



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

In an effort to connect NCAA Division I Council items to the NCAA pillars of academics, fairness and well-being, items included in this report have an identifying pillar. There is an additional pillar, operational, that is used to denote items that relate to maintaining a stable and efficient Division I.

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Extension of the Temporary Recruiting Dead Period.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Council adopted emergency temporary legislation to extend the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) in all sports through May 31. In addition, the Council committed to providing clarity regarding permissible recruiting activities beginning June 1 (e.g., campus visits, evaluations) as soon as possible, and not later than its April 14-15 meeting. The extension reflects the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns regarding in-person interaction among prospective student-athletes, institutional staff, and student-athletes. Extending the recruiting dead period now provides the membership and prospective student-athletes with clarity regarding the status of permissible recruiting activities for the remainder of the spring 2021 academic term.

- 2. Legislative Action – NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-25 Adopted.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Legislative actions taken by the Council are listed in Attachment A. Voting results are available in Attachment B. The Council removed Proposal No. 2019-25 from the table and adopted the legislation, which applies to bowl subdivision football and men’s and women’s basketball. The proposal specifies that the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete’s relatives, legal guardians or coaches) only while employed in the athletics department at another four-year institution. In addition, the proposal specifies that an institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for the previous academic year.

As standard process for legislation adopted by the Council, the proposal is not final until the NCAA Division I Board of Directors has an opportunity for review of the action. Due to the timing of the Board of Directors meetings, the opportunity will be provided electronically. If there is no additional action by the Board of Directors, the legislation will be immediately effective as of February 24, 2021. In the interim, a blanket waiver that aligns with the legislation has been approved for football only and will remain in place until the legislation is effective.

3. **Waiver of Out-of-Season Activities Legislation – Football.** (Fairness/Operational) The Council approved a waiver of Bylaw 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations – outside of the playing season), in football, to permit an institution to increase, from eight to ten hours, the weekly limit on out-of-season countable athletically related activities. Up to six hours may be spent on physical activities (e.g., weight training and conditioning) and up to four hours per week may be spent on meetings, film review and walk-throughs. Walk-throughs remain limited to two hours per week. The waiver will provide additional opportunities for student-athletes to engage in noncontact activities with their teams outside the playing season while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to restrict their normal activities on campus. Waiver effective date: Monday, February 22.

4. **Issues Related to the Use of a Season of Competition in Spring Sports in the 2021 Season.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council discussed whether a blanket waiver related to the use of a season of competition in spring 2021 or an extension of eligibility, or other flexibility should be provided to first-year spring sport student-athletes (e.g., freshmen) due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council declined to issue a blanket waiver. The Council noted that spring competition is only just beginning and has not been significantly impacted at this point. Existing legislation and season-of-competition waiver criteria (e.g., student-athlete competed in 30% or less of institution’s scheduled/completed contests and does not compete in the second half of the season) will continue to apply and provide potential relief on a case-by-case basis. The Council will continue to monitor issues related to competition in the spring of 2021 and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to determine whether action is warranted at a later date.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Reports from Division I Council Standing Committees.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received recent reports from its standing committees and considered input to inform decisions on the key items above.

2. **NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel Update.** (Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA’s chief medical officer, Dr. Brian Hainline, provided an update from the COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccination availability and projections, and the ongoing efforts to collaborate with local health authorities to secure venues and establish appropriate medical and testing protocols as the Association prepares to conduct its winter sport championships.

3. **Update on Division I Sustainability Initiatives.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the NCAA Division I Presidential

Forum's review of the sustainability of the Division I model of intercollegiate athletics. The goals of the review are to examine the current collegiate model; identify strengths, weaknesses, and pressure points that threaten its viability; and recommend short-term and long-term solutions to sustain intercollegiate athletics. The Forum has shared its emerging long-term priorities with the membership along with a request for feedback from conferences by March 21. At the Forum's request, the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee referred several short-term sustainability issues to committees within the governance structure for review by April 2. The Council and its standing committees are well positioned as practitioners and subject matter experts to provide their expertise on these issues of a more technical, regulatory nature. The Council will review committee feedback and consider initial recommendations on the short-term sustainability issues during its April meeting.

4. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Council received an update from President Emmert regarding important issues facing the Association and Division I.
5. **Report of the January 11 Council Videoconference.** The Council approved the report of its January 11 videoconference.

Council Chair: Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League

Council Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Law Policy and Governance

Jennifer Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance

Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance

Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference February 17, 2021	
Attendees:	
Gary Barta, University of Iowa; Big Ten Conference.	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Jason Cable; Southwestern Athletic Conference (alternate).	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; Conference USA.	
Kim Capriotti, Faculty Athletics Representatives Association representative.	
Patrick Chun, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference (Division I conference commissioner).	
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.	
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; America East Conference.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Mark Jackson, Villanova University; Big East Conference.	
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University, Patriot League.	
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.	
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).	
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.	
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.	
Martin Newton, Samford University; Southern Conference.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.	
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).	
Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference February 17, 2021	
Attendees:	
Rich Tiner, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Horizon League.	
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
John Williams, Southland Conference.	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Absentee:	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Jackie Campbell, Shauna Cobb, Joni Comstock, Jon Duncan, Mark Emmert, Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Hebbard, Jennifer Henderson, Anthony Holman, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, David Lafiosca, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, Susan Peal, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.	

NCAA Division I Council February 2021 Legislative Actions

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Council Action
2019-25	ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT AT ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION AND REASSIGNMENT AFTER ONE SEASON -- BASKETBALL AND FBS	Atlantic Coast Conference	Immediate	In basketball and bowl subdivision football, to specify that the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's relatives, legal guardians or coaches) only while employed in the athletics department at another four-year institution; further, to specify that an institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for the previous academic year.	Amended the effective date to immediate. Adopted.
R-2021-2	RESOLUTION: TEMPORARY RECRUITING DEAD PERIOD DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 31	NCAA Division I Council	Immediate	<i>Resolved</i> , that the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) is extended through May 31, 2021.	Supported as emergency legislation. Adopted.

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results
February 17, 2021

Conference -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	January Report	Consider R-2021.2 as Emergency	R-2021-2	Remove 2019-25 from the Table - FBS	Amend Effective Date of 2019-25 - FBS	2019-25 - FBS	Remove 2019-25 from the Table - Basketball	Amend Effective Date of 2019-25 - Basketball	2019-25 - Basketball	Waiver of Out-of-Season Activities - FBS	Waiver of Out-of-Season Activities - FCS
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1		Y	N				N	N	N		
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May	DI	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke	A	4		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	A p p r o v e d	A p p r o v e d
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1		Y	Y				Y		Y		
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
Colonial Athletic Association -- C. Rawak	FCS	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N		
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1		Y	Y				N	N	N		
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	N		
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1		Y	Y				N	N	N		
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- I. Wicker McCree	FCS	1		Y	Y				Y	Y	N		
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris	DI	1		Y	Y				N	Y	N		
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1		Y	N				Y	Y	N		
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1	Y	Y				N	N	N			
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1	Y	Y				N	N	N			
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1											
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Cable (alternate)	FCS	1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1		N	N			N	A	A			
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1	Y	Y				Y	Y	N			
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1	Y	Y				A	A	A			
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1	Y	Y				Y	Y	N			
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2	Y	Y				N	Y	A			
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (Pioneer for FCS)		1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
SAAC -- C. Lee		1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
Yes/Adopt (Y)				62	60	15	15	15	51	55	44		
No/Defeat (N)				1	3	0	0	0	11	5	13		
Abstain (A)				0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6		
No Vote Cast (Blank)				1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1		
Total				64	64	15	15	15	64	64	64		
Y Percent				98.4%	95.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	82.3%	91.7%	77.2%		

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy