**AGENDA**

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Division II Academic Requirements Committee

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September 14, 2017  
1 to 4 p.m. Eastern Time

1. **Welcome and announcements.** (Paul Leidig)

2. **Review of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee roster.** [Supplement No. 1] (Leidig)

3. **Approval of the Academic Requirements Committee June 2017 report.** [Supplement No. 2] (Leidig)

4. **Review of the July 2017 NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council Summary of Actions.** [Supplement No. 3] (Karen Wolf)

5. **Forward Progress Athletics Consulting presentation.** [Supplement No. 4] (John Shukie)

6. **Review of pre-enrollment academic misconduct.** [Supplement No. 5] (Doug Healey)

7. **Update on educational approach for 2018 initial-eligibility standards.** (Supplement No. 6] (Nathalie Fairfax)

8. **Discuss annual reporting requirements.** [Supplement No. 7] (Gregg Summers)

9. **Update on Academic Performance Census (APC) data submission.** (Summers)
   
   a. **Update on institutions that requested extensions of the APC deadline.** [Supplement No. 8 - CONFIDENTIAL].
   
   b. **Review California State University, Los Angeles' request for waiver of the APC penalty set forth in NCAA Constitution 3.3.4.15 for failure to submit data by the deadline.** [Supplement No. 9 - CONFIDENTIAL].

10. **Review list of institutions failing to submit federal graduation rate or Academic Success Rate data by the deadline.** [Supplement No. 10] (Summers)

11. **Review NCAA Elite 90 Award.** [Supplement No. 11] (Quintin Wright)

12. **Review of 2017-18 Division II Priorities.** [Supplement No. 12] (Wolf)

13. **Discuss competition between terms.** [Supplement No. 13] (Angela Tressel)
14. Update on NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Academic Interpretation Subcommittee.
   a. Review of current roster. [Supplement No. 14] (Britsch)
   b. Review of policies and procedures. [Supplement No. 15] (Wolf)

15. Update on student-athlete academic waiver transition. (Britsch)

16. Update on NCAA Division I and Division III academic proposals. [Supplement No. 16] (Britsch)

17. Update on education initiatives.
   a. 2017-18 Regional Compliance Seminars. [Supplement No. 17] (Madison Hahesy)
   b. Future regional compliance seminar format. (Tressel)
   c. Discuss Path to Graduation toolkit. (Britsch)

18. Future meeting dates. (Britsch)
   a. February 15 - 16, 2018; Indianapolis.
   b. June 2018; Teleconference.
   c. September 2018; Indianapolis.

19. Other business.

20. Adjournment.
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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.


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.**

Committee Chair: Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive
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: |
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| 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. |
SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2017 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

July 17-18, 2017, Division II Management Council
August 8-9, 2017, Division II Presidents Council

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The chair convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning, July 17. He thanked the Council for their attendance at the weekend Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Summit and welcomed the newest Council member, Bob Dranoff. He also noted that Curtis Campbell, former director of athletics at Tuskegee University, had resigned his position on the Council, effective immediately. Carrie Bodkins was absent because of being on maternity leave, and Paul Leidig would be joining the meeting Tuesday morning.

Introductions were made for the benefit of the newest member; additionally, the new Division II governance intern introduced himself.

New committee orientation packets, along with gifts, were distributed to the members.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened Tuesday evening, August 8, at 6:11 p.m. The chair introduced the new Council member, Anthony Jenkins, West Virginia State University, and noted that Allison Garrett, Emporia State University, would be in attendance in October. The chair noted that David Watts had retired from University of Texas of the Permian Basin and that the Council would elect a new representative to replace him at this meeting. Mike Fiorentino was also absent from the meeting. Staff members were recognized by the chair.

New committee orientation packets, along with gifts, were distributed to the members.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING DOCUMENTATION.


Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions document from its April 10-11 meeting.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions document from its April 25-26 meeting.

b. Board of Governors meeting—April 25.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the April 25 Board of Governors meeting, noting the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition to make no recommendations to the composition of the Board of Governors at this time, as well as the decision to end the international pilot program and establish a formal Association-wide policy related to international membership in the NCAA, as was recommended by the Division II Presidents Council.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors’ April meeting.

- Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Meeting—April 20.

Management Council. The Management Council was asked to provide some feedback with regard to a once-in-five years diversity and inclusion review, as well as constitutional principles focused on gender equity and culture diversity throughout the governance system and the national office. Although no formal action was taken, the consensus of the Council was that Division II is and should continue to keep gender equity and inclusion at the forefront when discussing potential legislation, policy, best practices or representation on committees.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Administrative Committee meeting(s)/action(s).

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions taken via email by the committee.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the interim actions taken via email by the committee.

3. REVIEW OF 2016-17 AND APPROVAL OF 2017-18 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the priorities for 2017-18, as distributed.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the accomplishments of the division in 2016-17 and approved the list of priorities for 2017-18, as distributed.

4. **NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

a. **Emergency Legislation.**

Management Council. The emergency legislation was provided for informational purposes to the Council. Additionally, the Council was provided with a document that illustrated several examples of what a permissible preseason football practice schedule could look like per the legislation, approved blanket waivers and football practice recommendations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Presidents Council-Sponsored Proposals for the 2018 NCAA Convention.**

(1) **Ethical Conduct—Sports Wagering Activities—Sanctions—Elimination of Legislated Sanctions,** which eliminates the legislated penalty for sports wagering, effective immediately.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the proposal in legislative format.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the proposal in legislative format.

(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons—Women’s Volleyball—First Date of Competition—Championship Segment—Women—Exception—Division II National Championships Fall Festival,** which specifies that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition in women’s volleyball before the Thursday preceding August 30, effective August 1, 2018.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the proposal in legislative format.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council voted to not approve or endorse the proposal in legislative format.

[Note that since this same proposal was properly sponsored by two conferences by the legislated deadline, it will be a proposal that is voted on
at the 2018 NCAA Convention. The Presidents Council will have an opportunity to review the proposal and the associated committee positions (support; oppose; no position) at its October 2017 meeting to determine its official position on the proposal.]

c. Proposed Legislation for the 2018 Convention Submitted by the Division II Membership.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council take the following action with regard to the membership-sponsored proposals for the 2018 NCAA Convention.

(1) Recruiting—Publicity—Comments Prior to Signing—Actions on Social Media Platforms. Refer to the Division II Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons—Women’s Volleyball—First Date of Competition—Championship Segment—Women—Exception—Division II National Championships Fall Festival. Refer to the Division II Championships Committee, Division II Legislation Committee and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for review and a position of support, opposition, or no position.

(3) NCAA Membership—Eligibility for Membership—General—Membership for Foreign Institutions—Institutions Located in Mexico. Refer to the Division II Membership Committee for review and a position of support, opposition, or no position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council referred the three proposals to the recommended committees for review and position.

d. Noncontroversial Proposals.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the noncontroversial legislation that had not previously been approved in legislative form (NC 2018-8 through NC 2018-19), as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Incorporations of Interpretations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Modification of Wording.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the modification of wording in legislative form (M 2018-7), as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.

a. Division II Committees.

(1) Academic Requirements Committee.

