



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 22, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Transfer Eligibility Update.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors discussed NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-5 (Recruiting and Academic Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers) and ratified the NCAA Division I Council’s adoption of the proposal, which is effective immediately. The proposal eliminates the default year of residence for undergraduate transfer student-athletes and aligns transfer eligibility with existing academic eligibility requirements for all student-athletes. Specifically, to be eligible to compete upon transferring, a student-athlete must leave the previous institution academically eligible (except for percentage of degree) and in good standing and meet all progress-toward-degree requirements at the new institution. The proposal also revises the notification-of-transfer process for a four-year college transfer student-athlete, noting that a student-athlete’s name may be entered in the transfer portal only during the sport-specific transfer window. Additionally, the transfer window closing date for postgraduate transfer student-athletes will align with undergraduate transfer window dates. The board also directed the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics to create a “graduation passport” and transfer academic progress rate to monitor transfer-specific graduation data and trends. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
2. **Name, Image and Likeness Update.** The Board of Directors ratified the council’s adoption of Proposal No. 2024-3 (Name, Image and Likeness Activities – Role of Institutions) as expedited legislation with an immediate effective date. The proposal allows institutions to provide assistance and services to a student-athlete pursuing name, image and likeness opportunities. The board also ratified the council’s adoption of Proposal No. 2024-4 (Name, Image and Likeness Activities – Disclosure of Name, Image and Likeness Activities) as emergency legislation with an August 1, 2024, effective date. The proposal amends the previously adopted legislation to allow a student-athlete to elect to disclose NIL information. A student-athlete who elects to disclose name, image and likeness activities may receive institutional assistance and services, as permitted by the adoption of Proposal No. 2024-3. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
3. **Governance Representation and Voting Rights During the Two-Year Grace Period.** The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed issues related to committee representation and voting rights during a conference’s two-year grace period for meeting the requirements of a multisport conference and/or a Football Bowl Subdivision conference. The board considered council feedback on the issues, which included committee representation, voting rights, autonomy status (if applicable) and sport committee representation. After reviewing these issues and considering council feedback, the board took the following actions:
 - a. Autonomy Status. The board adopted emergency legislation to remove the autonomy status of the Pac-12 Conference and change its composition category and voting weight on the council to those of an FBS nonautonomy conference, effective

August 2, 2024. [For: 21 (Blais, Bravman, Bruzina, Damphousse, Davis, Hsu, Livingstone, McPhee, Mearns, Morehead, Noland, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Reed, Rogers, Salovey, Sands, Shimp, Stenger, Tealer, Tromp), Opposed: 1 (Murthy), Abstentions: 0.]

- b. Board of Directors Representation. The board adopted emergency legislation to specify that during the two-year grace period, board representation is limited to conferences with at least seven members, including reclassifying members, effective August 2, 2024. [For: 20 (Blais, Bravman, Bruzina, Damphousse, Davis, Hsu, Livingstone, McPhee, Mearns, Morehead, Noland, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Reed, Rogers, Salovey, Sands, Shimp, Stenger, Tealer), Opposed: 1 (Murthy), Abstentions: 0.]
 - c. Representation on Division I Council, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Football Oversight Committees. The board determined that a conference in the two-year grace period retains representation on the council, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Football Oversight Committees, regardless of the number of members of the conference. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
 - d. Voting Rights. The board determined that a conference in the two-year grace period retains voting rights on the council, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Football Oversight Committees, regardless of the number of members of the conference. [For: 16 (Blais, Bravman, Bruzina, Davis, Hsu, Livingstone, McPhee, Mearns, Morehead, Murthy, Noland, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Rogers, Sands, Stenger), Opposed: 4 (Damphousse, Reed, Shimp, Tealer), Abstentions: 1 (Salovey).]
 - e. Sport Committee Representation. The board determined that a conference must sponsor a sport to retain representation on the sport committee. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
 - f. Nominations for Other Committees. The board determined that a conference in the two-year grace period may submit nominations for representation on other committees. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
4. **Board of Directors Strategic Priorities Update.** The Board of Directors reviewed the Division I commitments and philosophy and discussed the development of its strategic priorities for 2024-2027. The board discussed the relevance, framework, feasibility and implementation of the commitments and philosophy, including amendments that may be appropriate given the current environment. The board will continue to discuss strategic priorities in future meetings.

5. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Finance Committee's April 15 meeting, during which the group discussed the following items and took the noted actions:
- a. Women's Basketball Performance Fund. The Finance Committee reviewed initial feedback on revenue distribution modeling for the development of a women's basketball performance fund. The Finance Committee is targeting the development of the fund to be paid beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year based on performance in the 2024-25 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. The committee directed NCAA staff to seek broad membership feedback on key questions related to the targeted distribution amount, structure and source of funding for further consideration. It is anticipated that the Division I membership will vote on the creation of the women's basketball fund at the January 2025 NCAA Convention.
 - b. Championships Enhancements. Following a two-year pilot of 50% seeding in women's volleyball and women's soccer, the Finance Committee approved additional funding to continue 50% seeding into the budgets for both sports moving forward. In addition, the Finance Committee supported funding the seeding of 16 teams (up from eight) in the FCS championship beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The recommendation to fund the seeding of additional teams in the FCS championship was also approved by the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee. Approval by the NCAA Board of Governors is required before the action is final. The Board of Governors will consider the recommendation during its April 25 meeting.
 - c. Women's Wrestling Championship. The Finance Committee also supported funding the establishment of a national collegiate championship in women's wrestling beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. The recommendation to fund the women's wrestling championship was also approved by the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee. Approval by the Board of Governors is required before the action is final. If funding for the creation of the championship is approved by the Board of Governors, all three divisions are expected to consider legislative action during the January 2025 NCAA Convention to officially establish the championship, which would be held for the first time in the winter of 2026.
6. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Infractions Process Committee, including action the Division I Council took regarding the committee's recommendation to introduce legislation into the June 2024 council-governance legislative cycle to incentivize exemplary cooperation throughout the resolution of an infractions case by reducing a party's case classification and eliminating the use of the postseason competition penalty in cases in which exemplary cooperation is demonstrated, except in the limited circumstance in which a party is a repeat violator, as specified.

The Infractions Process Committee also continues to discuss the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions' authority to vacate records, noting the historical purpose the penalty has served in deterring institutions from allowing ineligible student-athletes to compete. Before recommending changes to the existing authority, a membership education and communication strategy will be implemented to gauge and develop a shared membership principle behind why the potential penalty remains valuable, at least at the institutional level. Based on membership input, the Infractions Process Committee will continue discussing when it is appropriate to vacate records and the types of records that should be impacted (team vs. individual vs. coaching records).

7. **Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an update regarding key actions taken during the council's April 17-18 meeting.
8. **Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which noted that the group has elected new leadership for the coming year. The update also noted the committee's appreciation for the opportunities to present before Congress on key issues and correspond more broadly with congressional members on issues that impact the student-athlete experience.
9. **Congressional Engagement Update.** The Board of Directors received an update regarding engagement with congressional members to advocate for the collegiate model and the student-athlete experience. The positive impact of membership engagement was noted, as correspondence from conferences and the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee have helped sway opinions on issues that could otherwise be damaging to intercollegiate athletics and student-athletes' best interests.
10. **Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on key items to be discussed during the Board of Governors' April 25 meeting.
11. **Additional Updates.** The Board of Directors received updates from NCAA President Charlie Baker and NCAA legal counsel during an executive session.
12. **Report of the January 11 Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its January 11 in-person meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
13. **Future Meetings.**
 - a. Friday, June 28, 1-2 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
 - b. Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).

Report of the Division I Board of Directors

April 22, 2024, Videoconference

Page No. 5

Board of Directors chair: Jere Morehead, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference
Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance
Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance
Jenn Fraser, Division I Governance
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance

Division I Board of Directors April 22, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Janna Blais, Northwestern University; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.	
Ashley Cozad, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Kelly Dampousse, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.	
Andrew Hsu; College of Charleston; Coastal Athletic Conference.	
Marcus Jones, Northwestern State University; Southland Conference.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University; Big 12 Conference.	
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
Geoff Mearns, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Jere Morehead (chair), University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Jayathi Murthy, Oregon State University; Pac-12 Conference.	
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.	
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.	
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Athletic Conference.	
Peter Salovey, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Cody Shimp, St. Bonaventure; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Harvey Stenger, Binghamton University; America East Conference.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; NCAA Division I Council.	
Marlene Tromp, Boise State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Absentees:	
Chris Paul, University of Tulsa, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Ora Pescovitz, Oakland University; Horizon League.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Gary Brown, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Michael Cioroianu, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Kevin Lennon, Jobrina Marques, Emanuel McGirt, Jr., Mario Morris, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, and Geoff Silver.	