s baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.), provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements other than that experiential learning requirement. The Council requested additional information in regards to the number of related interpretative requests and legislative relief waivers.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) **Convention Proposal Grouping and Voting Method for 2018.**

Management Council. The Council forwarded to the Presidents Council a recommendation to designate that votes for all proposals at the 2018 Convention be taken using the roll-call method, regardless of the proposal’s grouping (President Council or General) and approve the voting order and groupings. [See Page No. 19; Item b]

While the Presidents Council is responsible for establishing the order of proposal voting, as well as the method for conducting those votes, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee conducts an initial review and makes a recommendation on both issues. Since the electronic voting units and technology permit the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner, the committee agreed that votes for all proposals (presidential and general groupings) should be taken using the roll-call method, as it provides greater transparency for the membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(f) **Review Division I and II Official Interpretations.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed official interpretations issued in Divisions I and II between February 1 and August 31, 2017, and identified one interpretation [Division I Official Interpretation Reference 7/11/2017, Item No. 2] for additional discussion. This interpretation identified permissible nutritional supplements an institution may provide to student-athletes. Currently, Division III institutions may not provide nutritional supplements to student-athletes unless they are part of a permissible meal incidental to participation. The
committee determined that student-athlete well-being should guide this discussion and requested that staff gather feedback from the Sports Science Institute (SSI) and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) for review at a future meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Recruiting Advertisements.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the question of what constitutes a recruiting advertisement for the purposes of Bylaw 13.4.2.1 (Recruiting Advertisements). The committee agreed that the application of Bylaw 13.4.2.1 is specific to promotions designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes but noted that the location of the advertisement is the distinguishing factor in analyzing if an advertisement violates the legislation. As such, the committee instructed staff to continue with permissive responses when the advertisement in question is not placed at events involving prospective student-athletes, two-year or high school game programs, or aired during two-year college or high school contests. The committee agreed that a more holistic review of the limitations on advertisements and promotions may be needed.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Receipt of Educational Expenses – Pre-enrollment.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the question of whether a prospective student-athlete can receive secondary educational expenses for his or her athletics ability without impacting his or her eligibility. The committee reviewed the pre-enrollment legislation in both Divisions I and II and agreed that a more flexible legislative standard similar to Divisions I and II may be warranted. The committee advised staff to draft a proposal based on the Division I legislation for review at a future meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

- College of St. Elizabeth Appeal.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to deny the College of St. Elizabeth’s waiver request regarding Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants). Specifically, the institution failed to meet minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in women’s tennis. In denying the waiver, the committee noted a lack of compelling mitigation. Due to the waiver being denied, the institution will be placed on probation for a five-year period beginning September 1, 2017.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) Governance Committee Reappointments.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee reappointments:

(c) Division III Committee on Infractions – Tracey Hathaway, compliance coordinator, University of Massachusetts, Boston (term two – three-year reappointment); and Gerald Houlihan, attorney, Matteoni, O’Laughlin and Hechtman (public member) (term two – three-year reappointment).

(d) Division III Infractions Appeals Committee – Phill Talavinia, director of athletics, Bluffton University (term two – three-year reappointment).

(e) Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee – Amy Bakus, director of athletics, Case Western Reserve University (four-year reappointment).

(f) Division III Membership Committee – William Fell, director of athletics, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (four-year reappointment); and Susan Stuebner, president, Colby-Sawyer College (two-year reappointment).

