



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023, 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. **Discussion of the “Roadmap to Transformation.”** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Council received an update on the referrals made based on the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee’s recommendations in its final report and the organization to develop legislative recommendations and a revised decision-making structure. The council provided initial feedback and reactions for the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee to consider.
  - a. **Decision-Making Structure and Referrals to Sport Communities.** The Division I Council received a report on the development of the decision-making structure, which included a review of the guiding principles that informed the Transformation Committee’s recommendations. Additionally, the council provided feedback on the proposed composition of the sport management and championship committees. The Council Coordination Committee made referrals to select oversight committees and sport communities and feedback will be returned to the Coordination Committee for consideration as it develops final recommendations based on the Transformation Committee’s concepts.
  - b. **Organizational Approach to the Membership Expectations Concepts.** The Division I Council received an update on the structure, makeup, and responsibilities of the three subgroups of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee that will develop recommendations based on the Transformation Committee’s membership expectations concepts: (1) Health and Safety, (2) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Education, and (3) Membership. The recommendations will be presented to the council during a future meeting.
2. **Decentralization Referrals from the Transformation Committee.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council reviewed decentralization topics that were referred to the council by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and provided feedback for the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee and the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to consider in the review of the topics. The feedback will help guide the scope of review of the decentralization items.
3. **Legislative Actions.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council took the legislative actions listed below. The council’s voting results are available in the Attachment to this report.
  - a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. R-2023-1 – Men’s Basketball Recruiting Calendar.** Per a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball

Oversight Committee, the Council adopted, as temporary emergency legislation, Division I Proposal No. R-2023-1 – Men’s Basketball Recruiting Calendar – Evaluation Days in July, which amends the July 2023 recruiting calendar to establish an evaluation period July 15-16, 2023. The legislation is effective immediately and is applicable only to July 2023.

- b. **Proposal No. 2019-108 – Recruiting -- Recruiting Model -- Baseball.** Per a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, the Council removed Proposal No. 2019-108 from the table and amended it to reflect the following phased recruiting timeline: (1) August 1 of junior year – permissible to send correspondence, private messages, outgoing telephone calls, and accept incoming telephone calls; and (2) September 1 of junior year – permissible to engage in unofficial visits, official visits, and off-campus contact. In addition, the Council added the amended proposal to its April legislative agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) In an effort to coordinate congressional engagement, the Council was provided an outline aimed to help educate the Division I membership on such efforts. The Council received a report on the goals, interests, priorities, timeline, and anticipated action of the subcommittee and the mobilization strategy to provide education to the membership on key issues in order to support the congressional engagement efforts.
2. **Single-Sport Conference Request.** (Operational) The Council reviewed a request to allow the ASUN Conference and Western Athletic Conference football group to apply for single-sport conference membership despite a current moratorium on applications for single-sport conference membership in order to provide feedback to the Board of Directors, which has authority over such membership-related matters. The Division I Council was informed that the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee do not support the request. Feedback will be provided to the Board of Directors that the council also does not support the request.
3. **Reports from the Division I Football Oversight Committee.** The Council received a report from the Football Oversight Committee that included the following informational items:
  - a. **Recruiting and Personnel Review.** (Operational) The Football Oversight Committee solicited feedback in January on recruiting and personnel concepts developed by the Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup from FBS and FCS

conferences, FBS independent institutions, the American Football Coaches Association and the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Connection Group. Except for one FCS conference, all groups responded, and they reported engaging with head football coaches to help inform their input. The Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup will review and refine the recruiting and personnel concepts based on the feedback and present updated concepts during the Football Oversight Committee's March 16 and 30 videoconferences. The Football Oversight Committee will solicit feedback from FBS and FCS conferences a final time before possibly introducing the concepts as legislative proposals at the Division I Council's April videoconference, with an effective date in time for the 2023-24 academic year.

