



Membership Growth Issues

Membership Growth

- Spring 2008 survey: Division III membership rejected structural change with 82 percent of respondents endorsing current structure.
- The governance structure is committed to moving forward as a division, emphasizing the division's strengths and philosophy.
- Based on membership survey and other feedback, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and PAG drafted a series of 9 white papers.

White Papers

- Drafted by and for presidents.
- Presidential leadership and Division III philosophy and identity are top priorities.
- Papers were the focus of Friday's Presidents Issues forum and lunch.
- Development of priorities and timelines.

White Papers

1. Presidential Leadership
2. Philosophy and Identity
3. Financial Aid Standards
4. DII as a Membership Destination

5. Sports Sponsorship and Membership Requirements
6. Playing Season Standards
7. Academic Considerations
8. Championships
9. Budget and Dues



White Papers- Acronyms

- **PC:** Presidents Council
- **PAG:** Presidents Advisory Group
- **MC:** Management Council
- **ILC:** Interpretations and Legislation Committee
- **SPFC:** Strategic Planning and Finance Committee
- **Memb. Comm:** Membership Committee
- **PPS:** Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee

1: Presidential Leadership

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY ONE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Philosophy statement to address presidential leadership.	PC, PAG	2010 Convention
Consider greater legislative authority presidents, PC, and PAG.	PC, PAG, MC, ILC	2011 Convention
Consider a separate process for presidents to decide fundamental legislative issues.	PC, PAG, MC, ILC	2011 Convention



1: Presidential Leadership

Recommendations of regular priority

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Require three presidents per conference to attend Convention.	PC, PAG, MC, Memb. Comm	2011 Convention
Develop best practices guide related to presidential involvement.	PC, PAG, MC	2011-12



1: Presidential Leadership

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY THREE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Encourage greater participation in the Association's orientation session for new chancellors and presidents.	PC, PAG, MC, Memb. Comm	2009-10 and beyond
Partner with higher education associations to present NCAA information at existing meetings.	PC, PAG	2010-11 and beyond
Ensure the ISSG and CSSG directly address presidential leadership.	PC, PAG, MC, Memb. Comm	2010-11 Self Study Guide Publications

2: Philosophy and Identity

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY ONE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Philosophy statement to address presidential leadership.	PC, PAG, MC	2010 Convention
Engage in comprehensive educational effort related to the philosophy statement.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC, Memb. Comm.	2010-11 and beyond
Engage in comprehensive effort to define and promote the Division III identity, emphasizing the division's holistic educational approach.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC	Initiate in 2009
Create an identity for Division III as a conscious alternative to the sport-specialization culture.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC	Initiate in 2009

2: Philosophy and Identity

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO AND THREE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Consider specific steps to educate governing boards regarding the division's philosophy, related institutional commitments, and presidential expectations. (Two)	PC, PAG, Membership Committee	2010-11 and beyond
Give the Division III philosophy statement more prominent emphasis in the Division III Manual. (Three)	ILC	2009-10 manual

3: Financial Aid Standards

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Require a “supermajority” to make future revisions to significant financial aid regulations.	PC, MC, Financial Aid Committee, ILC	2011 Convention

4: Division II as Possible Membership Destination

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO AND THREE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Require use of Division II financial aid simulation tool for Division III exploratory members. (Two)	Divisions II and III Membership Committees	2009-10 Exploratory Members
Enhance NCAA Web site to facilitate the comparison of Divisions I, II and III: philosophy, legislation, membership profiles. (Three)	Division I Membership Subcommittee, Divisions II and III Membership Committees	2009-10
Include membership standards education at seminars, Convention. (Three)	Division III Membership Committee	2010-11
Conduct joint meetings of membership committees. (Three)	Divisions II and III Membership Committees	Biannual Begin 2010-11

5: Sports Sponsorship and Membership Requirements

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Implement increased sports sponsorship requirements.	Division III Membership Committee	2010-11
Pursue technology use for fulfillment of educational obligations of membership.	Division III Membership Committee	2009-10
Review conditions and obligations of membership for additions, omissions.	Division III Membership Committee	2009-10
Amend membership penalty structure and timetable to better prioritize sports sponsorship over other obligations.	Division III Membership Committee	2011 Convention

6: Playing Season Standards

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO AND THREE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Solidify division's position on playing season length. Amend philosophy statement to enumerate right to nonathletic pursuits. (Two)	PC, MC, Playing and Practice Season Subco. (PPS)	2011 Convention
Establish significant playing season legislation as division dominant. (Two)	PC, MC, PPS, ILC	2011 Convention
Engage in more thorough review of amount of competition permitted in nontraditional segment. (Three)	PPS	2010-11

7: Academic Considerations

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Amend philosophy statement to emphasize that Division III athletics are primarily based on undergraduate, four-year experience.	PC, MC, Academic Issues, Memb. Comm, SPFC	2011 Convention
Clarify that national eligibility standards are not under consideration. Address institutional and conference autonomy in philosophy statement.	PC, PAG, MC, ILC	2009-10; 2011 Convention
Encourage conferences to actively review initial eligibility and academic progress of student-athletes versus the student body.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC	2010-11

7: Academic Considerations

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Monitor CSP's pilot reporting program.	PC, MC, Research Committee	Ongoing
Explore establishment of aggregate dashboard indicators.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC, Research Committee	2011-12
Consider limited reporting of student-athlete academic performance as a comparison to general student body.	PC, PAG, MC, SPFC, Research Committee	2011 Convention
Assign reporting process a prominent role in Division III identity effort.	PC, MC, SPFC	2011-12
Establish the redshirting prohibition as division-dominant.	PC, MC, ILC	2011 Convention

8: Division III Championships

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Establish sports sponsorship projections and corresponding brackets to accommodate growth in team and individual sports through 2020.	Championships Committee	2009-10
Change access ratio policies to limit championship field in team sports to 64.	Championships Committee	2011 Convention
Emphasize the quality of the student-athlete experience as championships priority.	Championships Committee	Ongoing

9: Budget Priorities and Dues Structure

Recommendations for further consideration PRIORITY TWO AND THREE	Governance Structure Oversight	Estimated Timeline
Maintain Division III reserve to ensure future of key programs and services in uncertain climate.	PC, MC, SPFC	Ongoing
Continue to identify and meet membership needs; establish greater control over financial future. (Two)	PC, MC, SPFC	Ongoing
Develop enhanced revenue streams via a dues increase targeted directly for Division III. (Two)	PC, MC, SPFC	2011 Convention
Consider conference certification fees. (Three)	PC, MC, SPFC	2011 Convention
Establish increased dues for newer members. (Three)	PC, MC, SPFC, Memb. Comm.	2011 Convention

Feedback

- Winter mailing
- Conference discussions
- Presidents Council and Management Council April review
- Please share feedback with PC and staff
 - Paul Tribble, incoming Chair
 - Jim Harris, incoming Vice-Chair
 - Dan Dutcher, Vice President for Division III
 - Leah Nilsson, Director of Division III