



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
JULY 15, 2020, 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. Legislative Actions. (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council took the legislative actions listed below. The Council's legislative actions are detailed in Attachment A and voting results are available in Attachment B.

- a. The Division I Council adopted NCAA Proposal No. 2019-102 (NCAA Membership -- Member Conference -- Conditions and Obligations of Membership -- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review). This proposal requires a member conference to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office.
- b. The Council amended and adopted Proposal No. 2019-119 (Financial Aid -- Exempted Institutional Financial Aid -- Institutional Need-Based and Nondiscretionary Merit-Based Aid). The Council amended the effective date of the proposal from August 1, 2021, to August 1, 2020. This proposal exempts institutional need-based and nondiscretionary merit-based awards from a team's equivalency computations. This legislation will allow a student-athlete to accept need-based and nondiscretionary, merit-based institutional financial aid, which previously may have been declined due to team financial aid limitations.

The legislation adopted by the Council will not be considered final until the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee meeting July 27, 2020.

2. Summit League Waiver Request. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved a waiver request from the Summit League to allow the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) to begin the reclassification process from Division III to Division I. The Council introduced legislation in June that would create a process for a Division III institution to reclassify directly to Division I. This waiver allows the University of St. Thomas to begin the reclassification process in advance of the formal vote by the membership on the proposed reclassification legislation, which is set to occur in January or April 2021. Approval of the waiver provides certainty to the university and the affected conferences with regard to scheduling and budgets.

3. Blanket Waiver Requests. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council took the following actions related to the blanket waiver requests:

- a. NCAA Bylaws 18.7.2.1.1 and 20.9.9.2.1 – NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Opponent. The Council approved a one-year waiver of Bylaws 18.7.2.1.1 and 20.9.9.2.1. As a result, a Football Bowl Subdivision institution may count two victories/contests against an Football Championship Subdivision opponent toward scheduling and bowl eligibility requirements, provided the opponent has averaged at least 80% of the permissible number of football scholarships during a rolling two-year period.
 - b. NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.16, Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(e) and Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1 – Certification of Compliance. The Council defeated a waiver request to postpone the annual certification requirement outlined in Constitution 3.2.4.16, Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(e) and Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1 until October 2021.
- 4. Financial Aid Review.** (Academics/Well-Being/Fairness/Operational) The Council charged the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee with conducting a comprehensive review of financial aid legislation (Bylaw 15), including its association with membership requirements (Bylaw 20). The comprehensive review will begin no sooner than June 2021 and will allow the Division I financial aid landscape and other related issues to be reviewed concurrently. In addition, the Student-Athlete Experience Committee will conduct a review of the application of Proposal No. 2019-119 by 2024 to ensure it is being applied as intended.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an overview of the agenda for the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's July 17 Meeting. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is focused on finalizing its priorities for the 2020-21 academic year, developing civic engagement initiatives and working with outside groups to promote external and community engagement.
2. **Basketball Summer Access.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council discussed the July 20 permissible start date for men's and women's basketball required summer athletic activities. Because the start date is permissive, the Council determined that any adjustments to the start date of activities should be handled at the conference or institutional level in order to provide flexibility based on local considerations related to COVID-19.

3. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Council received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
4. **Report of the June 15 Standing Committee Meetings and the June 17 Council Meeting.** The Council approved the report of the June 15 standing committee meetings and the June 17 Council meeting.

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 July 15, 2020	
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.	
Kyle Fairchild, Horizon League (alternate).	
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.	
Chad Hawley, Big Ten Conference (alternate).	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; America East Conference.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Samantha Huge, College of William and Mary; Colonial Athletic Association.	
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.	
Katherine LeGrand, Villanova University; Big East Conference (alternate).	
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.	
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.	
Brian Shannon, 1A Faculty Athletics Representative (alternate).	

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference July 15, 2020	
Attendees:	
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	
Rich Tiner, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).	
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
John Williams, Southland Conference.	
Absentee:	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Horizon League.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
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:	
Troy Arthur, Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Shauna Cobb, Joni Comstock, Meghan Durham, Mark Emmert, Curtis Franks, Dan Gavitt, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Heberd, Jennifer Henderson, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, Felicia Martin, Marnae Mawdsley, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, Susan Peal, Carol Reep, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Destyni Rogers, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Naima Stevenson, Zack Teats, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.	

NCAA Division I Council July 2020 Legislative Actions

ATTACHMENT A

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Council Action
2019-102	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REVIEW	NCAA Division I Council (NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)	08/01/2020	To specify that an active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office; further, to specify that failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject a member conference to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.	Adopted.
2019-119	FINANCIAL AID -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- INSTITUTIONAL NEED-BASED AND NONDISCRETIONARY MERIT-BASED AID	NCAA Division I Council (NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee)	August 1, 2020; for institutional merit-based and need-based awards received by a student-athlete on or after August 1, 2020.	To specify that the following is exempt and not counted in determining the institution's team financial aid limitations: (1) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines; and (2) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on published criteria that apply to all students; further, to specify that such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.	Amended the effective date to August 1, 2020. Adopted.

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results
July 15, 2020

Conference -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Approve Council Report	Summit League Waiver Request	Certification of Compliance Waiver	FCS Opponent Waiver - FBS	Remove 2019-102 from the Table	2019-102	Remove 2019-119 from the Table	Amend 2019-119	2019-119
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	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	N	Y
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1	A p p r o v e d	A p p r o v e d	D e f e a t e d	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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 -- K. Halpin	FCS	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4					Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colonial Athletic Association -- S. Hugel	FCS	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2					Y	Y	Y	N	N
Horizon League -- K. Fairchild (alternate)	DI	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1					Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- I. Wicker McCree	FCS	1					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris	DI	1					Y	Y	N	N	Y
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	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				
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y				
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1	N	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Cable (alternate)	FCS	1	Y	N	Y	Y	Y				
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	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 -- B. Shannon (alternate)		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
FARA -- K. Capriotti		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 (Pioneer for FCS)		1	Y	Y	N	N	Y				
SAAC -- C. Lee		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
		Yes/Adopt (Y)					62	59	61	52	61
		No/Defeat (N)					1	5	3	12	3
		Abstain (A)					0	0	0	0	0
		No Vote Cast (Blank)					1	0	0	0	0
		Total					64	64	64	64	64
		Y Percent					98.4%	92.2%	95.3%	81.3%	95.3%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy