



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
AD HOC FINANCIAL AID ISSUES WORKING GROUP  
JANUARY 21, 2016, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review NCAA Division I Membership Survey Feedback.** The NCAA Division I Council Ad Hoc Financial Aid Issues Working Group reviewed the membership survey results which netted a 45-percent response rate. The survey was intended to gauge constituency positions on a number of concepts which had been under review by the working group. Within the survey, overall responses included:
  - a. Sixty-seven (67) percent support gathering and collecting more data about how cost of attendance in equivalency sports is affecting the NCAA Division I Commitment to Fair Competition before modifying the legislation, as the legislation went into effect August 1, 2015;
  - b. Fifty-two (52) percent support the concept of allowing schools to provide cost of attendance without impacting the equivalency numerator and denominator, only in proportion to a student-athlete's equivalency computation, as a viable alternative to address any potential negative impact to the Division I Commitment to Fair Competition; and
  - c. Fifty-seven (57) percent oppose NCAA Proposal No. 2015-67, which would allow nonathletically related financial aid to be awarded without counting towards a team's equivalency limits.

A comment box was also included within the survey and a majority of respondents indicated an awareness of the intent of the cost of attendance legislation, which the working group found encouraging. The working group will continue to review structural elements and components of each concept, with the goal of finalizing its recommendation(s) to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Division I Council for consideration in April 2016.

2. **Report from the 2016 NCAA Convention Outreach.** The 2016 NCAA Convention provided an opportunity to meet with various constituency groups and obtain feedback on

the implementation of the cost of attendance legislation. Insights included:

- a. This is a complex issue and it is difficult to determine a solution that meets the needs of all within the Division I membership;
  - b. Re-evaluating a sport-by-sport approach would be a futile exercise without more data as it relates to the practical effects of cost of attendance; and
  - c. Some individuals and/or organizations support what is referred to as the proportionality concept (Concept No. 2 in the briefing memorandum), despite concerns of manipulation.
- 3. Other Business.** An area of consensus arose during the working group's recent teleconference to conduct a comprehensive review of the financial aid legislation. It was noted that minor modifications to the legislation might not correct the issues institutions and student-athletes are experiencing under the current iteration of the legislation. The working group anticipates including a recommendation for an NCAA Division I Bylaw 15 (Financial Aid) review to the Student-Athlete Experience Committee and the Division I Council.
- 4. Future Meeting.** The working group will conduct its next teleconference at 10 a.m. Eastern time Friday, February 5.

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*Staff Liaisons: Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
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<b>NCAA Division I Council Ad Hoc Financial Aid Issues Working Group January 21, 2016, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Southeastern Conference.
Ginger Fulton; Patriot League.
Beth Goetz, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Big Ten Conference.
Kim Griffin, Canisius College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Ken Kavanagh, Florida Gulf Coast University; Atlantic Sun Conference.
Mike Miller, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.
Martha Puttalaz, Duke University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.
Sheahon Zenger, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Jimmy Gehrels, Pepperdine University; West Coast Conference.
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
Alisha Tucker, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Matt Banker, Jill Bodensteiner, Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Mike Scott.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Brandy Hataway, Matt Maher.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby, Jenn Fraser, Michelle Hosick.