



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. Elimination of the NCAA Student Records Review Committee and transition of its duties to the NCAA High School Review Committee.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics recommends the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation to eliminate the NCAA Student Records Review Committee (NCAA Bylaws 14.1.2.3 and 21.9.5) and transition its duties to the NCAA High School Review Committee (Bylaws 14.1.2.2 and 21.9.4).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Following the removal of standardized test scores from Division I initial-eligibility requirements, the Student Records Review Committee's remaining duties (e.g., identifying academic programs, reviewing academic credential validity) align with the High School Review Committee's duties (e.g., reviewing academic programs, evaluating revised transcripts). As a result, this recommendation streamlines the Division I governance structure and ensures continued oversight regarding the validity of academic credentials.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Request to withdraw NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-35 Academic Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – One-Time Transfer Exception – Percentage of Degree Requirements at Previous Institution.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics recommends the NCAA Division I Council withdraw Proposal No. 2023-35.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal originated from the Committee on Academics, based on a referral from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Following the introduction of this proposal, the committee received feedback from the membership and stakeholder groups (e.g., National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals) as part of the legislative process and believes such a legislative change is not warranted at this time, given the relatively recent change to the one-time transfer exception. The committee will monitor the academic impact of the rules change and will revisit this in a future legislative cycle, if the data indicates a change is warranted to positively impact student-athlete academic performance.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I legislative update and discussion.** The committee reviewed NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-36 Recruiting and Academic Eligibility – Notification of Transfer Windows – Reduce from 60 Days to 30 Days. The committee reviewed current transfer data from the NCAA research staff taken from the NCAA Transfer Portal. Additionally, the committee was provided an update from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which is not supportive of the 30-day window and requested no less than a 45-day window. Ultimately, the committee did not support any modification to the current transfer notification windows at this time for the legislation has only been in place for less than one year. The committee would like to examine Transfer Portal data after another year has been collected to determine if any modifications to the windows are warranted at that time.
2. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Data.** The committee reviewed the reports from the Subcommittee on Data videoconferences that occurred between May 12 to September 1, 2023. The committee was updated on a request received by the NCAA staff on how an institution should define the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate and Graduation Success Rate cohort for its nonscholarship teams during the years in which the COVID-19 recruiting dead period was in effect. Current policy requires institutions to define the APR and GSR cohort using NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.02.15.1 – Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. However, no in-person on or off-campus recruiting contact was permitted during this time. The subcommittee chose to not modify the definition of recruited for APR and GSR purposes for nonscholarship teams during the time in which the COVID-19 recruiting dead period was in effect. However, such institutions may request an alternative definition of the APR and GSR cohort, if it deems such a request is warranted. Also, the committee received an update on the status of NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program Data Reviews.
3. **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 May 4 and August 3, 2023. The committee reviewed the subcommittee’s guidance for progress-toward-degree waiver requests for student-athletes in their final season of competition and was supportive of the guidance provided for these cases. Additionally, the committee voted to disband the NCAA Student Records Review Committee and transfer those duties to the NCAA High School Review Committee. (See Action Item 1-a.)

4. 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

NCAA Division I Committee on Academics September 14, 2023, Videoconference
Attendees:
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.
David Benedict, University of Connecticut.
Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph’s University.
Lissa Broome, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Rob Carson, Furman University.
Robert Davies, Central Michigan University.
Aldrich Elvambuena, American University.
Jon Fagg, University of Texas at Arlington.
Scott Fuess, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Jessica Goerke, University of California, Santa Barbara.
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.
Absentees:
Kevin Bostian, Northwestern State University.
Colleen Heimstead, North Dakota State University.
Susan Williams, University of Kansas.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jennifer Henderson and Quintin Wright.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Drew Aldridge, Lydia Bell, Marcus Brown, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Katie Ethridge, Michele Forte-Osborne, Doug Healey, Saquandra Heath, Leilani Hubbard, Andy Louthain, Jennifer Smith, Kathy Sulentic, DeAnna Wiley and Katy Yurk.