



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
MARCH 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. Discussion Related to the Temporary Dead Period and the Transition to Recruiting Activities.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council discussed preliminary feedback from several committees that have engaged in discussions on how to return safely and effectively to recruiting activities at the conclusion of the temporary dead period. The Council generally agreed that a return to some level of in-person recruiting activity on June 1 is anticipated. The standing committees will continue to refine their recommendations in advance of the April 14-15 Council meeting, during which the Council is expected to make final determinations regarding permissible recruiting activities that may occur after May 31.

- 2. Waiver of Summer School Enrollment Requirements for Basketball and Football Student-Athletes to Engage in Required Summer Athletic Activities.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved a blanket waiver of NCAA Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5 (summer athletics activities) to permit football and basketball student-athletes to engage in required summer athletic activities during summer 2021 without being enrolled in summer school. A similar waiver was adopted for summer 2020. Its continuation may provide financial savings for institutions. Further, the waiver addresses the uncertainty surrounding summer school course availability due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providing relief of the summer enrollment requirement now helps schools make timely campus decisions regarding enrollment in summer coursework.

- 3. Waiver of Out-of-Season Activities Legislation – Sports Other than Football.** (Fairness/Operational/Well-Being) The Council approved a waiver of Bylaw 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations – outside of the playing season) in sports other than football to permit institutions to increase, from eight to 10 hours, the weekly limit on out-of-season countable athletically related activities. The additional two hours of countable athletically related activities may be spent on team meetings and film review. 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. The waiver is effective beginning Monday, March 22. The Council approved a similar waiver for football during its February 17 meeting.

4. **Moratorium on Conference Sponsored, Council-Governance Proposals During the 2021-22 Legislative Cycle.** (Operational) The Council approved a limited moratorium on conference-sponsored, Council-governance proposals during the 2021-22 legislative cycle. Exceptions to the moratorium include conference-sponsored proposals related to: (1) significant membership priorities, including concepts intended to address the impact of COVID-19; and (2) concepts that advance the NCAA Division I Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, including its modernization agenda. The limited moratorium on conference-sponsored legislative proposals will allow the membership to continue focusing on managing issues related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other significant topics, including the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness, and the review of transfer eligibility and transfer waivers. Conferences will still be permitted to submit other legislative concepts for consideration to Council standing committees. Conferences will also be permitted to submit amendments to Council-sponsored proposals.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Issues Related to the Use of a Season of Competition in Spring Sports in the 2021 Season.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council continued its discussion regarding whether a blanket waiver related to the use of a season of competition in spring 2021 and/or an extension of eligibility, or other flexibility should be provided to first-year spring sport student-athletes due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to time constraints, it was determined that the Council would consider the matter through electronic action or an additional meeting would be scheduled to continue the discussion.
2. **Update from the NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update from the Working Group on Transfers' March 1 meeting. The working group noted that it continues to support the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11. If it is not practicable to proceed with a vote on the transfer proposal in April, the working group is prepared to recommend approval of a blanket waiver for undergraduate four-year transfer student-athletes for the 2021-22 academic year.
3. **Update from the NCAA Division I Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received a presentation of the draft regulatory framework that has been endorsed by the Legislative Solutions Group and includes three primary elements: (1) a regulatory philosophy; (2) an inventory of possible violations; and (3) a delineation of responsibilities related to the administration of NIL regulations. The regulatory framework will be finalized in advance of the Council's consideration of the name, image and likeness proposals. The Council suggested additional

education for the membership on the roles and responsibilities of a potential third-party administrator.

4. **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, including progress being made nationally on vaccinations and the successful implementation of testing protocols at NCAA championship sites. Dr. Hainline also discussed steps institutions should be prepared to take in the coming months, including as the 2021-22 academic year approaches.
5. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on efforts from the Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force to prepare for the implementation of the expanded policy, which is effective for the 2022-23 attestation requirements. The task force is prepared to submit its recommendations to the NCAA Board of Governors in April.
6. **Reports from Council Standing Committees.** The Council received recent reports from its standing committees and considered input to inform decisions on the key items above.
7. **Report of the February 17 Council Videoconference.** The Council approved the report of its February 17 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 March 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.
John Heck, Colonial Athletic Association (alternate).
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.
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.
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).

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Attendees:	
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.	
Absentees:	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA contractor.	
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, Lydia Bell, DJ Brown, Emily Capehart, Shauna Cobb, Jon Duncan, Meghan Durham, Derek Gragg, Brian Hainline, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Hebbard, Jennifer Henderson, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, Tom Paskus, Susan Peal, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Cari Van Sensus, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.	