(a) Establishment of an Academic Interpretations Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the establishment of an Academic Interpretations Subcommittee of the committee, effective immediately. This action is necessary due to the amendment of the duties of the committee to provide interpretive authority over academic bylaws.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Degree Completion Program Working Group.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council and the Planning and Finance Committee approve the updated requirements and additional criteria for the Degree-Completion Program, as recommended by the Degree-Completion Program Working Group, effective September 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the updated requirements and additional criteria for the Degree-Completion Program, which was approved by the Planning and Finance Committee during its meeting later that afternoon.

(2) Championships Committee.

(a) April 6 Teleconference.
Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had provided a list of site selections for 2018-22 and noted, specifically, the dates and locations of the 2018-21 Division II National Championships Festivals, as follows:

Fall 2018—November 25-December 1—hosted by Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and SportsPittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s soccer; field hockey and women’s volleyball).

Spring 2020—May 10-16—hosted by Lindenwood University, St. Charles CVB and the St. Louis Sports Committee, in St. Louis, Missouri (men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s tennis, softball and women’s lacrosse).

Winter 2021—March 8-13—hosted by the University of Montevallo and the City of Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama (men’s and women’s indoor track and field, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, and wrestling).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) April 13 Teleconference.

Management Council. The Management Council noted the dates and locations of the football championships from 2018-2021, as follows: December 15, 2018; December 21, 2019; December 19, 2020; and December 8, 2021—all championships hosted by the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and held in Kansas City, Kansas.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) May 4 Teleconference—Cross Country Selection Procedures.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated language in the procedures for selecting at-large teams, as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(d) June 27-28 In-Person Meeting.

i. 2018 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 17.10.2.1—Playing and Practice Seasons—Football—Preseason Practice—First Practice Date-Championship Segment.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to amend Bylaw 17.10.2.1 (first practice date—championship segment) to specify that a member institution shall not begin official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment before 24 days prior to the first permissible contest or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

The Interassociation Consensus on Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations included a recommendation to discontinue two-a-day practices and to have a day off per week. Accordingly, the Division II Presidents Council adopted emergency legislation (Proposal No. EM-2018-1) to eliminate multiple on-field practices in the same day. To account for that, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief provided waiver relief for the 2018 football season only to allow institutions additional days for preseason practice. This proposal would amend Bylaw 17.10.2.1 to codify the waiver relief and state that the first practice date in the championship segment is 24 days before the first permissible contest date, or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Adoption of this proposal would ensure that institutions are able to adhere to the emergency legislation without compromising their student-athletes’ preparedness for the upcoming season.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2018 Convention.

ii. Noncontroversial Legislation—Bylaw 17.18.5—Playing and Practice Seasons—Skiing—Number of Dates of Competition—Maximum Limitations—32 Dates of Competition.
Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.18.5 (number of dates of competition) to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible playing season to 32 dates of competition for Alpine events and 32 dates of competition for Nordic vents, effective, August 1, 2018.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. Championship Bracket in Field Hockey.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change to the seeding process for the Division II field hockey championship, according to which the Division II Field Hockey Committee will seed the six teams (three from each region) selected to the championship bracket, effective with the 2017 championship. This change provides an opportunity for the best teams to advance in the championship and helps minimize first-round conference matchups.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iv. Championship Date Formula in Men’s and Women’s Tennis in Non-Festival Years.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change to the championships date formula for the tennis championships in non-festival years, as follows: Preliminary Rounds: Saturday-Sunday and Monday-Tuesday prior to the finals (alternates by gender); and Finals: Third Tuesday or Wednesday in May (alternates by gender), effective September 1, 2018.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. Access Ratios in Men’s and Women’s Tennis.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change to the access ratios in men’s and women’s tennis, which would allow for a minimum of four teams per region
and a maximum of eight teams per region, effective September 1, 2017.

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

**vi. Seeding the Championship Bracket in Men’s and Women’s Tennis.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committee seeding the top four teams (25 percent) and conducting a blind draw for the remaining 12 teams. The committee will seed the teams based on the current selection criteria, effective September 1, 2017.

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

**vii. Waiver of Sports Sponsorship Requirement for Cross Country and Track and Field.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council agreed to issue a one-time waiver of Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(e) to permit student-athletes and teams from institutions that did not meet minimum sport sponsorship requirements in cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field during the 2016-17 academic year, to remain eligible for championship selection in 2017-18, provided all other championship eligibility requirements are satisfied, effective immediately.

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

**viii. Regional Adjustments in Wrestling.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council agreed to place Queens University of Charlotte in the Midwest Super Region for championships selection purposes, effective September 1, 2017.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
ix. Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2017, unless otherwise noted.

(i) **Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Committee.** Jessica Cousins, assistant track and field/cross country coach, Nova Southeastern University, to replace Michelle Edwards, former associate director of athletics, Saint Leo University. [Note that this appointment completes the roster for the newly created Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Committee.]

(ii) **Men’s Soccer Committee.** Phillip Billeci-Gard, associate director of athletics, Dominican University of California, to replace Robert Cummings, head men’s soccer coach, University of California, East Bay (effective immediately), due to Mr. Cummings having left the institution.

(iii) **Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.** Rebecca Tidwell, head swimming and diving coach, University of Nebraska at Kearney, to replace Todd Peters, head swimming and diving coach, Minnesota State University Moorhead, due to term expiration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

x. Triennial Budget Requests.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the discussions by the Championships Committee regarding budget requests from sports committees and other groups for the 2018-21 triennium.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
xi. Videostreaming at Preliminary Rounds.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on a recent change in policy by the Championships Committee, which will require specific sports to include videostreaming in bid specifications, as well as minimum standards host sites will be required to meet.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Infractions.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation—Bylaws 32.6.6 and 32.6.7—Enforcement Policies and Procedures—Notice of Allegations—Prehearing Conference and Enforcement Staff Case Summary.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 32.6.6 and 32.6.7 to provide clarification regarding the timing of the infractions hearing prehearing conference and the submission of the enforcement staff’s case summary, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation—Bylaw 32.8.8—Enforcement Policies and Procedures—Committee on Infractions Hearings—Posthearing Committee Deliberations.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 32.8.8 (posthearing committee deliberations) to provide the opportunity for the Committee on Infractions to request interpretations from the academic and membership affairs (AMA) staff as part of the posthearing deliberative process, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Degree-Completion Awards Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(5) Legislation Committee.

(a) 2018 Convention Legislation—NCAA Bylaw 16.1—Awards and Benefits—Awards--Application of Awards Legislation and Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards--Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution Shall Conform to the Rules of the Amateur Organization that Governs Competition and Increase to Maximum Values.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to amend Bylaw 16.1 (awards) as follows: (1) to specify that the limitations on awards received by a student-athlete are governed by Bylaw 16.1 if the student-athlete is representing the institution, or by the rules of the amateur organization that governs the competition if the student-athlete is not representing the institution; (2) to increase the limitation on the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior by $100 and to increase the limitation on the maximum value of all other participation awards by $50; and (3) to eliminate the restrictions on the type of award that can be provided for a specialized performance in a single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week), effective August 1, 2018.

