KEY ITEMS.

1. **Strategic Discussion Regarding Best Practices for Management of Intercollegiate Athletics.** The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum engaged in small group discussions and prioritized “best practices” targeted at helping presidents with campus oversight and management of intercollegiate athletics. (Informational Item No. 1.)

2. **Prioritization of Strategic Areas of Focus and Discussion.** Generally, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors will provide the Presidential Forum with areas in which it needs assistance and those issues will be prioritized by the Forum. The Forum engaged in small group discussions and prioritized strategic areas of focus and discussion that may be beneficial to the Board of Directors and the Division I membership. (Informational Item No. 2.) [Attachment]

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Strategic Discussion Regarding Best Practices for Management of Intercollegiate Athletics.** The Forum engaged in small group discussions and prioritized “best practices” targeted at helping presidents with campus oversight and management of intercollegiate athletics. The Forum identified the following three items as priorities:

   a. **Campus governance and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics.** Understanding that every campus is uniquely organized, information about the best way to organize and govern intercollegiate athletics at the local level should be shared among the membership. Some examples include the role of a governing Board in athletics and frequency of Board communication, the term of office of faculty athletics representatives, the reporting line of the director of athletics and the frequency in which the president meets with the athletics department staff.

   b. **Ensuring student-athletes can have an academic experience that aligns with their educational and, ultimately, career ambitions.** Successful programs already in existence on campus that allow student-athletes to align their academic experience with career ambitions should be highlighted (e.g., study abroad, major choice).
c. Engagement with student-athletes, integration of student-athletes with overall campus and successful student-athlete life skills/preparation for life programming. Such engagement should integrate athletics into the academy and student-athletes within the student population as much as possible.

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a. Health and safety initiatives. It was noted that health and safety initiatives are paramount for all institutions and that athletic health and safety knowledge and procedures may facilitate overall student health on campus.

b. NCAA governance structure. The Forum will assist the Board with the two-year review of the governance structure. The composition of the Forum (i.e., one president from every Division I conference) is a significant benefit to Board’s decision-making process.

c. Cost of attendance. This item relates to the impact of cost of attendance on campus decision making and ensuring the integrity of the process for awarding such aid.

d. Funding, enrollment and participation trends in higher education and intercollegiate athletics and their impact on the sustainability of intercollegiate athletics. It was noted that each institution has a unique funding model (e.g., whether institutional financial contributions or student fees support athletics). A discussion of this item will focus on the sharing of the various models and challenges facing institutions.

3. Presidential Forum Responsibilities and Relationship to Board of Directors. The Forum reviewed its purpose, responsibilities and role in the Division I governance structure. It was noted that the Forum’s chief responsibility is to serve as the primary presidential advisory governance body to the Board.

4. Remarks from the Chair of the Board of Directors. The chair of the Board of Directors, Harris Pastides, President of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, noted the important role of the Forum as a group of 32 presidents to provide independent and high level counsel and advice to the Board. The Board looks forward to receiving such counsel and advice, and working closely with the Forum to address the issues currently facing intercollegiate athletics and Division I, in particular.
5. **NCAA President’s Report.** The Forum received a report from NCAA President Mark Emmert. President Emmert noted the significance of the role of the Forum in the collective decision-making process of the NCAA and emphasized it is essential that the Board receives input from the presidential level throughout Division I. The Forum provides the mechanism for such input to be provided.

6. **NCAA Division I Institutional Performance Program Demonstration.** The Forum received a demonstration of the NCAA Division I Institutional Performance Program Data Management System. The Forum lauded the benefits of using the data management system and recommended the NCAA staff find ways to advertise such benefits and encourage member institutions to take full advantage of the information available through the system.

7. **Division I Strategic Agenda for 2015-16 and 2016-17.** The Forum reviewed the strategic priorities of the Division I agenda for 2015-16 and 2016-17. It was noted the Forum will be heavily involved in assisting the Board in key strategic areas, including support and input that may be provided to the Board’s working groups related to a values-based revenue distribution formula and the Division I sports organizational structure.

8. **Goals and Progress Report of Division I Governance Restructuring.** The Forum reviewed a status report on the goals of the restructuring of Division I governance, including the desired outcomes and steps taken to achieve the goals.