(g) Division III Nominating Committee – Stephen Briggs, president, Berry College (one-year reappointment).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Governance Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointments:

- Division III Management Council (five vacancies)
  - Bridget Belgioio, director of athletics, Wellesley College.
  - Gerard Bryant, faculty athletics representative, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
  - Lori Mazza, director of athletics, Western Connecticut State University.
  - Timothy Millerick, vice president for student affairs and athletics, Austin College.
  - Dennis Shields, chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

- Division III Championships Committee (one vacancy) – Timothy Fitzpatrick, director of athletics, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
• Division III Financial Aid Committee (one vacancy) – Greg Carroll, director of athletics, Morrisville State College.
• Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (one vacancy) – Angie Morenz, commissioner, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
• Division III Membership Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Keith Cecil, and one January 2018 vacancy).
  o January vacancy – Steven Rackley, director of athletics, Alma College.
• Division III Nominating Committee (two vacancies).
  o Teelah Grimes, director of compliance, University of Valley Forge.
  o Michael Harrison, faculty athletics representative, Framingham State University.
• Playing Rules Oversight Panel (one immediate vacancy replacing Doug Zipp) – Ronda Seagraves, director of athletics, Concordia University Texas.
• Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (two vacancies).
  o Angela Baumann, commissioner, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.
  o David Ellis, executive vice president and chief financial officer, Becker College.
• Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (eight vacancies).
  o Colonial States Athletic Conference – Samantha Kastner, softball, Notre Dame of Maryland University.
  o Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – Kiana Verdugo, track, Hamline University.
  o New England Small College Athletic Conference – Annabelle Feist, rowing, Williams College.
  o Northwest Conference – Mikayla Costello, swimming, Willamette University.
  o Presidents’ Athletic Conference – Francesca Capaldi, softball and tennis, Bethany College (West Virginia).
  o University Athletic Association – Eugjae (NJ) Kim, baseball, Emory University.
  o Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference – Emily Goodwin, softball, Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
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(8) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**Association-Wide Committees.**

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

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.2.2.1 – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – General Committees – Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Committee on – Composition – Division I Representation.** [See page No. 20, c (1)]

Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 21.2.2.1 (composition) to increase the size of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports from 22 to 23 members; further, to specify that the additional member shall be a member of the Division I Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 31.2.3.1 – Executive Regulations – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Banned Drugs.**

Management Council. The Council provided feedback on the 2019 NCAA Convention legislative proposal that would align the NCAA’s current banned drugs at championships with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The Council requests a comparison chart when it considers a formal endorsement of this proposal during its April 2018 meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Concussion Safety Protocol.**

Management Council. The Council discussed CSMAS’s request, approved by the Board of Governors, for greater consistency among all NCAA members related to concussion safety protocol review. The Council discussed the use of the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.
as well as possible next steps. Currently, per legislative mandate, the Division I “Autonomy Five” institutions annually submit their concussion protocol checklist to an independent review board. The Council will discuss next steps at a future meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Standing Review Committee.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee created a standing subcommittee to assist with review and endorsement of future interassociation recommendation documents. This subcommittee will be composed of current committee members, and will include a physician, an athletics trainer, a researcher, an athletics administrator, a governance representative and a student-athlete. The student-athlete position will have a one-year term that rotates through each division, while all other positions would be on staggered, two-year terms.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Honors Committee

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2018 CONVENTION.**

a. **Review of 2018 Convention Legislation.**

**2018 Division III Convention Proposal Positions.** The Councils reviewed responsibilities associated with Convention proposal speaking assignments and took formal positions on membership-sponsored proposals as presented below.

(1) **Division III Committees – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Change in Composition.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council opposes the original membership proposal and approved the Management Council’s recommendation to sponsor an
amendment-to-amendment designed to spur more interaction with SAAC representatives from all Division III conferences without increasing the committee’s size. The proposal would provide funding for SAAC representatives from all conferences (and the group of independents) to attend a summer meeting and play a more active role throughout the year.

Management Council. The Council recommended to Presidents Council an amendment-to-amendment to formally designate a student-athlete liaison from each partner conference that does not have a member currently serving on national SAAC. This student-athlete, who will be termed a “partner conference SAAC student-athlete liaison” will have regular conference calls with the SAAC members as well as designated opportunities for in-person SAAC attendance. The liaison appointment would occur through a recommendation by the conference commissioner in consultation with the national SAAC executive committee and NCAA staff.

Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee opposes the original membership proposal. Increasing the committee size to 44 members will significantly impact the effectiveness of the committee and further result in a substantial budget impact. Increasing the number of members also increases the number of SAAC members that must be selected each year, resulting in large slates of nominees. This increase directly impacts the workload of the Nominating Committee since it is charged with identifying diverse committee members (e.g., sport, gender, ethnicity). Finally, some conferences struggle with submitting a full slate of nominees; this problem could be compounded by doubling the size of the committee.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons – Annual Contest Exemptions – Alumni Contest.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council took no position. Alumni contests serve a distinctly different purpose than preseason scrimmages as they allow current players and alumni to stay connected through friendly competition. Further, they allow institutional admission and development offices to stay connected with alumni. Regardless, current rules don’t preclude an alumni contest, and thus the proposal would add an exempted contest. Further, with the current standardization of exemptions only being implemented in Sept. 2017, it’s too soon to assess the true impact of this newly created legislation.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. While the proposal does add an additional exemption to the legislation, the alumni competition is generally not competitive in nature and serves a different purpose than that of scrimmages, exhibitions and regular season competition. Additionally, the legislation would benefit the development/advancement offices at an institution, by creating additional opportunities to engage alumni.
(3) Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – First Permissible Contest – November 8.

President’s Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The proposal establishes an earlier first contest date in basketball, which would allow for more balance in institutions’ schedules. More game dates would be allowed in the first semester, which could create fewer contests in the second semester and a better balance between semesters.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. The proposal would allow more flexibility in scheduling throughout the season, which would allow institutions to provide student-athletes with additional time-off during the winter break or at other times throughout the season. Further, the legislation is permissive in nature and institutions would not be required to conduct their first contest on November 8. Although in support of the proposal, the subcommittee recognized that the proposal may impact the availability of facilities and personnel with fall sports concluding around the same timeframe.

Men’s Basketball Committee. The committee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. The committee recognized that the proposal allows more flexibility in scheduling contests while not lengthening the season. The committee recognized that the proposal has an impact on the facility availability for other fall sports completing their season.

Women’s Basketball Committee. The committee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. In particular, the committee noted that the proposal does not extend the season beyond 19 weeks. Further, it provides teams flexibility in scheduling and reduces the chance of needing to participate in three contests within one week. Finally, the committee noted that the legislation is permissive and therefore an institution would not be required to start on November 8.

(4) Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey – First Permissible On-Ice Practice Date – Second Monday in October.

President’s Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The Council agreed that an earlier first on-ice practice date in ice hockey will allow student-athletes and teams more time to properly prepare for contests within the existing 19-week season.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. The proposal would allow ice hockey student-athletes to be better prepared for on-ice competition without expanding the overall length of the playing season.
Women’s Ice Hockey Committee. The committee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. The committee cited safety concerns based on data from athletic trainers and the desire to provide additional time for teams to prepare and condition at the beginning of the season. The committee noted that the proposal does not lengthen the season and does not mandate when institutions must use their 19 weeks, but rather provides institutions the flexibility of beginning on-ice practices one week earlier. The committee also noted the proposal could result in a cost savings if institutions choose to begin practices earlier in the fall instead of having the team return to campus in January before classes resume (when student-athletes are already in playing condition) and possibly incurring costs for housing and food. The committee did discuss concerns about a possible negative effect on student-athletes who participate in more than one sport, but the committee ultimately supported the proposal to help ensure the safety of student-athletes during preseason training sessions.

Men’s Ice Hockey Committee. The committee recommended the Management Council support this proposal. This proposal will better prepare ice hockey student-athletes for the first game. Currently, there is not adequate practice time available prior to the first permissible contest date. This would allow for proper acclimatization for any new players to their respective programs. Furthermore, this would better prepare the players whose programs are participating in allowable scrimmages or exhibitions. Currently, student-athletes could play in a scrimmage or exhibition with as little as five days to prepare. Having an acclimatization period of ten days seems more beneficial to the student-athlete’s safety. Finally, the committee recognized that this proposal would have a budgetary impact for institutions that do not own their own arena, but still believed it was in the best interest of student-athletes.

b. Proposal Groupings. [See Page No. 10, Item (5) (e)]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of Management Council regarding the 2018 Convention proposal groupings and voting order. The Council also approved roll-call voting for all proposals.

