



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS  
JULY 25, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update on Division I legislation in the current legislative cycle.** As part of the legislative process, committees are assigned proposals for their review and feedback based on their expertise. Such feedback is shared with the proposal sponsor to consider as the concepts move through the legislative process. The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics was slated to review three proposals, including the concept originating from the committee itself (NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-35 Academic Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – One-Time Transfer Exception – Percentage of Degree Requirements at Previous Institution). Regarding Proposal No. 2023-35, the committee agreed to form an ad hoc working group of members to take a deeper dive on the proposal’s practical application and impact. The ad hoc working group will provide a recommendation for the full committee’s consideration at its next meeting.
2. **Update on the college basketball summer initiative for Division I men’s and women’s basketball.** The committee received an update on the feedback received to date regarding the college basketball summer initiative for men’s and women’s basketball. Their charge was to develop concepts that would enhance the presence of basketball during the summer and improve the skill development of basketball student-athletes. In June, the groups opted not to introduce a concept that would allow for limited competition in the summer in order to allow the Division I membership to focus on the significant issues and priorities currently under review by the Division I membership. However, there was interest to continue the work on the concepts to be introduced at the appropriate time in the future. The groups are considering concepts that would allow for flexibility with the current foreign tour legislation in terms of frequency and opponents, exploration of 3-v-3 competition and modifications to the outside team tour legislation.
3. **Discussion on undergraduate transfer windows and items related to postgraduate transfer student-athletes.** The committee received an update regarding ongoing issues in the transfer landscape, including potential changes to the transfer notification windows. The committee continued to support transfer notification windows that will allow student-athletes to make informed decisions and supported no changes to the windows at this time because they have only been in place for one year. Concerning postgraduate transfers, the previously approved waiver checklist is being used to circumvent the notification of transfer dates resulting in late transfer decisions impacting roster management and being applied multiple times for a single student-athlete.
4. **Update on the degree completion program for men’s and women’s basketball.** The committee received an update on the continued implementation of the men’s and women’s basketball student-athlete degree completion assistance legislation. It was noted that there were no applicants for fall 2023. The deadline for the spring applications is August 1.

5. **Current Committee on Academics priorities.** The committee reviewed the list of current strategic priorities of the Committee on Academics. Some of these priorities include the academic impact of transfer activity, impact of name, image and likeness (NIL) activities on student-athlete academic performance, and consideration of postgraduate student-athletes within Division I legislation. The committee noted that research on NIL activities and the impact on student-athlete academics may require more time and data and such discussions may be re-started once the landscape of college athletics becomes clearer.
6. **Update regarding the NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program.** The committee received an update on the Accelerating Academic Success Program. There were 11 applications requesting single-year grants. Decisions on those grants will be made by August 1.
7. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Data.** The committee reviewed the report from the Subcommittee on Data May 19 videoconference. Also, the committee received an update on the status of NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program Data Reviews.
8. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics.** The committee reviewed the reports of the Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics videoconferences that occurred between June 1 and July 6.
  - a. Definition of education-impacting disability. On its June 1 videoconference, the subcommittee recommended the NCAA Division I Council adopt legislation amending the definition of an education-impacting disability by removing language from the current legislation that would broaden the current definition to encompass mental health conditions.
  - b. NCAA Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee update. On its June 15 videoconference, the subcommittee received an update on the 2022-23 waiver statistics and reviewed and approved the progress-toward-degree waiver directive, the two-year college transfer waiver directive and the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee's policies and procedures.
  - c. NCAA International Student Records Committee update. On its June 1 videoconference, the subcommittee reviewed and approved the committee's policies and procedures.
  - d. NCAA High School Review Committee update. On its June 1 videoconference, the subcommittee reviewed and approved the committee's policies and procedures. The subcommittee also reviewed the April 2023 High School Review Committee meeting report.
  - e. NCAA Student Records Review Committee update. On its June 1 videoconference, the subcommittee reviewed and approved the Student Records Review Committee's policies and procedures.

- f. NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee update. On its June 1 teleconference, the subcommittee received an update on 2022-23 waiver statistics and reviewed and approved the initial-eligibility waiver directive and the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee's policies and procedures.
9. **Update on educational outreach and initiatives.** The committee received an update on staff educational initiatives and outreach designed to assist the membership in its understanding and application of academic legislation and policy.
10. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee report.** The committee received an update from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. At its latest meeting, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed what it means to be Division I, and continued its discussions regarding the mental and physical health of student-athletes, transfer issues, and name, image and likeness. It was also noted that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee sent a letter to the United States Congress emphasizing the need for national policies on name, image and likeness.
11. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors report.** The committee received a report from the Board of Directors.
12. **NCAA Division I Council report.** The committee received an update on key items of interest from the Council's meetings that occurred between May 17 and June 27-28.
13. **Report of the Committee on Academics May 8 meeting.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its May 8 meeting.
14. **Updates to the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved its policies and procedures.
15. **Future meeting dates.**
- October 17-18, Indianapolis.

*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*

<b>NCAA Division I Committee on Academics July 25, 2023, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Lissa Broome, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
John E. Davidson, The Ohio State University.	
Robert Davies, Central Michigan University.	
Magdi El Shahawy, University of Georgia.	
Aldrich Elvambuena, American University.	
Jessica Goerke, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Eric Hall, Elon University.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Joseph Jupille, University of Colorado, Boulder.	
Jessica Kumke, Horizon League.	
Genese Lavalais, Alabama State University.	
Marion McClary, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.	
Susan Williams, University of Kansas.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
David Benedict, University of Connecticut.	
Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph's University.	
Rob Carson, Furman University.	
Timothy Snyder, Loyola Marymount University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Jennifer Henderson, Binh Nguyen and Quintin Wright.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lydia Bell, Eric Brey, Marcus Brown, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Katie Ethridge, Michele Forte-Osborne, Doug Healey, Saquandra Heath, Leilani Hubbard, Charnele Kemper, Andy Louthain, Tom Paskus, Jennifer Smith, Kathy Sulentic, DeAnna Wiley and Katy Yurk.	