

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL AD HOC FINANCIAL AID ISSUES WORKING GROUP
OCTOBER 15, 2015, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Historical and Contextual Review Related to Development of Head Count Sports and Equivalency Sports.** At the conclusion of its September 8, 2015, teleconference, the NCAA Division I Council Ad Hoc Financial Aid Issues Working Group requested NCAA staff provide a historical and contextual review related to the development of head count sports and equivalency sports. This was done primarily as the working group discussed establishing all sports as head count sports. The staff reported out on the development of head count sports and equivalency sports in the early 1970s, as well as specific equivalency changes and related proposals since their development.
- 2. Review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2015-67, Maximum Limits on Financial Aid – Team Limits – Nonathletically Related Institutional Financial Aid.** The working group discussed the intent of Proposal No. 2015-67. If adopted, this proposal would amend the legislation so that nonathletically related institutional financial aid will not count toward maximum institutional grant-in-aid limitations. The working group decided to review the proposal in greater detail during its discussions regarding the various themes that have emerged for possible membership outreach.
- 3. Review of NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2015-68, 2015-69, 2015-70-FBS and 2015-170-FCS.** The working group reviewed other Division I financial aid legislative proposals for background. The working group noted that Proposal No. 2015-68 focuses on summer athletically related aid, which is indirectly related to the charge of the working group as it seeks to eliminate the requirement that athletically related summer financial aid must be awarded in proportion to the amount of the athletically related financial aid a student-athlete received during the previous academic year. Further, the working group noted that Proposal Nos. 2015-69 and 2015-70-FBS do not apply to the charge of the working group as they are head count sports. Lastly, the working group noted Proposal No. 2015-70-FCS may be addressed within Proposal No. 2015-67, since it is a team equivalency sport.
- 4. Review of Themes.** The working group spent the majority of its time reviewing and discussing six themes that have emerged from its subgroup calls and previous conversations. The working group considered several points for each theme, both potential positive impacts, as well as unintended negative consequences, including gender-equity concerns. The working group agreed to continue discussing the potential

themes on its next call, with the anticipation that it will identify two or three themes to present to the Division I membership for outreach. The six themes include:

- a. Maintain the current legislation and monitor over the next two / three years.** This option allows data to be gathered to inform a future conversation. Specifically, the cost of attendance legislation has been in effect only since August 1, 2015, and it is too soon to tell whether institutions are using the permissive legislation in accordance with its intent and rationale.
- b. Adopt NCAA Proposal No. 2015-67: Financial Aid – Maximum Limits on Financial Aid – Team Limits – Nonathletically Related Institutional Financial Aid.** This proposal affords student-athletes an opportunity to receive nonathletically related institutional financial aid without it counting towards the team’s overall equivalency limit. Specifically, this proposal notes in its rationale that student-athletes should have the opportunity to receive financial aid unrelated to athletics ability or participation without adversely impacting team financial aid limitations.
- c. Allow for provision of cost-of-attendance elements, other than previous full grant-in-aid, without impacting equivalency numerator or denominator.** This option allows athletically related financial aid that exceeds the value of tuition and fees, room, board and required course-related books (i.e., athletically related financial aid for other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance) to be excluded when computing equivalencies. This option has the potential to maintain equivalency / roster status quo; however, may best be addressed in combination with Proposal No. 2014-13-3, proportionality.
- d. Revisit Proposal No. 2014-13-3: Autonomy Proposal – Financial Aid – Maximum Limit on Financial Aid – Full Grant-In-Aid – Other Expenses Related to Attendance Up To Cost of Attendance – Proportionality.** This proposal initially submitted for an August 1, 2015, effective date (but was later withdrawn) allowed a student-athlete to receive an amount of other expenses related to attendance at the institution in the form of athletically related financial aid only in proportion to his or her equivalency computation. Specifically, this proposed amendment provided an alternative to Proposal No. 2014-13, which was later adopted as the new definition for Full Grant-in-Aid.
- e. Implement additional requirements for equivalency sports.** This option includes further restrictions, such as limiting the number of counters, the number of individuals on a roster, and/or requiring a minimum equivalency value per award. This would allow a more flexible approach to conduct a sport by sport analysis.

- f. Eliminate equivalencies and establish a head count value for each sport.** This option eases the understanding of counter numbers.
- 5. Other Business.** In anticipation of selecting two or three themes for Division I membership outreach, the working group will continue to review the six themes, as well as provide NCAA staff with their initial recommendations, in preparation for the next working group teleconference.
- 6. Future Meeting.** The working group will conduct its next teleconference at 11 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday, October 27.

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NCAA Division I Council Ad Hoc Financial Aid Issues Working Group Teleconference October 15, 2015
Attendees:
Ginger Fulton, Patriot League.
Jimmy Gehrels, Pepperdine University; West Coast Conference.
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.
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
Martha Puttalaz, Duke University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.
Alisha Tucker, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Sheahon Zenger, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.
Absentees:
Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Southeastern Conference.
Mike Miller, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Matt Banker, Julie Dunn.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Matt Maher, Alex Smith.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Jenn Fraser.