



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 23, 2020, MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update on Collegiate Athletics Landscape and Division I Modernization Agenda.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors received an overview of the current collegiate athletics landscape and received an update on the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum's discussions related to a potential modernization agenda to reaffirm the values of the collegiate model in support of the 21<sup>st</sup> century student-athlete. The Board expressed support for the advancement of a broader modernization agenda, noting that many of these areas are part of its identified Strategic Areas of Emphasis (2018-2023), which were developed to ensure continued enhancement of the student-athlete experience.
2. **Name, Image and Likeness Review.** The Board of Directors shared the Presidential Forum's sentiment that meaningful change can and should be pursued to increase flexibility in student-athletes' ability to benefit from the use their name, image and likeness in ways that enhance the student experience and are consistent with the collegiate model. In addition, it noted the need for the Association to enhance its public, membership and media communication efforts on name, image and likeness. Assuming sufficient membership agreement, the Board expressed general support for moving as soon as April on legislative items that are currently permissible through the waiver process so that continued efforts can focus on addressing more challenging issues and concepts related to the review of name, image and likeness.
3. **Knight Commission Request.** The Board of Directors reviewed a letter from the Knight Commission to President Emmert, which requested that the NCAA provide data related to the impact of bowl subdivision football on NCAA revenue distributions. The Board of Directors provided guidance to President Emmert regarding an appropriate response to the request.
4. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Board of Directors Finance Committee regarding the following key issues:
  - a. NCAA Division I Championships Finance Review Working Group. The working group has in-person meetings planned for February and April. It is anticipated that an initial report will be provided to the membership after the working group's April meeting for feedback on early concepts to be reviewed May-July. This feedback phase will provide the opportunity for conferences, governance committees, including the NCAA Division I Council, and sport committees to provide comments on the initial concepts. A final report with recommendations will be provided to the Council and the Board of Directors Finance Committee by October, with any potential legislative changes being included in the 2020-21 legislative cycle.
  - b. Moratorium on New Applications for Single-Sport Conference Membership. At the recommendation of the Council, the Board approved a temporary moratorium on new

applications for single-sport conference membership until July 1, 2021, effective immediately. The timeline of this two-year moratorium provides an opportunity for the membership to consider and address the final recommendations of the Championships Finance Review Working Group before considering new applications for single-sport conference membership. It is anticipated that the working group's recommendations will include some changes to the single-sport conference legislation.

- c. *Conference Request for Review of System of Redistributing Forfeited NCAA Funds.*  
The Finance Committee reviewed a request from a member conference calling for a review of the current system for distributing NCAA funds forfeited as a result of infractions-related financial penalties. Currently, if an NCAA institution is fined, the funds are remitted to the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund in the following year. The recommendation from the conference requested that those funds remain in the basketball performance and/or equal conference funds and be redistributed to institutions in some way. The Finance Committee noted the difficulty, if not impossibility, of identifying the teams that would have been selected to participate in the NCAA tournament or how a team would have progressed through the bracket had the offending institution not been selected or not permitted an ineligible student-athlete to compete. Given the difficulty in identifying an aggrieved party, the committee did not support removing money from the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund and redirecting such funds for unrestricted use by member institutions or conferences. As a result of these concerns, the committee did not support further exploration of the request. The Board of Directors agreed with the Finance Committee's concerns and did not support further exploration of the request.
5. **Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Council, including an update on the NCAA Division I Four-Year College Transfer Waiver Review Group, which was tasked with finding solutions to ease the tensions in, and protect the integrity of, the four-year college transfer waiver process. The working group is expected to conclude its review by April 2020 so that changes may be implemented before the next academic year. In addition, the Council adopted 26 proposals as noncontroversial legislation and adopted two proposals developed in collaboration with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Collegiate Advisory Council, which remove impediments faced by elite student-athletes who are developing, training and competing both collegiately and internationally. Finally, the Council adopted emergency legislation that specifies that an active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
6. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on key items and issues reviewed by the Division I Student-Athlete

Advisory Committee, including the review of name, image and likeness and notification of transfer educational documents, postgraduate academic enrollment requirements and a nonpartisan civic engagement initiative.

7. **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 the review of name, image and likeness and a broader review of issues to reaffirm the values of the collegiate model in support of the 21<sup>st</sup> century student-athlete.
8. **NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Board of Governors, including discussions related to name, image and likeness and sexual violence prevention.
9. **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.
10. **Report of the October 29-30 Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its October meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

*Board of Directors chair: Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference*

*Staff Liaisons:*

*Amanda Conklin, Law, Policy and Governance*

*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*

<b>Division I Board of Directors January 23, 2020, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jeri Beggs, Illinois State University; Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.	
Dean Bresciani, North Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League, Division I Council.	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky; Southeastern Conference.	
Morgan Chall, Cornell University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Rita Cheng, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.	
Julie Cromer Peoples, Ohio University; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University; Big East Conference.	
Phil DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.	
Michael Drake, The Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Phil Dubois, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Conference USA.	
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Jim Harris, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.	
Renu Khator, University of Houston; American Athletic Association.	
Ron Machtley, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.	
James Maher, Niagara University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Phil Oldham, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Mary Papazian, San Jose State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Taylor Reveley, Longwood University; Big South 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.	
David Wilson, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Guy Bailey, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Western Athletic Conference.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Rachel Baker, University of Kentucky.	
Frank Gilliam, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Division I Presidential Forum chair.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin, Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon, Donald Remy and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Scott Bearby, Jon Duncan, Mark Emmert, Dan Gavitt, Michelle Hosick, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox, and Bob Williams.	