Management Council. The Council recommended the following proposal grouping and voting order for the 2018 Convention as well as designating roll-call voting for all proposals.

Presidents Council Grouping:

2018-1 – Eligibility – Academic Misconduct and Impermissible Academic Assistance.


2018-3 – Division III Committees – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Change in Composition.
2018-3-1 – Division III Committees – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison.

2018-4 – Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Eligibility – Students Graduating from Division III Institutions.

2018-5 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Establishing Preseason Start Date 25 Days from First Permissible Saturday Contest.

General Grouping:

2018-6 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Annual Contest Exemptions – Alumni Contest.


2018-8 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey – First Permissible On-Ice Practice Date – Second Monday In October.


c. Review Noncontroversial Legislation Approved by the Management Council.


Management Council. The Council approved, in legislative format, a proposal to clarify that circumstances where a student-athlete participates in an impermissible institutional promotional activity and does not receive above actual and necessary expenses should be institutional violations and not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) NC – 2018-5 – Association-Wide Committees – Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports – Division I Council Representation – Voting Members. [See Page No. 14, d (1) (a)]

Management Council. The Council approved, in legislative format, a proposal to increase the size of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports from 22 to 23 members; further, to specify that the additional member shall be a member of the Division I Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
d. Review Modifications of Wording Approved by the Management Council.


Management Council. The Council approved, in legislative format, a proposal to specify that a student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class illicit drugs shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

a. **Ad Hoc Committee for Management Council Leadership Nomination Process**

Management Council. The Council delayed discussion until its January meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **2017 Division III Graduation Rates.**

Management Council. The Council noted that Division III student-athletes continue to graduate at higher rates than their peers in the student-body, according to the most recent NCAA Academic Success Rate (ASR) data. The division’s federal graduation rate (FGR) is consistently 69% while the academic success rate (ASR) is consistently 87%. Over the eight-year data collection, 278 institutions (62% of the membership) have submitted data at least once. Football student-athletes, and in particular African-American football student-athletes, have significantly lower graduation rates than other sports. The FGR for African-American student-athletes was 36%. [See the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group report.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council received a request from the working group to consider 2019 NCAA Convention legislation to establish the annual mandatory reporting of student-athlete graduation rates. The working group has been evaluating the viability and value of mandatory student-athlete graduation data collection, including weighing the potential administrative burden, in part because the graduation rates of African-Americans and football players has been considerably lower than other groups and sports for eight consecutive years. The working group believes mandatory data collection would provide the following benefits:

1. A census of valid and reliable data allows for legally and scientifically defensible evidenced-based policies.
2. Enhancement to the Institutional Performance Program (IPP), the free self-assessment and benchmarking tool provided by the NCAA.
(3) Institutions are currently required to submit similar data, per federal regulations, so the submission to the NCAA may not be overly burdensome.

(4) A mandatory collection will enable Division III to tell its very positive academic story and highlight its philosophy. The current data shows that overall Division III student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the overall student-body, as well as student-athletes in other NCAA divisions.

The Council recommended the Presidents Council endorse the working group’s efforts to continue analyzing the existing data, and further discuss the value of a mandatory student-athlete graduation data collected. If supported by Presidents Council, the Council will continue to discuss this issue at its January meeting. The Council noted an area of concern may include administrative burden, and the importance of providing concrete suggestions to overcome this burden.

Presidents Council. The Council encouraged the working group to explore crafting a legislative proposal for the 2019 NCAA Convention regarding mandatory student-athlete graduation rate reporting. The Council noted that mandatory data collection could provide valid and reliable data to support evidenced-based policies; enhance the NCAA Institutional Performance Program; and enable the division to more clearly articulate its overall success and commitment to academics. The Council also noted that much of the data are similar to what institutions are currently required to submit to the federal government and to the Association, so any mandate may not prove to be overly burdensome.

d. Faculty Athletic Representatives (FAR) Engagement Working Group.