This proposal simplifies the awards legislation by providing greater flexibility for student-athletes to receive awards for outside competition. This change also reduces the burden on institutional staff by eliminating the need to determine whether an award received while the student-athlete was not representing the institution but was enrolled full time satisfies the Bylaw 16 award limitations. Additionally, the proposed award limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 2006 and due to inflation, particularly in the market rate for gold, it has become more difficult to provide the same or similar awards to student-athletes. While all institutions may not approach the dollar limit, the rate of inflation should not restrict those who wish to provide certain awards that may be traditional marks of recognition (e.g., rings). Finally, there would be inequity among the divisions if Division II does not increase the limits in a similar manner.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2018 Convention.
(b) Noncontroversial Legislation—NCAA Bylaw 13.1.2—Recruiting—Permissible Recruiters—General Exceptions—On-Campus Contact with Former Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.2 (permissible recruiters), to permit on-campus contact between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Noncontroversial Legislation—NCAA Bylaw 13.10.2—Recruiting—Publicity—Comments Prior to Signing—Actions on Social Media Platforms.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.10.2 (comments prior to signing) to establish an exception to the restrictions on publicity before commitment that permits actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish) by an institutional staff member on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.17.4 (dead periods for other sports) to specify that, in rifle, during any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 18.4 (general institutional requirements), to eliminate the requirement that an institution must complete annual certification of compliance forms (Certification of Compliance for Institutions and for Staff Members of Athletics Departments) in order to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Extension of Chair Term.

Management Council. The Management Council voted to extend the term of the chair of the Legislation Committee for one year, to end August 31, 2018. This approval was made to ensure continuity between the Legislation Committee and the Culture of Compliance Think Tank Legislative Subgroup, as the chair is member of both groups.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Legislative Referrals.

Management Council. The Management Council referred the following legislative items to the appropriate Division II group:

i. To the Culture of Compliance Think Tank Legislative Subgroup:

- Review of Division I Proposal No. 2016-22 (recruiting—definitions and applications—recruited prospective student-athlete) for consideration of a potential similar legislative change in Division II:

  Whether to eliminate initiating telephone contact on more than one occasion to a prospective student-
• Review of Division I Proposal No. 2016-115 (athletics eligibility—five-year rule—exception—internships/cooperative educational work experience programs) for consideration of a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether to establish an exception to the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility for a student-athlete who enrolls full time in an internship or cooperative educational work experience program.

ii. To the Division II Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Committee:

• Review of Division I Proposal No. 2016-84 (playing and practice seasons—general playing season regulations—general regulations for computing playing seasons applicable to all sports—non-NCAA postseason championships participation—swimming and diving) for consideration of a potential similar legislative change in Division II:

Whether practice and competition for the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational should be exempt from an institution’s declared playing and practice season limitations; furthermore, whether the invitational should be an annual exemption from the maximum dates of competition limitations.

iii. To the Division II Championships Committee:

• Review of Division I Proposal No. 2016-105 (executive regulations—administration of NCAA championships—financial penalties) for consideration of a potential similar legislative change in Division II:
Whether to remove the financial penalties for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration from the legislation and to specify that the sports committee may assess financial penalties pursuant to established policies and procedures, subject to review by and appeal to the Championships Committee.

iv. To the Division II Membership Committee:

- Review of Division I Proposal No. 2015-85 (division membership—sports sponsorship—minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship—minimum participants—women’s rowing) for consideration of a potential similar legislative change in Division II:

  Whether, in rowing, an institution’s team shall include a minimum of 23 participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirements.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Culture of Compliance Think Tank.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Culture of Compliance Think Tank will meet in December, and a final report from the legislative review subgroup will be provided to the committee at its November 2017 meeting. An educational session will be conducted at the 2018 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation—Bylaws 20.2.2.1.2 and 20.2.2.2—Administrative Requirement Prior to Active Membership—Sponsorship Requirement—Conference Membership—Removal of Sponsorship Requirement—Conference Affiliation During Membership Process.
Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 20.2.2.1.2 and 20.2.2.2 to eliminate the requirement that an applicant institution must be sponsored by an active member institution or conference; further, to specify that a provisional institution shall maintain conference affiliation during the membership process, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Bylaw 21.8.5.7.1—Committees—Membership Committee—Composition—Chancellor or President Representative.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 21.8.5.7.1 to increase the size of the Division II Membership Committee from 11 to 12 members; further, to specify that one member of the committee shall be a chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the Division II Presidents Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Institutions in the Membership Process.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Membership Committee had taken the following actions with regard to institutions in the membership process.

i. Moved the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2017:

   (i) California State University, San Marcos.

   (ii) Concordia University Irvine.

   (iii) Concordia University Portland.

   (iv) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida).

   (v) Oklahoma Baptist University.

ii. Moved the following institution to year three of the provisional period, effective September 1, 2017:
• Westminster College (Utah).

iii. Moved the following institutions to year two of the provisional period, effective September 1, 2017:

(i) Auburn University at Montgomery.

(ii) Biola University.

(iii) Davenport University.

(iv) Purdue University Northwest.

iv. Removed the following institutions from the membership process, effective September 1, 2017:

• Emmanuel College (Georgia).

• Spring Hill College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Miscellaneous Actions Taken by Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council noted the following actions taken by the committee with regard to membership status in Division II:

i. Reclassification of Frances Marion University Women's Soccer Program from Division I to Division II. Approval of a request to waive the second year of reclassification process for the women's soccer program from Division I to Division II, effective September 1, 2017. The institution's women's soccer program will be an active Division II sport during the 2017-18 academic year.

ii. Reclassification of New York Institute of Technology Baseball Program from Division I to Division II. Approval of a request to waive the two-year reclassification period for the institution's baseball program from Division I to Division II, effective September 1, 2017. The
institution's baseball program will be an active Division II sport during the 2017-18 academic year.

iii. **Waiver Request of NCAA Constitution 6.3.1 (Self-Study Report) by Saint Augustine's University.** The partial approval of the institution's request for relief from the requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide during a five-year period, noting that the institution submitted its self-study past the legislated deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2017. The institution will be placed on probation for the 2017-18 academic year and is not eligible to receive Division II enhancement funds; however, it will not be required to submit a completed ISSG with action plans by June 1, 2018.

iv. **Waiver Request of Constitution 6.3.1 (Self-Study Report) by Angelo State University.** The partial approval of the institution's request for relief from the requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide during a five-year period, noting that the institution submitted its self-study past the legislated deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2017. The institution will be placed on probation for the 2017-18 academic year and is not eligible to receive Division II enhancement funds; however, it will not be required to submit a completed ISSG with action plans by June 1, 2018.

v. **Request of Bylaw 20.10.3 (Sports Sponsorship) by the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon.** The denial of the institution's request for relief for the 2015-2016 academic year, noting a lack of mitigating circumstances and supporting documentation. The institution will be placed on probation for the 2017-18 academic year. In addition, the committee deferred action on the waiver request for the 2016-17 academic year, as sports sponsorship reporting will not occur until August 1. The committee agreed to review the waiver request for the 2016-17 academic year during its September teleconference, pending the submission and review of complete sports sponsorship data for the 2016-17 academic year.

vi. **Division II ISSG Class Assignment for Institutions Approved for Active Membership as of September 1,****
2017. The assignment of the following institutions to Class 5, noting that for Class 5, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2020:

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida);
- California State University, San Marcos; and
- Oklahoma Baptist University.

