



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
FEBRUARY 1, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEM.

- **Division I four-year college transfer activity.** The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics received an update on the recent developments in the four-year college transfer space. The committee continued its discussion of the academic impact on student-athletes who transfer more than once. The committee will continue to discuss any potential legislative or policy changes being considered by the NCAA Division I Council and the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. [Informational Item No. 1]

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on Division I four-year college transfer activity.** The Committee on Academics received an update on current transfer activities in Division I. The update included recent developments in the legal space regarding transfer rules and the temporary restraining order. Additionally, the committee reviewed several legislative concepts under consideration designed to ensure a transfer student-athlete is making progress toward graduation regardless of the number of times the student-athlete transfers. The concepts may include aligning transfer eligibility with satisfactory academic progress, development of a framework for an institution to demonstrate its commitment to the academic success of the transfer student-athlete, development of a new academic metric to measure an institution's graduation rate for transfer student-athletes and development of additional incentives for institutions to support the academic progress of all its student-athletes, including transfers. Lastly, the committee received an update on transfer trends based on data from the NCAA Transfer Portal. The committee will be provided additional updates and engagement as this topic continues to be discussed leading up to the April Division I Council and Board of Directors meetings.
2. **Update on the NCAA Division I Academic Unit (academic-based revenue distribution).** The committee received an update on the state of the Division I Academic Unit. The next distribution will be allocated in spring 2024. It is estimated that over 85% of eligible Division I institutions will meet at least one of the three criteria to qualify for the distribution. This estimate continues to be higher than the original projections made when the distribution was first approved by the Board of Directors and NCAA Board of Governors in 2016. The committee discussed the increase in the number of institutions qualifying for the distribution as well as the outcomes for different types of institutions. The committee will be reviewing the qualifying criteria later this year once five years of data are available.
3. **Update on two-year college community outreach.** The committee received an update regarding the ongoing outreach with the two-year college community. With a goal of collaborating with two-year colleges to exchange information and resources, the NCAA

staff continues to meet with the leadership of the various two-year college associations to continue to grow this relationship.

4. **Broad-based review of baseball legislation and policies by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC).** The Committee on Academics received an update regarding a broad-based review of baseball-specific legislation and policies. Over the past several years, the baseball community has requested consideration of various blanket waivers and rule changes, primarily focused on roster and counter limits, official visit limitations and financial aid limits. The SAEC recognized that many of the baseball-specific rules are interconnected, and any changes may have unintended consequences in other areas of the legislation. Therefore, a holistic review is necessary. The SAEC will work with various stakeholders, including the Committee on Academics, on the broad-based review over the next several months with the likelihood that any legislative changes could be voted on by the Council in January 2025.
5. **Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) update.** The committee received an update from current FARA President JoAnne Bullard, Rowan University, and current FARA President-elect Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia. They shared their association's areas of priority and current initiatives and offered their assistance with any items on the committee's current and future agenda.
6. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals.** The committee received an update on the teams that are potentially subject to loss of access to postseason competition and/or NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program penalties. The final list of teams will be publicly released this spring.
7. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Data.** The committee received an update on the start of the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program data reviews for 2024. There are 33 institutions included in this year's data review season.
8. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors.** The committee received a report from the most recent meetings of the Board of Directors.
9. **NCAA Division I Council report.** The committee received a report from the most recent Council meetings.
10. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on Academics report.** The Committee on Academics received a report from the most recent Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meetings.
11. **Committee on Academics' strategic priorities.** The committee reviewed its strategic priorities.
12. **NCAA research update.** The committee received an update on key research initiatives, including how to obtain student-athlete participation on current hot topics. The research

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staff will reach out to various groups to find the most efficient method to collect this feedback while balancing the cost of obtaining the data.

13. Report of the Committee on Academics October 17-18, 2023, meeting and the December 14, 2023, videoconference. The committee reviewed and approved the reports from its October 17-18, 2023, meeting and December 14, 2023, videoconference.

14. Future meeting dates.

- In-person meeting: May 6-7, 2024.
- July videoconference: to be determined.
- October in-person meeting: to be determined.

Committee Chair: Robert Davies, Central Michigan University
Staff Liaisons: Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs
Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs
Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Jeri Beggs, Illinois State University.	
David Benedict, University of Connecticut.	
Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph's University.	
Kevin Bostian, Northwestern State University.	
Lissa Broome, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Rob Carson, Furman University.	
Robert Davies, Central Michigan University.	
Jon Fagg, University of Texas at Arlington.	
Scott Fuess, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Jessica Goerke, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Colleen Heimstead, North Dakota State University.	
Joseph Jupille, University of Colorado, Boulder.	
Jessica Kumke, Horizon League.	
Genese Lavalais, Alabama State University.	
Marion McClary, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.	
Timothy Snyder, Loyola Marymount University.	
John Volin, University of Maine.	
Susan Williams, University of Kansas.	

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Absentees:
Aldrich Elvambuena, American University.
Guests in Attendance:
Pamela Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia.
Joanne Bullard, Rowan University.
Keeley Rasmussen, Long Beach State University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jennifer Henderson, Binh Nguyen and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Drew Aldridge, Lydia Bell, Eric Brey, Marcus Brown, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Katie Ethridge, Michele Forte-Osborne, Brandy Hataway, Saquandra Heath, Doug Healey, Leilani Hubbard, Charnele Kemper, Jeff Myers, Tom Paskus, Dave Schnase, Jennifer Smith, Kathy Sulentic, Stan Wilcox, DeAnna Wiley and Katy Yurk.