Management Council. The working group outlined its next steps and proposed recommendations: (1) Create an information sheet detailing the value added to the student-athlete experience through a highly engaged and long-tenured FAR; (2) Develop a best-practices guide for institutions and conference offices; (3) Develop and implement a seamless education model to orient new FARs and support them through their initial tenure in the position; and (4) Explore potential legislation to further codify the expectations of the role of the FAR in the governance and operation of athletics at the campus, conference and national level.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Council heard that the working group recently distributed a series of surveys to better understand the current landscape and climate surrounding LGBTQ issues on Division III campuses and conferences. The working group will use the survey findings as it explores educational resources, visibility and recognition opportunities, and communication best practices. To date, there were more than 3,250 responses, including 2,500 student-athlete responses.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
f. **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the working group’s partnership with the Disney Institute and the newly created “Gameday: the DIII Way” program. It noted that the online toolkit was updated to include three pillars: (1) coaching/service recovery/conflict resolution; (2) training; and (3) communication. In addition, three items needed additional input: (1) online quiz or questions prior to training and repeat similar quiz after completion of the training to gauge if education of standard is successful; (2) campus self-evaluation tool pre-Gameday training; and (3) assessment of current and potentially modified approaches and policies with campus security and local law enforcement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council received an update on the ADR Institute, which will be conducted January 17-18, 2018, at the NCAA Convention. Objectives are unchanged since 2017, but several sessions have been updated. Currently, there are 41 registered to attend.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. **FAR Institute.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the FAR Institute and noted attendance has decreased from year’s past.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. **2018 Division III Membership Survey.**

Management Council. The Council provided feedback to staff on the draft outline of the division’s 2018 membership survey, slated for February distribution. The survey, distributed every five years, provides the membership an opportunity to express opinions on the division’s current and future policies and procedures.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. **Division III Identity Initiative.**

Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, DIII/D3SIDA recognition award, social media, Special Olympics and Division III Week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
k. **International Ice Hockey Pilot.**

**Management Council.** The Council endorsed a Division III international ice hockey pilot that would alleviate the institutional burden for evaluating eligibility for first-year international ice hockey players. In the pilot, the NCAA Eligibility Center would review the participation history of men’s and women’s ice hockey players in the 2018-19 season. The pilot parameters and feedback will be shared with the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee for final review and approval, as there is an anticipated $10,000 budget impact.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council also endorsed the pilot.

l. **Feedback from Conference Meetings.**

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

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

6. **ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.**

a. **Board of Governors (BOG) Update.**

(1) **Sexual Violence Prevention Policy.**

**Management and Presidents Council.** The Councils received a report on the newly approved sexual violence prevention policy, which requires institutions on an annual basis to have the president, athletics director and Title IX investigator attest to the fact that the institution has provided education on sexual violence to athletics staff and student-athletes.

(2) **Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity.**

**Management and Presidents Council.** The Councils received an update noting the BOG voted to make this a permanent committee. The roster, comprised of nine individuals, three from Division III, will be finalized in 2018.

(3) **Championships Alcohol Pilot.**

**Management and Presidents Council.** The Councils received an update on the current championships alcohol pilot and discussed next steps. Pilot data from the first two years have shown a reduction in alcohol-related citations and incidents. Spectators appear to be less likely to binge drink in the parking lot since they have access to alcohol in the venue. The championships alcohol pilot only allows the sale of beer and wine at select Division I championships, including the joint men’s lacrosse championship with Divisions II and III. The sale of alcohol can only occur at venues that already sell alcohol, have the proper security, and can only take place in concession areas. Staff noted that revenue is minimal as most venue contracts
retain concession sales. However, potential revenue from alcohol sales could encourage more bids from potential hosts. The Council requested staff to collect and share data that more closely delineates the sale of alcohol and spectator experience.

