



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
JULY 29, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEM.

- **Division I four-year college transfer activity.** The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics received an update on recent developments in the four-year college transfer landscape. The Committee on Academics will oversee and provide guidance as the Graduation Passport and the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate for transfer student-athletes are being developed and operationalized. The committee will also monitor transfer-specific graduation data and trends to inform future policy-making. [Informational Item No. 1]

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division I four-year college transfer update.** The committee received an update regarding ongoing issues in the transfer landscape. The NCAA Division I Board of Directors had directed the committee to create the following academic metrics:

- Graduation Passport.
- Transfer Academic Progress Rate.

Additionally, the board directed the committee to evaluate and monitor both metrics and consider attaching institutional accountability measures as data and trends become available. The committee discussed the potential framework for operationalization of the Transfer APR and the Graduation Passport. The committee will continue to receive updates and provide direction to the staff as the Transfer APR and Graduation Passport are being developed.

2. **Update on select Division I legislative proposals in the current 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 committee reviewed the NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-46 Recruiting – Notification of Transfer Windows – Reduce from 45 days to 30 days – Basketball and Football. The committee took no position on this proposal; however, encouraged consideration of a consistent notification of transfer window across all sports and providing student-athletes sufficient time to make an informed decision about transferring.
3. **Broad-based review of baseball legislation and policies by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee.** 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 possibility that any legislative changes could be voted on by the NCAA Division I Council in January 2025.

4. **Comprehensive review of membership requirements by the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.** The Committee on Academics received an update regarding the comprehensive review of the membership requirements being conducted by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. SVPC has continued its review of the reclassification process for institutions moving from Division II or III to Division I based on objective standards. SVPC will continue to discuss the transition process for reclassifying institutions from Division II to Division I and from Division III to Division I with the possibility to accelerate the timeline if elevated objective benchmarks are achieved. Updates will be provided to the Committee on Academics as this review continues throughout the summer and into the fall.
5. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics.** The Committee on Academics reviewed the report from the June 6 Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics videoconference.
 - a. NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Waiver Committee update. The Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics reviewed and approved the 2024-25 initial-eligibility waiver directive and the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee Policies and Procedures.
 - b. NCAA High School Review Committee update. The Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics electronically reviewed and approved the 2024-25 High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures.
 - c. NCAA International Student Records Committee update. The Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics reviewed and approved the 2024-25 International Student Records Committee Policies and Procedures.
6. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Data.** The Committee on Academics reviewed the reports from the Subcommittee on Data videoconferences between May 17 and June 28. Also, the Committee on Academics reviewed and approved the updated 2024-25 APR adjustment directive.
 - a. Division I Academic Progress Rate Adjustment Directive Rubric for Retention Points Lost to Transfer to a Two-Year School. The Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Data reviewed the Academic Progress Rate Adjustment Directive rubric used to evaluate requests for adjustments to retention points lost when a student-athlete transfers to a two-year school. The Subcommittee on Data made several recommendations which will be presented at a future meeting for final approval.

- b. NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program Data Reviews. The Subcommittee on Data acted on two data reviews.
 - c. NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate Adjustment Directive. The Subcommittee on Data reviewed and approved the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate Adjustment Directive specific to the process for evaluating adjustment requests when a progress-toward-degree waiver cannot be filed. The Subcommittee on Data requested staff add language to clarify the adjustment analysis and documentation requirement. Additionally, the Subcommittee on Data requested that language be added for a delayed adjustment to lost retention points due to transfer to a four-year school if the student-athlete later graduates from a four-year school.
7. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals**. The Committee on Academics reviewed the June 17 videoconference report of the Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals. The Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals completed its review and forwarded the final waiver directive used to consider the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program waiver requests for loss of access to postseason and APP penalties to the Committee on Academics for approval. The Committee on Academics reviewed and approved the updated 2024-25 Access to Postseason and Penalty waiver directive. Additionally, the Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals reviewed and approved Chapter Four of the Committee on Academics Policies and Procedures manual. The Subcommittee on Penalties and Appeals encouraged continued focus on monitoring data trends and waiver mitigation for future directive review consideration.
8. **NCAA legal update**. The Committee on Academics received an update from the NCAA office of legal affairs regarding new and ongoing litigation.
9. **NCAA research update**. The Committee on Academics received an update on key initiatives from the NCAA research staff. It was noted that several institutions have reverted back to the use of standardized tests (i.e., SAT and ACT) but not for admissions purposes. The research staff will continue to monitor this and will provide updates to the Committee on Academics, as needed.
10. **Update on educational outreach and initiatives**. The Committee on Academics received an update on staff educational initiatives and outreach designed to assist the membership in its understanding and application of academic legislation and policy. This included virtual and in-person presentations at conference meetings and at the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.
11. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee report**. The Committee on Academics received an update from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. At its latest meeting, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed its 2024-25 priorities, name image and likeness issues and transfer issues. It was noted that SAAC is not supportive of a change in the transfer notification windows being proposed for

football and basketball. If adopted, the transfer notification window would be reduced from 45 days to 30 days.

12. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors report.** The Committee on Academics received a report from the most recent meetings of the board.
13. **NCAA Division I Council report.** The Committee on Academics received a report from the most recent council meetings.
14. **Faculty Athletic Representative Association update.** The Committee on Academics received a preview of the upcoming November 14-16 FARA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Registration is expected to open on August 5, 2024, for the event.
15. **Report of the Committee on Academics May 6-7 meeting.** The Committee on Academics reviewed and approved the report from its May 6-7 meeting.
16. **Updates to the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Policies and Procedures.** The Committee on Academics reviewed and approved its policies and procedures.
17. **Future meeting dates.**
 - October 30-31 in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair:

Robert Davies, Central Michigan University

Staff Liaisons:

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

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NCAA Division I Committee on Academics July 29, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Jeri Beggs, Illinois State University.	
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.	
Susan Williams, University of Kansas.	

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Absentees:
David Benedict, University of Connecticut.
Daniel Jekov, Saint Louis University.
John Volin, University of Maine, Orono.
Guests in Attendance:
Keeley Rasmussen, Long Beach State University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jennifer Henderson, Binh Nguyen and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Eric Brey, Marcus Brown, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Katie Ethridge, Michele Forte-Osborne, Saquandra Heath, Doug Healey, Leilani Hubbard, Matisen Ingle, Tom Paskus, Lee Rathbun, Dave Schnase, Jen Smith, Kathy Sulentic, Jared Tidemann, DeAnna Wiley and Katy Yurk.