9. **Review of NCAA Core Values.** The Forum reviewed the NCAA core values and noted that the Board and the NCAA Division I Council review the values at each of their meetings in order to set the tone for the decision-making process.

10. **August Board Meeting Report and NCAA Division I Strategic Summit Principles.** The Forum received a report of the August Board meeting and the Division I Strategic Summit, including a review of the principles that were formulated as a result of the Summit.

11. **Orientation to NCAA Policies.** The Forum reviewed key NCAA policies and procedures applicable to committee service, including those related to speaking agents, confidentiality and travel.

12. **Review of Proposed Changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act.** The Forum received a report regarding the proposed changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act and a summary of concerns related to the potential changes.
**Division I Presidential Forum**  
October 28, 2015, Meeting

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**Guests in Attendance:**

| Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina, Columbia; Southeastern Conference, chair of Division I Board of Directors. |

**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**

| Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Todd Petr. |

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

| Mark Emmert, Michelle Hosick, Mike Hupf, Oliver Luck, Steve Mallonee, Donald Remy, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus and Leeland Zeller. |
### NCAA Division I Board of Directors

The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities are outlined in NCAA Bylaw 4.2.2. The Board reinforces its responsibility for strategy, policy, legislative oversight and management oversight, including the primacy of academics and the health and safety of student-athletes.

- Amateurism and the Division I collegiate model.
- Division I budget priorities.
- Oversee two-year review of Division I governance structure.
- Communication strategies and input to NCAA Board of Governors throughout development and implementation.

### Presidential Forum

The Presidential Forum serves as the primary presidential advisory group.

- Development of presidential "best practices" in identified areas.
- Provide input to Board with emphasis on the following areas:
  - Two-year Division I governance structure review.
  - Impact of Cost of attendance legislation.

### Council

The Council serves as the primary legislative and operational group reporting to the Division I Board and responsible to Division I.

- Review of financial aid issues and implementation of cost of attendance legislation.
- Successful implementation of autonomy and shared governance models.
- Student-athlete well-being: Time demands of student-athlete (initial phase) and financial literacy.
- Division I budget priorities.
- Sports wagering/gambling issues.
- Transfers/Graduate student expectations.
- Assist Board with amateurism issues.
- Health and safety initiatives as outlined by NCAA Sport Science Institute.

### Committee on Academics

The Committee on Academics serves as the primary academics oversight group for Division I reporting to the Division I Board and responsible to Division I.

- Oversee post-enrollment academic misconduct legislation.
- Opportunities to provide high academically performing student-athletes time/scheduling/progress toward degree flexibility.
- NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) penalties and limited-resource institutions/historically black colleges and universities filters and educational initiatives.
- Accelerating Academic Success Program (AASP) assessment.
- Eligibility standards for graduate and post baccalaureate student-athletes transferring to new school.
- APP policy and retention points for graduate and post baccalaureate student-athletes; 2.6 grade-point average transfer adjustment criteria.
- Operational strategies to address new SAT test and no super score potential.
NCAA DIVISION I
Board of Directors, Presidential Forum, Council and Committee on Academics
Priorities for 2016-17
Approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors October 29, 2015

**Board of Directors**

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- Final recommendations from Values-Based Revenue Distribution Working Group.
- Final recommendations from Sport Organizational Structure Working Group.
- Amateurism and the Division I collegiate model.
- Oversee two-year review final recommendations to improve Division I governance structure – January 2017.
- Oversee review of identified enforcement issues – April 2017 (initial report).

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- Funding, enrollment and participation trends in higher education and intercollegiate athletics.
- Health and safety initiatives.

**Council**

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- Preparing student-athlete for life after sport and translating their skills.
- Comprehensive review of football issues.
- Complete two-year review of structure.
- Review of identified enforcement issues as directed by Board.
- Assist the Board with amateurism issues.
- Student-athlete experience at championships.
- Financial review of women's basketball championship.
- Review overall cost of championships and sports committee structure.
- Comprehensive review of automatic qualifier standards.
- Former professional student-athletes returning to college and gaining access to information to inform professional aspirations.
- Association-wide committee review and determination of need for Division I specific committees.
- Potential changes to football, men's and women's basketball playing rules process, structure, and competition committee approach.

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- Pre-enrollment academic misconduct.
- 2016 initial-eligibility standards.