The Division III Championships Committee also discussed the pilot and possible next steps during its September in-person meeting. The committee tasked staff to conduct some fact finding (e.g., how many Division III schools currently sell alcohol, how many of Division III future venues sell alcohol, how many venues would meet the minimum championship alcohol pilot parameters, etc.). The committee will review this data during its February in-person meeting and provide an update to the Councils in April. Staff reminded the Councils that the sale of alcohol at championships is a federated decision, and it would take a separate membership vote to permit the sale of alcohol at championships in Division III.

b. ** Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.**

Management and Presidents Council. The SSI staff shared the Uniform Standards of Care Process recently approved by the Board of Governors. This process provides a more defined process and the intentional engagement of the governance structure and membership around interassociation recommendations, best practices and guidelines. Staff also shared SSI’s strategic priorities timeline. The timeline is a collaboration effort between SSI and the governance staff. While the timeline is fluid, SSI has ensured that it will inform the Councils of changes, as its goal is to keep the Councils informed of SSI’s strategic priorities and anticipated outcomes. The Councils also heard an update on the Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Tool Kit distributed this summer to the membership. In 2014, the Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport Committee (CSMAS) requested the Councils support the elimination of street drug testing at championships, as it didn’t believe this type of testing was a true deterrent. The Councils didn’t support the request and noted the need for more educational tools to address substance abuse prevention and intervention. This tool kit satisfies this specific request by the Councils. SSI noted that CSMAS, during its December meeting, again may discuss the elimination of street drug testing at championships. CSMAS will update the Councils on its discussion in April.

c. ** Research and Analysis of Student-Athlete Insurance and Health Care Delivery Processes.**

Management Council. The Council received an update noting the NCAA has been conducting research and surveys with members of the Association, including Division III, to ultimately develop a resource of effective practices to assist institutions with student-athlete insurance. Key initial survey findings to improve effectiveness include institutions conducting a primary insurance verification and developing a relationship with local insurance providers. Next steps include the NCAA digesting the research and data, and publishing a matrix resource in six months.

d. ** Litigation Update.**

Management Council. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.
e. Governmental Relations Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

7. 2018 COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the current 2017 Committee/Subcommittee assignments. Council members that would like to request a new assignment for 2018, should notify the governance staff. Council leadership will then review the proposed assignments and make final decisions.

8. DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

Presidents Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s September 8 teleconference report and approved the following:

- Reappointed Teresa Amott and Stuart Dorsey for additional four-year terms (January 2018 – January 2022).
- Appointed Kathleen Murray, Whitman College to the Council filling the current vacancy formerly held by Dave Wolk (January 2019). Council noted this position would be eligible for an additional four-year term.
- Appointed Sue Henderson as vice-chair elect (January 2018) and extended her term for an additional year (January 2020).
- Appointed the following to the Council for four-year terms (January 2018 –January 2022), pending approval by the division’s presidents:
  - Tiffany Franks, Averett University [USA South Athletic Conference];
  - Fayneese Miller, Hamline University [Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference]; and
  - Kent Trachte, Lycoming College [Middle Atlantic Conference].

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Discuss Presidents/Chancellors Advisory Group Membership Policy.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council discussed the role and makeup of the Division III Presidents/Chancellors Advisory Group, noting that it allows conferences not represented on the Presidents Council or Management Council to have presidential voices heard regarding key Division III issues. Currently, presidents can be appointed to the Presidents Advisory Group if their conference already has a member on the Presidents Council or Management Council, provided the second president represents a minority group (race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.) to ensure a diversity of viewpoints.

The Presidents Council will continue its evaluation of how to better ensure President’s Advisory Group members have the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the Council, and to better prepare them for potential roles on the Presidents Council.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Monday, October 16 and 11:58 a.m. Tuesday, October 17.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Tuesday, October 24 and 10:37 a.m. Thursday, October 25.