



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2020, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Vice president update.** Lynn Holzman provided an update on the stakeholder summit to be held in New Orleans during the Women's Final Four (WFF). Summit discussions will revolve around participation, marketing and increasing attendance and the event is by invitation only. Ms. Holzman reviewed the success of the inaugural NCAA Women's Basketball Road Trip and talk of expanding both divisionally and geographically; highlighted how staff attendance at the College Football Playoffs helped with vision of WFF logistics; celebrated the ESPN announcement of increased coverage during first- and second-round games; and highlighted the Officiating Review Project being conducted by The Pictor Group to address concerns about shortage of officials.
2. **Update from the November 11-12 Women's Basketball Committee meeting.** The committee approved the meeting report from its November 11-12 meeting. Diane Turnham highlighted key outcomes from the meeting, including the recommendation to increase championship officiating fees over a three-year period, development and review of the NCAA Evaluation Tool (NET), site selection for 2025 and 2026 WFF and 2023-2026 regionals, as well as regular-season and championship preparations.
3. **Update from January 21 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee meeting.** Nina King reviewed the discussions from the oversight committee's meeting at the NCAA Convention. Discussions from that meeting were high level and included review of committee composition, women's basketball strategic plan year one review, and further development of the student-athlete fellow concept.
4. **Updates on NCAA women's basketball strategic plan 2019-2024.** Ms. Holzman provided highlighted progress of the year-one priorities in the strategic plan as well as upcoming priorities, including coaches credentialing, review of parity in women's basketball, and implementing the plan at the institutional level. The committee supported the plan to provide "one-pagers", links, and templates to institutions as a way to get buy-in moving forward.
5. **Review of Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) rankings.** Rick Nixon reviewed the committee assignments, call protocol and roll of the committee members on the call. The committee noted the pre-ranking teleconferences and online ranking dates. Committee assignments for this year's regionals were outlined.

- 6. Team discussion.** Committee members provided reports of teams under consideration for selection from their respective primary and secondary conference monitoring assignments. The discussion included committee feedback from games watched to date; a variety of metrics that included RPI, strength of schedule and (RAC) rankings; a review of injured and unavailable student-athletes; verbal feedback from conference offices; and a review of future key games. The committee noted the first teleconference for team discussions is January 31.
- 7. Review of Top 16 voting process.** The committee reviewed the plan for two public releases of the Top 16 in seed order. As a part of the public release, all teams will be assigned to regional sites using the bracketing policies and procedures. These reveals will take place during ESPN Big Monday game broadcasts on February 3 and March 2.
- 8. RPI/Selection/Bracketing Subcommittee report.** Debbie Richardson provided an overview from the subcommittee's most recent teleconferences, including a continued focus and review of the NET. Rick Nixon reviewed a proposed timeline for the communication and engagement of the NET.
- 9. Officiating update.** Penny Davis gave an update on her first six months in the position and the upcoming selection of officials for the championship. Additionally, recruitment, retention and program enhancements were outlined to the committee as part of the quality competition pillar within the strategic plan.
- 10. Committee vacancies.** Meredith Cleaver reviewed the three upcoming committee vacancies and explained the process for filling them. The committee received a list of nominees and discussed top candidates to move forward to the WBOC for consideration.

Committee Chair: Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University, Conference USA
Staff Liaison(s): Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball
Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee January 22, 2020, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Ceal Barry, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.	
Ken Bothof, University of Northern Kentucky; Horizon League Conference.	
DeJuena Chizer, University of Houston; American Athletic Conference.	
Beth Goetz, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Nina King, Duke University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Teresa Phillips, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Debbie Richardson, Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Tamica Smith Jones, University of California, Riverside; Big West Conference.	
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Penny Davis, National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver and Lynn Holzman.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Greg Johnson, Binh Nguyen, Rick Nixon and Amy Reis.	