



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 28, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Name, Image and Likeness Update.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors received an update on the progress of the NCAA Division I Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group, as well as an update on state and federal legislative interest in name, image and likeness. During its October meeting, the NCAA Division I Council introduced the Legislative Solutions Group's recommended concepts into the 2020-21 legislative cycle. Review continues in the areas of booster involvement, the pre-enrollment environment and institutional assistance, and modifications to the concepts may be made leading up to the January 2021 vote. If adopted, this legislation would be effective August 1, 2021. The Legislative Solutions Group will continue to monitor NIL legislation at the state and federal level.

Additionally, the Board of Directors provided input on the direction of the NIL legislation and noted the importance of ensuring that the proposed guardrails will limit booster involvement and that the scope of permissible institutional assistance is clearly delineated.

2. **NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on the progress of the Division I Working Group on Transfers, including the Council's introduction of the uniform four-year transfer eligibility proposal into the 2020-21 legislative cycle. This proposal would provide four-year college transfer student-athletes in all sports with the opportunity to be immediately eligible to compete at their new Division I institution, beginning during the 2021-22 academic year, as follows: (1) The exception is available only one time during a student-athlete's eligibility; (2) The student-athlete must leave the previous institution academically eligible and maintain academic progress at the new institution to be eligible to compete immediately; (3) The concept requires education for the student-athlete to encourage informed decision-making regarding the impacts and implications of transferring; (4) The student-athlete and the head coach at the new institution must certify in writing that impermissible recruiting contact did not occur prior to student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal; and (5) The proposal includes a notification of transfer date component that balances institutional and student-athlete interests. In conjunction with this legislative proposal, the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics will examine how NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate policies and penalties will evolve to take into account the transfer trends associated with a uniform transfer eligibility exception, and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee will review the concept of guaranteed degree completion athletics aid for four-year college transfer student-athletes.

The Board of Directors expressed support for this proposal and provided input on areas where further discussion may be needed, including the overlap with NIL legislation, the inclusion of a grade-point average requirement and impermissible recruiting.

3. **Division I Committee on Academics Update.** The Board of Directors approved a two-year suspension of Academic Progress Rate penalties, including the loss of access to postseason competition, at the recommendation of the Committee on Academics. This suspension applies to two years of APR penalties (2019-20 and 2020-21) and there will be no public release of APR penalties and no top ten public recognition program during the two-year period. The Committee on Academics will require APR improvement plans, maintain data reviews and use data to explore potential changes to the APR metric. In addition, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee determined that institutions will continue to be eligible for Academic Performance Funds based on the use of APR data even though it will not be publicly released.

The Committee on Academics also noted its plans to provide the Board of Directors with recommendations on the use of standardized tests as part of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements in the spring/summer of 2021.

4. **Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors approved the Board of Directors Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors request the NCAA Board of Governors to consider the conferences' preference to have the NCAA national office absorb the total cost of the plaintiffs' legal fees in the Alston/Grant-in-Aid case in its budget, using reserves, as necessary. If the Board of Governors does not approve such an approach or otherwise increases the cost share of the NCAA above 10 percent, the Finance Committee recommends determining conference allocation based on the maximum grant-in-aid equivalency limits for men's basketball, women's basketball and bowl subdivision football, by institution.

In addition, the Board of Directors received an update on the Finance Committee's approval of policy changes based on recommendations from the NCAA Division I Championships Finance Review Working Group.

5. **Status of Fall and Winter Championships.** The Board of Directors received an update on the status of fall and winter sport championships, which are expected to begin March 10, 2021, and be completed by the third week of June. The NCAA championships staff have worked closely with Dr. Brian Hainline, chief medical officer, and the NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group on issues including championship sites, testing protocol and the presence of spectators at championships. In the interest of protecting the health and safety of student-athletes in the wake of COVID-19, the overall number of championship sites will be reduced. Sites for fall sport championships are expected to be announced next week.

Specific to the men's and women's basketball championships, NCAA staff will continue to work with the COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group and state and local health officials to determine testing protocols and championship sites. Earlier this month, the Medical Advisory Group released a document on the [Core Principles of Resocialization in Collegiate Basketball](#) as well as a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document related to those principles.

6. **Sustainability Review.** The Board of Directors received an update on the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum's review of sustainability and insight into the discussions of the four subgroups. The Board will continue to receive updates over the course of the Forum's review, with an initial report in April, and a final report and recommendations expected in 18 to 24 months.
7. **Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Council, including permitting season-of-competition waivers and extensions of eligibility for winter sport student-athletes, waivers of membership requirements (e.g., sports sponsorship) for the 2020-21 academic year and waivers of automatic qualification requirements for fall sport championships.
8. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which collaborated with the NCAA Division II and Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees and the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, on the creation of a National Unity Pledge and Mark.
9. **NCAA President's Report.** The Board of Directors received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
10. **Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Board of Governors.
11. **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.
12. **Division I Board of Directors Chair.** The Board of Directors elected Denise Trauth as chair of the Board of Directors. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
13. **Report of the September 22 Board of Directors Videoconference.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its September videoconference. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

Board of Directors chair: Denise Trauth, Texas State University, Sun Belt Conference

Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, 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

Division I Board of Directors October 28, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Guy Bailey, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Western Athletic Conference.	
Jeri Beggs, Illinois State University; Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.	
Rebecca Blank, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Big 10 Conference.	
Dean Bresciani, North Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League, Division I Council.	
Rita Cheng, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.	
Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University; Big East Conference.	
Phil DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.	
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
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.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Phil Oldham, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Mary Papazian, San Jose State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Christina Paxson, Brown University; The Ivy League.	
Taylor Reveley, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Harlan Sands, Cleveland State University; Horizon League.	
Neal Smatresk, University of North Texas; Conference USA.	
Adrienne Swinney, University of Connecticut; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
Denise Trauth, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference, 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.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Brian Hemphill, Radford University; Division I Presidential Forum chair.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon, Donald Remy and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Mark Emmert, Abe Frank, Dan Gavitt, Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Michelle Hosick, Felicia Martin, Marnae Mawdsley, Kathleen McNeely, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox, and Bob Williams.	