

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I ACADEMICS AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 21, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Referral from the NCAA Division I Cabinet regarding application issues with the new notification of transfer window in football. The Division I Cabinet has asked the NCAA Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee to review the impact of the new football notification of transfer period on midyear transfer student-athletes to quarter institutions. The Academics and Eligibility Committee reviewed the referral from the cabinet and provided the following feedback for the cabinet's consideration during its December 1 meeting;
 - AEC recognizes the unique challenges quarter schools and schools with early term start dates experience but noted that there are additional nuances between semester and quarter schools that are best addressed through either institutional processes or individual NCAA waivers.
 - AEC does not support a blanket waiver to permit a transfer student-athlete to practice and receive aid and revenue share payments while not enrolled full time in coursework. Institutions seeking relief can address this through the normal waiver process.
 - AEC expressed concern with allowing students to engage in athletic activities and receive revenue share payments without being a student/enrolled in coursework at the institution and the possible unintended consequences of such flexibility (e.g., delay in graduation).
 - AEC encourages institutions to use their institutional policies and procedures to address institutional admissions exceptions.
 - AEC charged the Academics Eligibility Subcommittee with developing potential waiver criteria that can be used when the NCAA staff processes individual waivers from institutions.
 - AEC encourages the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committees to reconsider the new transfer window legislation and consider adding a spring/second transfer window that better aligns with academic calendars.
- 2. Overview of the public release of the NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate data for student-athletes entering college in 2018-19. AEC received highlights from the most recent public release of the graduation rates data.
- **3. Update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** Due to time constraints, AEC will receive an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs at its next meeting.

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4. Future meeting schedule.

a. December 2025, to be scheduled.

b. January 13-14, 2026, in conjunction with the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Committee Chair: Shauna Cobb, Boston College

Committee Vice Chairs: Jessica Goerke, University of San Diego

Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati

Staff Liaisons: Binh T. Nguyen, Division I Governance and Member Services

Jerry Vaughn, Division I Governance and Member Services Quintin Wright, Division I Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:

Kevin Bostian, Northwestern State University.

Lissa Broome, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Shauna Cobb, Boston College.

Tim Day, Iowa State University (alternate).

Kim Durand, University of Washington.

Annie Fiorvanti, University of Connecticut (alternate)

Scott Fuess, Jr., University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Taryn Gall, Lehigh University.

Kimya Massey, University of San Diego (alternate).

Rachel Holycross, Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Jason Leonard, University of Oklahoma.

Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati.

Kevin Melendrez, New Mexico State University.

Ouinn Millerd, Drake University.

Ron Moses, Old Dominion University.

Jeremy Robinett, Western Illinois University.

Eric Wood, University of Mississippi.

Absentees:

David Benedict, University of Connecticut.

Scott Carr, Florida International University.

Kaitlyn Flanagan, College of Holy Cross.

Jessica Goerke, University of San Diego.

Caemon Scott, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Susan Williams, University of Kansas.

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Guests in Attendance:

Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Binh Nguyen, Jerry Vaughn and Quintin Wright.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Lydia Bell, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jennifer Henderson, Leilani Hubbard, Maison Hubbard, Jennifer Smith and Katy Yurk.