The assignment of the following institutions to Class 2, noting that for Class 2, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2022:

- Concordia University Irvine; and
- Concordia University Portland.

vii. For-Profit Institutions Without Conference Affiliation.
The request to amend an educational column dated October 18, 2014, to clarify that financial distributions (except for reimbursement of expenses for participation in NCAA championships) to for-profit institutions that are not a member of an active conference are not permissible.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Budget-to-Actual Report.


(b) April In-Person Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the meeting report from the April 2017 meeting. The Management Council voted to go on record as having supported the budget requests for FY18, as recommended by the committee.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary because the Presidents Council approved the FY18 budget requests at its April 2017 meeting.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the April meeting and was updated on the issues discussed during the committee’s meeting the previous week.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided a verbal update on the recent meeting of the committee.

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

- Noncontroversial Legislation—Bylaw 12.5.1.1—Permissible—Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions—Effect of Violations.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.5.1.1 to clarify that when a student-athlete participates in an impermissible institutional promotional activity and does not receive above actual and necessary expenses, it constitutes an institutional violation and does not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Subcommittees, Project Teams and Working Groups.

(1) Convention Planning Project Team.

(a) 2018 Division II Convention Schedule.


Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Division II schedule for the 2018 Convention.
(b) Division II Educational Programming.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the Division II programming for the 2018 Convention.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Division II programming for the 2018 Convention.

(2) Degree-Completion Awards Program Working Group.

(a) March In-Person Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the working group’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) May 18 Teleconference—Program Requirements and Criteria.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the working group’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Identity Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the Identity Subcommittee, which met Monday evening. Included in the update was a document on the signage credit and promotional items that can be purchased through the Division II purchasing website. Division II member institutions were given a $1,000 credit in January to purchase signage and promotional items; this credit must be used by Thursday, August 31. Also included in the update were discussions regarding Phase Two of the Make It Yours® activation, as well as the football schedule for the 2018 regular season coverage.

The Management Council noted five options discussed by the subcommittee for the future of the Division II regular season media agreement, since the division’s current agreement with distribution partner ESPN and production partner Niles Media Group ends in summer 2018. The subcommittee recommended that Division II look to secure a new distribution model where games would be streamed on the division’s Facebook and Twitter pages. In addition, Division II staff would work with
participating conferences and institutions on securing TV distribution through existing media relationships they have formed. The subcommittee also recommended that the division seek options for a new production partner that offers at least the same quality and level of customer service as Niles Media Group at potentially a lower price. A cost savings in production could give the division an opportunity to broadcast more games, resulting in additional promotion of conferences, institutions and the division.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the status of the purchasing website credits, Phase Two of the Make It Yours® activation, and regular season media coverage.

c. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.

Management Council. The Management Council received the reports from the committee’s March 28 and April 27 teleconferences. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Women’s Athletics.

Management Council. The Management Council received the report from the committee’s April 19-20 meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council received the report from the committee’s April 19-20 meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Joint Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee/Committee on Women’s Athletics.

Management Council. The Management Council received the report from the committees’ April 20 joint meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(5) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council received the report from the committee’s June 12-13 meeting and was informed that the committee had voted to remove the deferral opportunity in its awards criteria. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council received the report from the committee’s April 30-May 1, 2017, meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. **OPEN FORUM AND REPORTING OUT.**

Management Council. The Management Council participated in breakout sessions Monday afternoon, which gave members the opportunity to discuss any issues or topics deemed important. Although no formal action was taken by the Council, issues discussed ranged from television and media coverage for Division II, to officiating issues, to student-athlete time demands.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. **DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

a. **Division II Management Council—Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association Representative.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected J. Lin Dawson, director of athletics, Clark Atlanta University, as the representative for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Mr. Dawson will replace Curtis Campbell, who resigned from the Council. He will begin his term immediately for a four-year period of time, ending January 2022.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the election, as recommended.
b. **Division II Management Council Vice-Chair Election.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected Pennie Parker, director of athletics, Rollins College, as the new vice chair of the Council, effective September 1, 2017, for a one-year period of time.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the election, as recommended.

c. **Division II Management Council Chair Election Notice.**

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that an election for a new chair would take place at the October meeting, with the term beginning at the conclusion of the 2018 NCAA Convention. Interested members should notify staff or the Council chair of their desire to chair the Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Management Council Committee/Project Team Assignments.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of committee/project team assignments for informational purposes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.**

Management Council. The Management Council received positive feedback from the Summit that was held the previous weekend.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the summit, as well as the summer meeting of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. No action was necessary.

8. **DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.**

a. **Social Issues/Consideration by Board of Governors.** The Presidents Council was joined by law, policy and governance staff to discuss and provide feedback on the process that the Association should follow when it is determining whether to act or respond on various social issues. No action was taken.

b. **Feedback from Joint Breakfast.** The Presidents Council discussed the morning breakfast program, which dealt with Title IX issues, diversity and inclusion. No action was taken.
c. **Board of Governors—Alcohol Pilot.** A pilot program was established by the NCAA Board of Governors and began in the spring 2016, with the sale of beer and wine at the final sites of the Division I Baseball Championship and the Division I Softball Championship. The pilot was extended into the 2016-17 academic year, based on approval by the Board of Governors, and included the Division I Baseball Championship; the Division I Softball Championship; the Division I FCS Football Championship; the Divisions I, II and III Men’s Lacrosse Championship; and the Division I Women’s Lacrosse Championship. At its August meeting, the Board of Governors approved extending the pilot for a third year (2017-18) to include the championships listed above as well as the Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship, Division I Wrestling Championship and the Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship.

As part of the pilot and per its legislated authority, the Division II Presidents Council approved a waiver to permit the sale of beer and wine at the final site of 2018 Division II Men’s Lacrosse Championship, which will be held at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts, in conjunction with the Division I and Division III men’s lacrosse championships.

The pilot only includes event sites that allow alcohol sales to the general public for other events. Additionally, the beer and wine sales are permitted at concession stands only where the staff has the necessary training. Finally, the sales will follow existing policies, including limitations on quantity and cut-off times.

The Board of Governors noted that a third year of the pilot will provide an opportunity to gather data and feedback from spectators and participating teams.

Any permanent change to the sale of alcohol at Division II championships would require a legislative change voted on by the entire Division II membership. The Presidents Council will continue this discussion at its October meeting.

d. **Joint Presidents Council/Chairs of Conference Boards/Commissioners Meeting.** The Presidents Council debriefed the joint meeting of the Presidents Council/chairs of conference boards and commissioners that was conducted Tuesday. No formal action was taken.

e. **Presidents Council Elections.**

   (1) **Region 4.** With the retirement of President David Watts from University of Texas of the Permian Basin and the expiration of the terms in January 2018 of President Les Wong, San Francisco State University, and President
Ron Ellis, California Baptist University, the Presidents Council elected the following individuals to the Council:

- Gayle Hutchinson, president, California State University, Chico, effective immediately until January 2022;
- Rex Fuller, president, Western Oregon University, effective at the conclusion of the 2018 Convention until January 2022; and
- Brian May, president, Angelo State University, effective at the conclusion of the 2018 Convention until January 2022.

(2) Vice-Chair. Gary Olson, president, Daemen College, by acclamation, to serve a second term as vice chair of the Council, from September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018.

(3) Chair. The Presidents Council was advised that a chair would be elected at the October meeting to serve from January 2018 to January 2019. President Jones has indicated an interest to be re-elected; other President Council members who wish to serve should contact the chair or the vice president of Division II.

9. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

a. Legal/Executive.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a legal update from the vice president of law, policy and governance. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided with a legal update from the executive vice president of law, policy and governance, as well as an Association update from the president. No action was necessary.

b. Update from Sport Science Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office is working on, including the NCAA Interassociation Task Force on Sleep and Wellness and the NATA/NCAA Summit.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office is working on. No action was necessary.
c. Division II Community Engagement.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the community engagements efforts of the division.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Division II Identity Workshop.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the identity workshop that was conducted earlier in the summer.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Division II ADA Mentor Program.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the ADA Mentor Program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Division II Diversity Grants.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided information on the division’s diversity grants, including the Coaches’ Enhancement Grant, the Strategic Alliance Matching Grant, and the Ethic Minority and Women’s Internship Grant.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Division II Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the Division II Strategic Plan, the progress that has been made thus far, what’s new for 2017-18 and what to expect as the division moves forward.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the Division II Strategic Plan.

h. Division II Make It Yours.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on Phase Two of the Make It Yours activation.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the Make It Yours activation.

i. **Overview of Process for Appeals of Membership Committee Decisions.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with the policy summarizing the process when a member institution appeals a decision of the Membership Committee regarding applications to enter the Division II membership process or advancement in the process. Those Management Council members who are also designated as members of the Management Council Subcommittee participated in a training session during the lunch hour Monday.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations.

a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).**

b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).**

c. **Co-SIDA.**

d. **Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA).**

e. **Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).**

f. **National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).**

g. **Women Leaders in College Sports.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a presentation from Council member Robin Arnold on Philadelphia and the surrounding area.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
12. **MEETING RECAP/THINGS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to member institutions, via each member’s preferred method of delivery. These topics included the 2017-18 Division II priorities; the update on the Division II strategic plan; 2018 Convention information (schedule/hotel information, etc.); legislation for the 2018 Convention; and information on the Division II purchasing website.

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

13. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for the remainder of 2017 and 2018.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming schedule, noting specifically the October meeting in Los Angeles.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council adjourned at 10:23 a.m. Tuesday morning, July 18.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council adjourned at 11:43 a.m. Wednesday morning, August 9.

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**Indianapolis, IN**

- Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus
- Storm Glautier, Nyack College
- Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
- Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Lynn Griffin, Coker College
- Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University
- Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University (Tuesday Only)
- Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University
- Bridget Lyons, Barry University
- Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
- Ismael Pagan-Trinidad, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
- Pennie Parker, Rollins College
- Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia
- Eric Schoh, Winona State University
- Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University
- Scott Swain, Notre Dame College
- Kim Vinson, Cameron University
- Stan Williamson, University of West Alabama
- Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University

### Division II Presidents Council
**August 8-9, 2017**
**Indianapolis, IN**

- Philip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive
- William LaForge, Delta State University
- Gary Olson, Daemen College
- Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University
- M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University
- Les Wong, San Francisco State University

### ABSENTEES
- Carrie Bodkins, Alderson-Broaddus College
- Mike Fiorentino Jr., Lock Haven University
- Allison Garrett, Emporia State University

### OTHER PARTICIPANTS
- Scott Bearby, NCAA
- Geoff Bentzel, NCAA
- Gary Brown, NCAA
- Jackie Campbell, NCAA
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- Geoff Bentzel, NCAA
- Gary Brown, NCAA
- Jackie Campbell, NCAA
### OTHER PARTICIPANTS

| Amanda Conklin, NCAA | Amanda Conklin, NCAA |
| Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA | Mark Emmert, NCAA |
| Maritza Jones, NCAA | Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| Ryan Jones, NCAA | Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA |
| Roberta Page, NCAA | Brian Hainline, NCAA |
| John Parsons, NCAA | Maritza Jones, NCAA |
| Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA *(recording secretary)* | Ryan Jones, NCAA |
| Molly Simons, NCAA | John Parsons, NCAA |
| Stephanie Smith, NCAA | Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA *(recording secretary)* |
| Rachel Stark, NCAA | Donald Remy, NCAA |
| Gregg Summers, NCAA | Stephanie Smith, NCAA |
| Alison Teopas, NCAA | Rachel Stark, NCAA |
| Matt Ward, NCAA | Gregg Summers, NCAA |
| Jill Willson, Division II Contractor | Karen Wolf, NCAA |
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PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee
September 14, 2017
Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

• Goal: Discuss whether to consider amending pre-enrollment academic misconduct legislation.

• Post-enrollment academic misconduct determinations are based on institutional academic integrity policies, which do not generally apply to high school students.
Current Regulatory Entities.

Eligibility Center.
• Certifies initial eligibility based on official records.

High School Review Committee.
• Reviews validity of high schools.

Student Records Review Committee.
• Reviews validity of academic credentials.

Enforcement.
• Investigates potential institutional involvement in violations of NCAA legislation.
Permits the Eligibility Center to:

• Review high schools/programs, courses and the validity of academic credentials.

• Share information with other national office staff members (e.g., enforcement, amateurism).
Relies on Member Institutions to:

• Report violations for PSAs and seek student-athlete reinstatement.

Limitation if Violation Not Reported:

• No accountability for PSAs beyond excluding a course, grade, credit or ACT/SAT score from the initial-eligibility certification.
Current Legislation – Bylaw 14.1.2.1.

Note: moved from Bylaw 10.1 in post-enrollment academic misconduct proposal.

Unethical conduct by a PSA, SA or a current or former institutional staff member may include:

(a) Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a PSA.

(b) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the Eligibility Center or an institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades, test scores).

(c) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations.
**Potential Enhancements.**

- Align with post-enrollment legislation (Bylaw 14.9):
  - Eliminate “knowing” component.
  - Extend to representatives of athletics interests (i.e., boosters).
- Clarify and combine language regarding credit, transcripts and entrance/placement exams.
Two Options.

(1) Status Quo.
   • Maintain current language in Bylaw 14.1.2.1.

(2) Amend Legislation.
   • Consider whether to align with Division I pre-enrollment academic misconduct legislation.
The NCAA Eligibility Center has promoted Division II academic standards through a variety of channels in the past year.

- In 2017, EC staff presented at over 35 camps, conventions, conferences and events, including a series of 11 Rivals camps which hosted thousands of top college football prospects.
- Over two million people have visited the EC website.
- Over 120,000 prospective student-athletes created EC Certification accounts to begin the process of becoming a Division I or II student-athlete.
- Over 30,000 prospective student-athletes created EC Profile Page accounts to learn more about athletics opportunities at NCAA schools. These college-bound student-athletes and families received emails and links about updated Division II academic standards.
- The EC’s presence on Twitter increased to nearly 25,000 followers.
- Over 15,000 initial-eligibility brochures and over 32,000 copies of the Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete were downloaded or purchased during 2016-17.
- The EC published updated versions of the following resources:
  - Initial-Eligibility Brochure
  - Initial-Eligibility Printable Brochure
  - Division II Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet
  - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete

Message to Division II Academic Requirements Committee

Academic achievement has always been important, but now more than ever, we need your help in emphasizing the importance of academic achievement as students begin grade nine. As individuals invested in Division II student-athletes, you are an integral part in spreading the word about the 2018 initial-eligibility requirements.

The EC’s website (NCAA.org/playcollegesports) is designed to help prospective student-athletes successfully transition to college. The content and FAQs guide prospective student-athletes through initial-eligibility requirements, recruiting guidelines and timelines for staying on track during high school.

New online content for high school staff and coaches provides immediate access to initial-eligibility printouts, videos and tutorials. Stay current with initial-eligibility news by subscribing to the EC Member Institution Newsletter. Also, follow the EC on Twitter at @ncaaec.

Please advise Division II prospective student-athletes to visit NCAA.org/playcollegesports for more information regarding initial-eligibility requirements. By working together and sharing EC resources, we can ensure prospective student-athletes have necessary information to be successful academically and athletically as they transition to Division II.
# NCAA Processes for Membership

The tables below are intended to provide a comprehensive overview of various NCAA processes.

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<td>NCAA Academic Performance Census (APC).</td>
<td>Division II Academic Portal.</td>
<td>November – December (Start date +15 weeks – annually).</td>
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*For institutions beginning Provisional Year One on September 1, 2017 and thereafter.

# NCAA Processes Requiring Single Source Sign-On Applications

*All programs require a single source sign-on (SSO) account.*

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<td>Submission of Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG).</td>
<td>Self-study system.</td>
<td>June 1 by 5 p.m. (EST) the year it is due.</td>
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**For incoming and transfer student-athletes following PY1.
### Institutions Granted Automatic Academic Performance Census Deadline Extensions

**2016-17 Academic Year (July 1, 2017, Deadline)**

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# Staff granted a second extension to July 13 due to mitigating circumstances.

* Granted two-week extension due to technical difficulties beyond institution's control (approved by chair).

^ Staff granted a second extension to July 21 due to mitigating circumstances.

### Previous-Year Totals

- 2015: 8
- 2014: 11
- 2013: 10
- 2012: 9
- 2011: 18
- 2010: 16
Dear Ms. Cates:

RE: Penalty for Failure to Submit NCAA Academic Performance Census Data

California State University, Los Angeles is requesting a waiver of this penalty under Constitution 3.3.4.15 for NCAA Division II Academic Performance Census (APC) data submission. As a result of administrative turnover in the Department of Athletics and other staff members unfamiliar with APC submission, we were unable to submit our data by the July 1, 2017 deadline. After receiving an extension of July 6, 2017, the data was submitted but contained errors.

To rectify this situation, a new compliance coordinator was hired on July 1 and has reviewed and validated all of the previous errors to ensure that all submitted data is accurate. The new compliance coordinator will be in charge of annually submitting the required data by the July 1 deadline. The institution will also provide training to other staff members to ensure that more than one individual is aware of this requirement and is adequate at submitting the data. We hope that you will take this into consideration and waive the penalty to forfeit Division II institutional enhancement funds.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Covino, President
Dr. Daryl J. Gross, Director of Athletics
Dr. Patrick J. Krug, Faculty Athletic Representative

Dr. Demetris L. Caldwell, Compliance Coordinator
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<td>June 22</td>
<td>APC deadline reminder sent to all institutions that had yet to submit (162), including California State University, Los Angeles.</td>
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<td>June 23</td>
<td>Daniel Garrett, the institutional staff member to whom the APC assignment fell, emails NCAA Research contractor Maria DeJulio indicating he had received the reminder and asks for guidance.</td>
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<td>June 27</td>
<td>In a phone call, DeJulio walks the institutional staff through the process of getting data into the Portal (copying records and Compliance Assistant import). Gregg Summers grants the institution an automatic extension of its APC deadline, to July 6.</td>
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<td>July 3</td>
<td>DeJulio informs Summers that Garrett was unsure if he would be able to finish the data work by July 6.</td>
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<td>July 5</td>
<td>Summers informs Garrett how to submit a request for additional time, and indicates that the deadline for the request is midnight July 6 (the extended deadline).</td>
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<td><strong>July 6</strong></td>
<td>Garrett informs DeJulio that he believes he has completed the data reporting process. Implicit in this communication is the belief that he no longer needs an extension.</td>
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<td>DeJulio validates the data and finds that there are more than 1,000 errors. Most are missing outcomes (academic eligibility, retention, exhausted eligibility).</td>
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<td>July 10</td>
<td>Summers receives an email from Garrett indicating that he is about to submit the extension request letter and is almost finished with the data (there are fewer than 100 errors left). Summers responds that he should concentrate his efforts on the data corrections and suspend his efforts to submit the letter because it was due July 6. Summers indicates that he will inform the institution soon as to whether the letter will even be considered.</td>
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<td>July 11</td>
<td>Summers informs Garrett that NCAA staff has determined that it does not have the authority to review an extension request submitted after the revised deadline. Summers informs him that NCAA staff will hold a conference call with the chair of the Academic Requirements Committee to determine whether an extension should be granted, and that he (Garrett) should submit an extension request as soon as possible so that information on mitigating circumstances can be considered. Summers also re-validates the school’s data, and there are now more than 400 errors. Garrett responds that he will continue working on the errors and “draft a letter today.”</td>
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<td>July 12</td>
<td>Gregg inquires as to whether the letter has been completed. Garrett replies that he has finished the letter and is “tracking down signatures.”</td>
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<td>July 13</td>
<td>Letter does not arrive in time for conference call including Summers, Karen Wolf and ARC chair Brenda Cates. Cates determines that a decision on the extension cannot be made without a description of mitigating circumstances and directs staff to inform the school that it will be penalized, pending any waiver request it might submit. Summers emails notification memo to institution.</td>
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<td>July 25</td>
<td>Institution’s APC data submitted.</td>
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<td>July 27</td>
<td>Demetrus Caldwell emails waiver request to Summers.</td>
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Subject: FW: Appeal to the committee regarding sanctions for failure to submit report

From: Bruggeman, Jared [mailto:bruggeman-J@mssu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Summers, J. Gregory <gsummers@ncaa.org>
Cc: Nickle, Tonya <Nickle-T@mssu.edu>
Subject: Appeal to the committee regarding sanctions for failure to submit report

Greg,
First, I appreciate you taking the time to discuss the information with us regarding the report. Clearly we had some confusion on our end regarding the reports, what was necessary and how to file them under the current system. Your assistance in understanding that was extremely helpful and we were able to complete the report in just a few days once we understood it.

That being said, I do feel and can show that we had some mitigating circumstances surrounding the confusion on our end. During this same time of the email exchanges reminding us of the report, our Compliance officer and SWA, Rachel Burleson, was hired to become and Athletic Director at another Division 2 institution, Franklin Pierce, located in New Hampshire. Between the interview process, making arrangements to transition and her having the ability to use personal leave that we do not “pay out” due to some state guidelines we simply weren’t as on top of our compliance reporting as we thought. In addition, part of the lack of oversight during this time was that prior to Rachel’s departure, we hired a replacement Compliance Officer, Paul McMann, who job shadowed for about 6 weeks. Much of his time was spent learning the ropes at MSSU and we were extremely appreciative that we had this 6 weeks of overlap between Rachel and Paul. However, during her official last week prior to departure from campus (she was using her personal time the last month of employment), the replacement Compliance Officer, Paul, resigned his position to take another job. This occurred in early/middle June. Obviously, that was a pretty severe blow to the department and our compliance responsibilities. Rachel, while on vacation for a month and moving between Missouri and New Hampshire, was able to complete very limited compliance work, including working on the report. During this time she corresponded with myself and the president and I believe also had contacted you. While we appreciated the limited attention she could give us we were truly left in a void of no compliance officer while a new National search was taking place. The National Search was extremely accelerated and we were able to have a new compliance officer on staff by the third week of July. In the meantime, we believed the report had been filed as per phone conversations with Rachel and myself. Some of the confusion with this as well stems from there were to reports to the NCAA during this time and one was completed, the sports sponsorship and demographic report.