- b. **Spring 2023 Survey.** (Operational) The Football Oversight Committee will solicit membership feedback and institutional data this spring on annual signing and initial counter limits, seasons of competition, and institutional limits on official visits. The committee will use responses to guide its review of the 2022 blanket waivers that (1) eliminated annual signing and initial counter limits for a two-year period; and (2) increased institutional limits on official visits during 2022-23 recruiting cycle.
- c. **Blanket Waiver – Spider Pads During Spring Practice.** (Well-Being/Operational) At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Administrative Committee, the NCAA staff approved a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to wear spider pads during noncontact practices for the 2023 football spring practice period. The waiver creates a standard use of spider pads during the acclimatization, preseason, and spring segments. The Football Oversight Committee will review legislative options to promote consistency.
- d. **Review of Playing Rules Related to Length of Game.** (Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Competition Committee and NCAA Football Rules Committee have been asked to review issues relating to length of game and the number of plays in the game. A game clock study was conducted during the 2022 football season to estimate the impact of potential game clock changes when awarding first downs and after incomplete passes. The NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee and the Football Rules Committee will meet February 28-March 3, 2023; any proposals will go through a membership comment/feedback period through mid-April.
- e. **Football Governance Structure.** (Operational) The Football Oversight Committee continues to discuss a governance structure that would adequately support Division I football while addressing the unique needs of each subdivision. There is consensus within the committee for a structure that allows each subdivision to discuss and manage its own subdivisional legislation while continuing to collaborate on issues that impact Division I football. The committee also recognizes there are unique

needs for each subdivision that may not impact the other subdivision, and that there is a need to continue collaborating between the subdivisions for the overall growth of college football.

4. **Update from the NCAA President.** (Operational) NCAA President, Mark Emmert, addressed the council for the final time before his term comes to an end at the end of the month and praised members for their diligence, particularly over the last year. The council formally thanked Dr. Emmert for his service to the Association.
5. **Report of the January 11 Council Meeting.** (Operational) The Division I Council approved the report of its January 11 meeting.

*Council Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.*  
*Council Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Jennifer Fraser, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Kevin Lennon, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Leeland Zeller, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference February 15, 2023</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Nicole Kendall Arrighi, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Brian Barrio, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College; The Ivy League.	
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Don Bruce, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference (Division I Subdivision conference commissioner).	
Patrick Chun, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Tim Coffey, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Tim Day, Iowa State University; Big 12 Conference (alternate).	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Ami Gianchandani, Yale University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Chad Hawley, Big Ten Conference (alternate).	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Angie Jabir, Siena College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Mark Jackson, Villanova University; Big East Conference.	

Michael Kelly, University of South Florida; American Athletic Conference.
Debbie Kirch, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
Eddie Nunez, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.
Adeanah Pooler; Southwestern Athletic Conference (alternate).
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College, Southern Conference.
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.
Thomas Samuel, Southland Conference.
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).
Billy Walker, American University; Patriot League.
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University; Conference USA.
Morgyn Wynne; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (alternate).
<b>Absentee:</b>
Jason Cable, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Turner Dirrigl, Canisius College; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>
Scott Bearby, Gary Brown, Dawn Buth, Karlee Curtis, Jon Duncan, Meghan Durham, Mark Emmert, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, PJ Hubert, Charnele Kemper, David Lafiosca, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Mike Massa, Ty Medd, Karen Metzger, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Cari Van Sensus, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results  
February 15, 2023

	Conference Type	Voting Weight	January 11 Report	Remove 2019-108 from the table	Amend 2019-108	2019-108 on April agenda	R-2023-1 as Emergency	R-2023-1
<b>Conference -- Voting Delegate</b>								
America East Conference -- B. Barrio	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
American Athletic Conference -- M. Kelly	NA	2		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
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	FCS	1	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- T. Day (alternate)	A	4						
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big South Conference -- T. Coffey	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- C. Hawley (alternate)	A	4		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big West Conference -- K. Barsky	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colonial Athletic Association -- C. Rawak	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Conference USA -- E. Wood	NA	2			Y	Y	Y	Y
Horizon League -- D. Kirch	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ivy League -- J. Blackett	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- A. Jabir	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- A. Shields-Gadson	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mountain West Conference -- E. Nunez	NA	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Ohio Valley Conference -- N. Arrighi	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Patriot League -- B. Walker	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Southern Conference -- E. Rabb	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Southland Conference -- T. Samuel	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- A. Pooler (alternate)	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Summit League -- B. Martin	DI	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2	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	Y	
IA FAR -- D. Bruce		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Division I Conference Commissioner -- D. Butterly		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (PFL for FCS)		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
SAAC -- M. Wynne (alternate)		1		Y		Y	Y	
SAAC -- A. Gianchandani		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
<b>Yes/Adopt (Y)</b>				57	60	58	60	60
<b>No/Defeat (N)</b>				0	0	0	0	0
<b>Abstain (A)</b>				0	0	0	0	0
<b>No Vote Cast (Blank)</b>				7	4	6	4	4
<b>Total</b>				64	64	64	64	64
<b>Y Percent</b>				100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy