



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation — Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Full-Time Enrollment – Exceptions – Final Semester/Quarter – Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that a student-athlete may practice and compete while enrolled in less than a 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) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements as determined by the faculty of the institution, other than the experiential learning requirement.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2018.
- (3) 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 enrollment exception although they are completing all remaining degree requirements other than the experiential learning requirement of their degree program.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. A student-athlete may practice and compete while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies prior to the completion of an experiential learning requirement without the institution having to file a waiver on his or her behalf.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of the Forward Progress Athletics Consulting Presentation Regarding Academic Data Review.** The committee received an update from Forward Progress Athletics Consulting regarding the first phase of an academic data review that was funded by the Division II Foundation for the Future initiative. The review focused on determining the accuracy of the academic data submitted by Division II institutions through a series of voluntary data reviews. Twenty-five member institutions participated in the review, and the study revealed a few areas in which to improve accuracy. The committee will receive a second update on the review during its February 2018 in-person meeting to discuss next steps.
- 2. Update on Academic Performance Census Data Submission.** The committee reviewed a list of institutions that successfully requested an extension of the Academic Performance Census deadline for the 2017-18 academic year. The committee also reviewed a request from California State University, Los Angeles, to waive the penalty for failure to meet the deadline for Academic Performance Census data. The institution failed to submit the data required by the deadline. The institution asserted that, due to a staffing change, it misunderstood the deadline and process to request an extension. The committee denied the request due to a lack of mitigating circumstances.

[Note: Jennifer Heimstead, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, recused herself from the discussion and vote.]
- 3. Review List of Institutions Failing to Submit Federal Graduation Rate or Academic Success Rate Data by the Deadline.** The committee reviewed information regarding the one institution that failed to submit data prior to the deadline. Missouri Southern State University failed to meet the deadline and submitted a waiver of the penalty set forth in NCAA Constitution 3.3.4.14.1 (failure to submit data). The committee denied the waiver request due to a lack of mitigating circumstances. Therefore, the legislated penalty for failure to submit the data by the deadline will apply to Missouri Southern.
- 4. Discussion of Annual Reporting Requirements.** The committee reviewed a summary of the annual reporting requirements and deadlines for Division II active member institutions. The committee agreed to continue its discussions on this topic at future in-person meetings
- 5. Review of Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct Concept.** The committee reviewed the current Division II legislation and discussed whether it should consider amending the legislation similar to the recent change adopted in Division I. The committee requested a review of the proposed legislative change for potential action during its February 2018 in-person meeting

6. **Update on Educational Approach for 2018 Initial-Eligibility Standards.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Eligibility Center on the educational approach for the next academic year regarding the change to the initial-eligibility requirements that become effective August 1, 2018.
7. **Discussion of Competition Between Terms.** The committee discussed whether it should issue an interpretation indicating that, 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 [see NCAA Bylaw 14.1.7.1.2-(b) (practice or competition – eligibility between terms)]. The committee agreed that no action was needed at this time and staff should continue applying the legislation as currently written.
8. **Review of NCAA Division I and Division III Academic Proposals.** The committee reviewed academic proposals recently adopted and currently in the legislative cycle for Division I and Division III. The committee recommended one noncontroversial legislative change. [See Legislative Action Item]
9. **Update on Student-Athlete Academic Waiver Transition.** Staff provided an update on the transition of student-athlete academic waiver processing from the academic and membership affairs Division I Bylaw 14 team to the academic and membership affairs Division II team. Staff training will begin in late September and the transition will occur November 1.
10. **Review of NCAA Elite 90 Award.** The committee reviewed a list of the recipients of the NCAA Elite 90 award, given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.
11. **Update on Educational Initiatives.** Staff provided an update on educational initiatives for the upcoming year, including a review of the 2017-18 regional compliance seminar structure and schedule, as well as changes for the 2018-19 academic year and beyond. The committee also discussed the status of the Path to Graduation Online Toolkit, which is available on www.ncaa.org. The committee agreed that maintaining the toolkit in its entirety was no longer necessary and directed staff to relocate relevant resource documents to the Online Education Resource Center webpage for ongoing use.
12. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee June 2017 Teleconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the June 2017 teleconference.
13. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee Roster.** The committee reviewed the current roster for accuracy.

- 14. Update on NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Academic Interpretations Subcommittee.** Staff provided an update on the Academic Interpretations Subcommittee roster and policies and procedures. It was noted that the subcommittee has oversight of academic interpretations and will begin meeting via teleconference bi-monthly on an as-needed basis.
- 15. Review of the July and August 2017 NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the July and August 2017 meetings of the Management Council and the Presidents Council.
- 16. Update on NCAA Division II Priorities.** Staff provided an update on the 2017-18 Division II priorities.
- 17. Future Meeting Schedule.** Staff noted that the committee will conduct an in-person meeting February 15-16, 2018, and that the date of the summer teleconference in June 2018 is yet to be determined. The committee agreed to conduct its fall in-person meeting September 13-14, 2018.

Committee Chair: Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee September 14, 2017, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive; Conference Carolinas.	
Jennifer Heimstead, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Phillip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive; Conference Carolinas.	
Joseph Kissell, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College; Northeast-10 Conference.	
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University; Great American Conference.	
Christina Whetsel, Angelo State University; Lone Star Conference.	
Jeff Yasalonis, University of Mount Olive; Conference Carolinas.	
Absentees:	
Perry Massey, Fayetteville State University; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Great Northwest Athletic Conference.	
John Shukie, Forward Progress Athletic Consulting.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Susan Britsch, Gregg Summers, and Angela Tressel.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Nathalie Fairfax, Madison Haesy, Doug Healey, Stephanie Quigg Smith, Matt Ward, Karen Wolf and Quintin Wright.	