

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL FEBRUARY 13, 2025, 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.

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Implementation Committee Update.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Following preliminary approval of the settlement in the *House*, *Hubbard* and *Carter* cases in October 2024, the NCAA national office and the defendant conferences established an Implementation Committee to advance settlement implementation plans. The Division I Council received a confidential update on the work of the Implementation Committee. A recently released Implementation Committee status report is available here. The council will receive additional updates on the work related to the implementation of the proposed settlement during future meetings.
- **2. Legal Update.** (Operational) The council received an update on key litigation affecting Division I and the Association from the NCAA office of legal affairs.
- **3. Report of the January Council Meeting.** (Operational) The council approved the report of its January 15 meeting.

Council Chair: Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.

Council Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance

Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance Jennifer Fraser, Division I Governance Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance

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Attendees:

Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University; Faculty Athletics Representative Association.

Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.

Nicole Kendall Arrighi, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.

Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.

Amy Beggin, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.

Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College; The Ivy League.

Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.

Don Bruce, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.

Dan Butterly, Big West Conference (Division I Subdivision conference commissioner).

Jason Cable, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Greg Christopher, Xavier University; Big East Conference.

Tim Coffey, Longwood University; Big South Conference.

Neema Conner, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (alternate).

Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy; Patriot League.

Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.

Steve Corder, University of Detroit Mercy; Horizon League.

John Currie, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.

Joey D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.

Anthony Egbo, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho; Big Sky Conference.

Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University; ASUN Conference.

Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.

Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference.

Jeff Jackson, Missouri Valley Conference.

Kimberly Johnson, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.

Michael Kelly, University of South Florida; American Athletic Conference.

Doug Knuth, Southern Utah University; Western Athletic Conference.

Jessica Kumke, Horizon League.

Lisa Liotta, Canisius University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Brandon Martin, University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.

Kimya Massey, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.

Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University; Atlantic 10 Conference.

Meredith Page, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Jennifer Phillips, James Madison University; Sun Belt Conference.

Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College; Southern Conference.

Allison Rich, University of New Hampshire; America East Conference.

Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).

Heath Schroyer, McNeese State University; Southland Conference.

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Jim Senter, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.

Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.

Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Big Ten Conference.

Absentee:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Leeland Zeller.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:

Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Jennifer Henderson, Ethan Hite, Michelle Hosick, Kevin Lennon, Mario Morris, Binh Nguyen, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.