



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 24, 2019, MEETING**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Update.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors received feedback from the Presidential Forum on the following two key topics:

- a. Academic Misconduct: The Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis includes the following: "Examine NCAA expectations related to academic integrity and misconduct to assure continued consistency with the practices of higher education while recognizing the Division I membership's collective interest in the fairness of competition and the integrity of the student-athlete experience." The Board has asked the Forum to provide presidential leadership in this review.

The Presidential Forum chair, Frank Gilliam, provided an update to the Board with regard to this review. Notably, the Forum received a final report from the NCAA Division I Academic Misconduct Working Group. The Presidential Forum reviewed and discussed the final report and will continue its discussions over the next several months. The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Steering Committee will develop concepts and recommendations regarding academic misconduct for discussion by the Presidential Forum in April. During its April meeting, the Presidential Forum will finalize its initial recommendations for membership feedback through the spring and summer conference and governance meetings. It is anticipated the Forum will provide the Board of Directors with a final report later this year. Key areas of discussion included:

- (1) Whether it is necessary for each campus to have a mechanism for reviewing academic integrity issues involving student-athletes (e.g., campus committee with such responsibility) and/or examples of effective practices to help campuses.
- (2) Ways to ensure truly egregious academic misconduct is captured as an NCAA violation while balancing the appropriate role of the NCAA so as to not have NCAA "overreach."
- (3) Referral of the interpretations process in infractions matters to the NCAA Division I Council for further vetting with an expectation for a report on the issue later this year. This referral was consistent with the working group's recommendation for additional review by another governance body based on the broad scope of the issue beyond academic misconduct.

The Board expressed interest in receiving the Forum's recommendations to better assist the Association in addressing egregious academic misconduct.

- b. Presidential Attestation and Accountability: The Presidential Forum continued a discussion related to the Commission on College Basketball's suggestion for increased accountability for presidents, directors of athletics and coaches. In order to bolster existing accountability measures (e.g., certification of compliance), in August 2018, the Board of Directors adopted legislation to (1) add an attestation requirement; (2) require contracts to include responsibility to cooperate in investigations; and (3) increase culpability for hiring individuals under an enforcement "show cause" order.

As it relates to presidential accountability, the Presidential Forum noted that institutional boards of regents already hold presidents accountable for fulfilling their responsibilities. In addition, previously adopted legislation provides that a president may be mentioned by name in an infractions report. The annual attestation requirement will help ensure presidents understand their responsibilities for institutional control and rules compliance. In order to receive a nonpresidential perspective, it would be valuable to have the independent members of the NCAA Board of Governors review the presidential accountability document and feedback.

As it relates to accountability of directors of athletics, the Presidential Forum requested the Council, made up of many directors of athletics, provide perspective to the Presidential Forum for consideration prior to any action. This examination should include a determination of what the desired outcomes (e.g., examples of effective practices, legislative requirements) of such a review should be.

As it relates to accountability of coaches, expectations for head coach control of his or her program and related responsibilities have previously been identified and legislated. However, additional work should be done to develop behavioral expectations, consistent with the Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, which notes an interest in examining and creating expectations for the role of coaches and athletics administrators, including improved leadership training.

The Board expressed initial support for the Forum's recommendations related to accountability of presidents, directors of athletics and coaches, and asked that the Board be updated during its May meeting.

2. **NCAA President's Report.** The Board of Directors received a report from NCAA President Mark Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I, including issues related to sports wagering, the ongoing implementation of college basketball reforms, esports, credentialing of coaches and behavior of coaches. The Board of Directors expressed general support for the concept of a coach credentialing process and for examining coaching behavior expectations consistent with higher education.

3. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Board of Directors Finance Committee regarding Commission on College Basketball expenses and funding. The cost to fund all the approved recommendations totals \$16.2 million. Funding of the reforms will occur through some revenue increases and cost reductions. The national office will create \$11.2 million of funding through increased ticket revenue, agent and event certification revenue, and national office operations reductions. The remaining \$5 million will be funded through a reduction in the projected 2019-20 annual increase to Division I revenue distribution. The next step will be for the Finance Committee to consider a variety of options regarding how the \$5 million Division I revenue distribution reduction will be allocated across the various distributions. The Finance Committee will provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors in April.
4. **NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Updates.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Committee on Academics, which included an overview of the committee's strategic priorities and a request for input regarding the ongoing review of academic expectations for postgraduate student-athletes. The Committee on Academics provided draft principles to the Board of Directors for input to guide its review. The Board of Directors noted the importance of ensuring that the work on this matter be considered in conjunction with proposed legislation regarding transfers and financial aid "counters," including the potential impact of the draft principles.
5. **Division I Council Updates.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Council at its meeting, which included the election of a new Council chair, Grace Calhoun, director of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, whose term will begin after the June Council meeting. In addition, the Council adopted five proposals as noncontroversial legislation that were recommended by the NCAA Division I Enforcement/Infractions Working Group based on the report from the Commission on College Basketball. The update also included information on the pending early recruiting legislation, which was developed based on presidential principles. The proposals will be voted on in April and could represent significant changes to improve the early recruiting environment.
6. **Board of Governors Updates.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Board of Governors.
7. **Association-Wide Vote on Five Independent Board of Governors.** The Board of Directors received a final update related to the Association-wide vote to add five independent Governors.
8. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, vice president of legal affairs, related to ongoing legal matters.

- 9. Report of the October 23, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its October 23 meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

Board of Directors chair: Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Big Ten Conference

Staff Liaisons: Diane Dickman, Law, Policy and Governance

Jenn Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance

Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance

Donald Remy, Law, Policy and Governance

Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance

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Attendees:	
Guy Bailey, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Western Athletic Conference.	
Frank Bonner, Gardner-Webb University; Big South Conference.	
Dean Bresciani, North Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Ted Carter, United States Naval Academy; Patriot League.	
Christine Copper, United States Naval Academy; Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.	
Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University; Big East Conference.	
Phil DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.	
Phil Dubois, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Conference USA.	
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut; American Athletic Conference.	
Andrew Hugine, Alabama A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida); Atlantic Coast Conference, Division I Council.	
Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Big Ten Conference, chair.	
Noah Knight, University of Missouri-Kansas City, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Ron Machtley, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.	
James Maher, Niagara University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Jane Miller, University of Virginia; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Michael Rao, Virginia Commonwealth University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Nayef Samhat, Wofford College; Southern Conference.	
Denise Trauth, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference, vice-chair.	
Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Absentees:	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky; Southeastern Conference.	
Anthony Frank, Colorado State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Frank Gilliam, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; NCAA Division I Presidential Forum chair.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon, Donald Remy and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Katrice Albert, Scott Bearby, Dan Gavitt, Jon Duncan, Mark Emmert, Michelle Hosick, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox and Bob Williams.	