That being said, regardless of mitigating circumstances during this time, ultimately the report being completed, despite the confusion around it, is our responsibility. We hope that the committee takes into consideration the circumstances described and that we have a pristine history regarding completing our reports on time and accurately. This was clearly an anomaly and will remain fresh in our minds regarding how to deal with it in the future.

Thank you for the consideration and all you did to assist us in understanding the report.

Jared Bruggeman
Athletics Director
Missouri Southern State University
3950 East Newman Road
Joplin, MO. 64801
Office: 417-625-9317
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Overview.

The NCAA Elite 90 award recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships.

All GPAs are based on a straight grading scale to ensure consistency among institutions. All ties are broken by the number of credits completed.

Eligible student-athletes are sophomores or above who have participated in their sport for at least two years of school. They must be an active member of the team, traveling and competing at the championship.

Fall 2016 Award Recipients.

From the NCAA fall championships season, 22 student-athletes were named top academic performers through the Elite 90 program. The 22 award winners by sport and division (NCAA Divisions I, II and III or National Collegiate Championships), institution and major of study, and GPA are as follows:

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*Indicates repeat winner.*
2017-18 DII Priorities—DRAFT

1. **Inclusion Initiatives.** In collaboration with the NCAA Office of Inclusion and the new NCAA Executive Vice President for Inclusion and Human Resources, Division II will work to implement identified diversity and inclusion goals and priorities for the Association and to promote the resources available to schools and conferences. Additionally, the division will work to support the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association with their goals, discussions and initiatives in the area of inclusion.

2. **Membership Census.** Division II will conduct its second Membership Census in early 2018. Like the initial census in 2013, the new survey will seek feedback from a range of institutional and conference staff on Division II branding, championships, student-athlete advisory committees, governance processes and structure, diversity and inclusion, and conference and presidential involvement, among other topics. Results will be used to conduct a mid-term assessment of the current Division II strategic plan and outline future initiatives for the division.

3. **Coaches Education.** The Division II Online Coaches Education program, funded by the Foundation for the Future initiative, will launch in the spring of 2018 and deliver legislative and health and safety-related content to Division II coaches. The program is expected to replace the current Division II coaches recruiting exam by 2020.

4. **Health and Safety.** Working in collaboration with the Sport Science Institute, the division will continue advancing the nine strategic priorities identified in this area. To help in this regard, a representative working group will recommend ways to increase membership participation via the Injury Surveillance Program so that the division can obtain more accurate data upon which to base future decisions affecting student-athlete health and well-being. In addition, the division will partner for a second time with the Gordie Center for Substance Abuse to host a Division II-specific APPLE Training Institute September 22-24, 2017, in Reston, VA. The Institute will host athletics administrator and student-athlete teams from 39 Division II institutions.

5. **Academics.**
   - The Academic Requirements Committee continues to review the effects of new progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer requirements that became effective for the 2016-17 academic year.
   - The Eligibility Center continues to educate the membership regarding new initial-eligibility requirements that take effect in the fall of 2018.
   - As part of the Foundation for the Future initiative, the division is reviewing metrics for academic success, improving the accuracy of data collection and strengthening the foundation upon which academic policy decisions are made. The first phase of this project involves data reviews of 25 institutions, and results will be reviewed in the fall of 2017.
   - The division is close to completing a review of the criteria for the Division II Degree-Completion Program to ensure it meets intended outcomes and is funded appropriately. It is expected that the revamped program will launch in the fall of 2017.
6. **Championships.**
   - For the first time, the division will host the men’s and women’s basketball championships over the same weekend in Sioux Falls, SD, March 20-24, 2018.
   - For the second time, Division II will join with Divisions I and III to conduct all three field hockey championships at the University of Louisville on November 19, 2018.
   - Review and approval of the championships priorities (e.g., officiating fees, participation opportunities, championships experience) in the 2018-21 triennial budget will occur in the fall/winter 2017.

7. **Culture of Compliance Initiative.** The division has begun assessing the culture of compliance by forming a think tank of membership leaders to discuss existing challenges and possible enhancements related to campus and conference compliance. During the 2017-18 academic year, the think tank will (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the Division II Manual to identify and address current legislation that does not realistically align with the resources dedicated in Division II; (2) develop tools and resources to help campuses and conferences address challenges and pain points of compliance; (3) encourage development of a shared responsibility compliance model; and (4) host a summit in December 2017 to strategize next steps and forward recommendations to the governance structure for future consideration.

8. **SAAC Initiatives.** The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in 2017-18 will:
   - Develop an alumni network.
   - Increase CPR/AED certification across the division.
   - Encourage Division II institutions to use Helper Helper to track their community engagement activities.
   - Support the Sport Science Institute regarding mental health awareness and sexual assault prevention.
   - Foster discussions and progress on social justice issues.
   - Further its partnership with Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish.
   - Host the first SAAC Super Region Convention November 17-19, 2017, in Washington, D.C., to enhance student-athlete participation in the governance structure and enable student-athletes and administrators to better understand issues affecting Division II student-athletes.
   - Further its “Love2Play” initiative that encourages participants to play a sport because they are passionate about it, rather than playing out of necessity.

9. **Make It Yours Activation.** Phase 2 of the Make It Yours® brand enhancement will bring the Division II experience to life in a way that reinforces a sense of pride with stakeholders within the Division II family and resonates with external audiences, as well. We will publicly promote the experience Division II schools create for student-athletes so that audiences fully understand what Division II is versus what it is not.
Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee should issue an interpretation indicating that in order to be eligible for practice or competition between terms, a student-athlete must be enrolled full time in a term preceding or following the period between terms.

Background and Analysis:

In the 2017 spring term, the NCAA Division II academic and membership affairs staff was presented with a scenario involving a men’s wrestling student-athlete enrolled part time in the 2016 fall term in order to preserve a full-time term to participate in a final season of competition in the 2017 spring term. During the time period between the 2016 fall and 2017 spring terms, the student-athlete was permitted to practice, travel and compete in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.2 - (b) (practice or competition -- eligibility between terms) that outlines a student-athlete is eligible for practice or competition that takes place between terms provided the student-athlete was accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately after the date of competition.

The student-athlete in this scenario never attended classes in the 2017 spring semester. Staff has provided interpretive guidance indicating that a student-athlete is not precluded from participation in practice or competition between terms provided the student-athlete was in compliance with Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.2 - (b). Since the student-athlete was appropriately accepted for enrollment in the subsequent spring term, a violation of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.2 - (b) did not occur.

The committee is being asked to review this issue and consider issuing an interpretation to provide guidance to NCAA staff and the Division II membership regarding the application of the legislation when similar situations arise.

Conclusions:

1. The Academic Requirements Committee recommends issuing an interpretation indicating that student-athletes must be admitted and enrolled full time in a term preceding or following participation between terms to be eligible for practice and competition.

2. The Academic Requirements Committee recommends issuing an interpretation indicating that student-athletes must be admitted but NOT enrolled full time in a term preceding or following participation between terms to be eligible for practice and competition.

3. The Academic Requirements Committee does not recommend issuing an interpretation.
Associated References:

**Division II Bylaws**

**14.1.7 Full-Time Enrollment.**

**14.1.7.1 Requirement for Practice or Competition.** To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution, which for purposes of this bylaw and its subsections shall not be less than 12-semester or -quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies. [D for practice only] *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

**14.1.7.1.7 Exceptions.**

**14.1.7.1.7.2 Practice or Competition – Eligibility Between Terms.** To be eligible for practice or competition that takes place between terms, the student-athlete shall: *(Revised: 4/20/10, 6/16/10)*

(a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time program of studies (see Bylaw 14.1.7.1) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student-athlete is continuing enrollment; or

(b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately after the date of competition, if the student-athlete is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.1.9).
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Introduction.

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Academic Interpretations Subcommittee is a standing subcommittee of the Academic Requirements Committee. The subcommittee's charge is to render decisions on legitimate interpretative inquiries related to the application of Division II academic legislation. The subcommittee does not have the authority to initiate or amend legislation but shall interpret legislation to the best of its ability consistent with the intent of the rule and make recommendations of incorporations of interpretations to the Academic Requirements Committee.

The subcommittee meets every other week via teleconference call, as necessary, to address academic interpretive issues. The subcommittee may also address issues at regular meetings of the Academic Requirements Committee, which occur three times annually.

Composition.

The subcommittee is comprised of six members of the Academic Requirements Committee (five committee members and the chair of the full committee).

General Duties.

Generally, the subcommittee may be requested to issue interpretations related to the application of Division II academic legislation in the following situations:

1. Referrals from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff regarding the application of legislation.

2. Referrals from other committees within the Division II governance structure.

3. Requests by a member institution or conference for further review of an interpretation provided by the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff.

4. Review applicable academic interpretations issued by Divisions I and III to assess whether it is appropriate to issue a similar interpretation for the Division II membership.

Emergency Issues.

The subcommittee convenes biweekly to review interpretative issues; however, emergency calls may be convened within 48 hours of receipt of the request of a member institution or conference when the issue relates to the immediate eligibility of a student-athlete. When necessary, the subcommittee may review an issue electronically.
Institutional Presence on Conference Calls.

The deliberation of an interpretation shall involve subcommittee members and academic and membership affairs staff members only. An institutional staff member may not request the right to appear on a subcommittee teleconference for the purpose of presenting the institution's case.

Approval/Appeal Process.

The subcommittee will issue interpretations that are either a confirmation or a determination of the meaning of the legislation. A confirmation is issued when an official interpretation or the legislation directly answers the question. Institutions are bound by a confirmation prior to and following its issuance since it is a confirmation of existing legislation. A determination is issued when the legislation or an official interpretation does not directly answer the question. Institutions are bound by a determination from the date of its issuance and notification to the membership.

The Academic Requirements Committee may review and ratify interpretations issued by the subcommittee. Interpretations not ratified at the next regular meeting of the Academic Requirements Committee will be archived and no longer effective.

The NCAA Division II Management Council may approve, reverse or modify interpretations issued by the subcommittee. A member institution may appeal a decision of the subcommittee to the Management Council at the Management Council meeting immediately following the subcommittee's decision.

Recusal.

Generally, issues for review by the subcommittee are presented anonymously with all references to the institution/conference or particular student-athlete redacted. However, in those instances where a subcommittee member becomes aware of the conference or institution involved in the interpretation, a subcommittee member should recuse himself or herself where the potential for a conflict of interest may exist (e.g., subcommittee member is from the same institution or conference). The subcommittee chair reserves the right to request that any subcommittee member recuse himself or herself for reasons of possible bias.

Subcommittee Spokesperson.

It is important that the subcommittee's decisions and discussions are communicated to the membership and the public in a clear and consistent manner. To that end, the chair shall represent the subcommittee on all external communications (e.g., communications with those who are not members of the subcommittee) including conversations with the media. The NCAA speaking agent policy is as follows:
"The president of the Association and the chair of the NCAA Executive Committee are the only individuals authorized to speak on behalf of the Association except as outlined below. An individual representing a member institution or conference who speaks or opines on an Association issue only has the authority to express the view of that individual or the member institution or conference unless the individual has been designated by the Executive Committee of the Association as a speaking agent of the Association on that issue. Committee chairs are hereby designated as speaking agents of their committees regarding issues within their committees’ jurisdiction on which there is consensus, except that positions of advocacy on behalf of the committee or the Association to be communicated in writing or orally to persons or entities external to the Association must have prior approval by the Executive Committee or the president of the Association. The president of the Association is hereby granted authority to designate additional speaking agents of the Association."

Ex-Parte Communication.

In order to maintain the integrity of the interpretation process, the influence of outside discussions and arguments should be kept to a minimum. Once an issue has been submitted to the subcommittee for review, subcommittee members should not discuss an issue with noncommittee members (e.g., the public or the membership) prior to discussion of the issue by the subcommittee.
Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may practice and compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies during the final semester 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.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [D]

[14.2.1.1 through 14.2.1.2 unchanged.]

14.2.1.3 Exception -- Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution.

14.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may practice while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester 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.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception the following semester or quarter.

[14.2.1.4 through 14.2.1.7 renumbered as 14.2.1.5 through 14.2.1.8, unchanged.]

14.2.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours.

14.2.2.1 Exceptions. The following exceptions to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter-hour enrollment requirement are permitted:

[14.2.2.1 through 14.2.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.2.1.3 Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. The student granted eligibility under this provision shall be eligible for any postseason event that begins within 60 days following said semester or quarter, provided the student has not exhausted the five years for completion of the individual’s maximum permissible number of seasons of eligibility (see Bylaw 14.2). Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution’s next degree-granting date.

[14.2.2.1.3.1 unchanged.]

14.2.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester 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.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements during the
following final semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution’s next degree granting date immediately following the final semester. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception in the following semester or quarter.

[14.2.2.1.4 renumbered as 14.2.2.1.5, unchanged.]

[14.2.2.2 through 14.2.2.6 unchanged.] 

[14.2.3 unchanged.] 

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics) 

Effective Date: August 1, 2017; for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after 

Category: Amendment 

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility 

Rationale: This proposal reduces the burden on the membership by allowing institutions to use a legislative exception in lieu of a waiver process. In 2016, all less-than-full-time enrollment waivers for practice and competition for student-athletes in this situation were approved. These student-athletes are not provided the opportunity to use the existing final term less-than-full-time exception although they are completing all remaining degree requirements other than the experiential requirement of their degree program, during their penultimate terms. In addition, these student-athletes do not have academic deficiencies. This proposal aligns with the Division I pillars of academics, well-being and fairness to student-athletes. This proposal is recommended as noncontroversial legislation because broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there is no significant impact on existing or proposed legislation. 

Budget Impact: None. 

Time Impact: None. 

History: 

Jun 28, 2017 Adopted by Council Approved as noncontroversial legislation. 

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[Note: The Central region will not host a Regional Compliance Seminar during the 2017-18 academic year. Representatives from institutions and conferences in this region will attend one of the Regional Rules Seminars in June 2018.]