

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
April 30, 2015**

**KEY ITEMS.**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Board of Governors Chair, Kirk Schulz, convened the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. and requested members of the Board of Governors to make introductions. The board then voted to change the order of the presentation of agenda items to accommodate member schedules.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To change the order of the presentation of agenda items."

2. **Approval of the January 2015 meeting report.** The report of the January 16, 2015 meeting, held during the convention, was approved with no changes.
3. **Litigation and legislative strategic discussion.** Chief legal officer, Donald Remy, provided a privileged and confidential briefing and facilitated a dialogue on current litigation.
4. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** President Papp, chair of the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee, provided the report of that committee which included NCAA reserve policies and future options for reserve funds, the NCAA internal audit plan, the Association's tax return. Additionally, the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report provided the second quarter budget –to-actual results. President Papp advised that in upcoming months, the committee will examine the appropriate balance of the reserves.

Together with chief legal officer Remy, President Papp facilitated a privileged discussion regarding a committee recommendation on allowable use of funds toward a potential settlement.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To accept the recommendation that the NCAA board restricted funds, both the Quasi-endowment and Operating Reserve, may be used for contribution toward any settlement approved by the Board of Governors . . . [privileged and confidential] s an exception to the current fund policy governing their uses."

*It further was unanimously VOTED.*

"To accept the recommendation that the board restricted funds may be used for purposes of contributing 75% of any total monetary settlement . . . [privileged and confidential]

5. **Discussion on the structure of the Board of Governors.** President Bense discussed the efforts of the previous Executive Committee Redesign Subcommittee and the results of a first-phase initiative to rename and repurpose the Executive Committee, now Board of Governors. President Bense recommended the establishment of a board committee comprised of two members from the presidential bodies of each division. The committee would carry out a second-phase initiative to examine matters related to board structure such as composition and term, as well as efficiently seeking membership input on possible composition models.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To form a committee comprised of six members: the chairs of the Division I Board of Directors and the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Vice Chairs of the Divisions II and III Presidents councils and because the Division I Board does not have a Vice Chair, another Division I Board member designated by its Chair.

6. **Priorities and social policies of the Board of Governors.** The Board of Governors reviewed their collective priorities for the 2015-16 agenda. Staff summarized the meeting materials identified for the board's review and provided historical context and/or the Association's current position on specific policy issues such as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

7. **NCAA President's report.** President Emmert also included remarks on RFRA in his report to the Board of Governors.

8. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) update.** The leadership of the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC) provided updates to the board. Because of conflicts in schedules, the reports of the Division III SAC chair, Amanda Ingersoll and the Division II SAAC chair, Roberto "Bubba" Baroniell, were delivered by Kendal Spencer, Division I SAAC chair. President Schulz recognized Mr. Spencer who provided the following:

a. **Division III SAAC.** DIII SAAC report advised that during its spring committee meeting, it welcomed 6 new members. The student-athlete advisory committee determined that areas of focus would include the "It's On Us" campaign and the creation of educational videos to enhance student-athlete participation within the division.

b. **Division II SAAC.** Division II SAAC Report provided an update on the SAAC's involvement with the April 2015 APPLE conference and potential partnership with Ohio State's Generation Rx initiative. DII SAAC is also planning to create a best practices guide that will identify opportunities to increase SAAC involvement on campus and promote student-athlete leadership.

c. **Division I SAAC.** Division I SAAC report advised that at a March 2015 strategic planning meeting the student-athlete advisory committee discussed the changing landscape of college athletics. In response, the DI SAAC identified five broad areas to focus on for the upcoming year: cost of attendance; time demands on student-athletes; mental health issues; graduate transfers; and educating student-athletes about current litigation involving the Association.

9. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Divisions II and III Presidents Councils reports.**

a. **Division III Presidents Council.** The board of governors received a report from Division III Presidents Council chair President Alan Cureton. President Cureton described a meeting with the chair and vice chair of DIII Conference Commissioner's Association and discussions to enhance presidential leadership at the conference level. He also reported that the DIII Presidents Council had (i.) approved the proposed budget for 2015-16, including limited championships and non-championships enhancements and (ii.) charged its Strategic Planning and Finance Committee with developing specific recommendations regarding a possible dues increase for DIII schools and conferences.

b. **Division II Presidents Council.** The board of governors received a report from Judy Bense, Division II Presidents Council chair. President Bense gave an update on Division II's brand enhancement and its strategic plan. The strategic plan will continue

the division's focus on five strategic positioning outcome areas: academics and life skills; athletics operations and compliance; diversity and inclusion; game day and championships; and membership and positioning initiatives.

- c. **Division I Board of Directors.** The board of governors received a report from, Daniel Papp, on behalf of Harris Pastides, Division I Board of Directors chair. President Papp provided an update on the new DI governance structure and described how the new Division I Council had organized itself to conduct its business with a substructure of seven committees. President Papp also reported that the Board of Directors had adopted legislation to establish the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum (previously the NCAA Division I Presidential Advisory Group). Finally, President Papp also identified possible topics for discussion at the August Division I Strategic Summit.

President Schulz thanked each for their leadership. Given the breadth of the Divisional Governance Scorecard presentations at the Presidential Breakfast, President Schulz took under advisement the suggestion to eliminate an additional divisional report during the Board of Governors' meeting.

11. **Future meetings.**

- Division I Strategic Summit Tuesday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 5, 2015; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Board of Governors meeting, Thursday, August 5, 2015; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Board of Governors meeting, Thursday, October 29, 2015; Indianapolis, Indiana.

12. **Executive Session.** The board concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.

13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* Kirk Schulz, President of Kansas State University.

*Staff Liaisons:* Donald Remy, Executive Vice President of Law, Policy and Governance

Terri Carmichael Jackson, Director of Law, Policy and Governance

Attendees	Absentees
<p>Stan Albrecht, Utah State University                      Judith Bense, University of West Florida                      Gene Block, University of California, Los Angeles                      Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern-St. Paul                      Mark Emmert, NCAA President                      Philip Hanlon, Dartmouth College                      Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University                      L. Jay Lemons, Susquehanna University                      Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina, Columbia                      Daniel Papp, Kennesaw State University                      Jim Phillips, Northwestern University                      Lori Runksmeier, New England College                      Joe Savoie, University of Louisiana, Lafayette                      Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University                      Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University</p>	<p>John Hitt, University of Central Florida                      David R. Hopkins, Wright State University                      David Leebron, Rice University                      Roderick McDavis, Ohio University                      Baker Pattillo, Stephen F. Austin State University</p>

Other Participants
<p>Scott Bearby, general counsel                      Terri Carmichael Jackson, director of law, policy and governance                      Daniel Dutcher, vice president of Division III                      Bernard Franklin, executive vice president, executive vice president of education and community engagement                      Brian Hendrickson, director of strategic communications                      Cari Klecka, chief of staff                      Kevin Lennon, vice president of Division I                      Mark Lewis, executive vice president of championships                      Kathleen McNeely, executive vice president of administration and chief financial officer                      Donald Remy, executive vice president of law, policy, and governance—chief legal officer                      Naima Stevenson, deputy general counsel                      Kendall Spencer, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Council chair                      Terri Steeb-Gronau, vice president of Division II                      Bob Williams, vice president of communications</p>