



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18, 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. Temporary Recruiting Dead Period.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council adopted NCAA Proposal No. R-2020-23 as emergency temporary legislation to extend the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) in all sports through April 15, 2021. The Council stressed the importance of maintaining consistency across all sports and protecting the health of coaches and current student-athletes. The Council's decision was informed by input from several Council standing committees and coaches associations.

- 2. Virtual Recruiting During Temporary Recruiting Dead Period -- Football.** (Well-Being/Operational) In conjunction with its decision to extend the temporary recruiting dead period, the Council approved a waiver, effective immediately, to permit all coaches, including volunteer coaches in championship subdivision football, full-time institutional staff members and current students to initiate recruiting calls (e.g., telephone calls, video calls) involving prospective football student-athletes who an institution is permitted to call. The flexibility applies for the remainder of the temporary recruiting dead period. This waiver gives institutions additional opportunities to engage with prospective student-athletes and share information to help them make informed decisions before the December National Letter of Intent signing period and in preparation for the February NLI signing period.

The Council will continue to explore the potential expansion of virtual recruiting activities for sports other than football and anticipates addressing this item during its December meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Blanket Waiver Request to Provide Additional Financial Aid Exemptions.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council discussed a request for a blanket waiver that would allow an institution to exempt a student-athlete's athletically related financial aid during his or her final year of eligibility if the student-athlete received a COVID-19 related season of competition or eligibility extension waiver and remains at

the same institution. The waiver is intended to provide institutions with flexibility in giving opportunities to future recruiting classes while allowing for institutional discretion to make decisions based on its particular circumstances. The Council will consider acting on the request during a future meeting.

2. **Overview of the Independent Accountability Resolution Process.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an overview of the Independent Accountability Resolution Process. The Council discussed a desire to share its concerns about the timeliness of select infractions cases and waning credibility of the Association as it relates to self-governing in critical and visible sports. In addition, the Council suggested an evaluation of changes enacted based on the recommendations from the NCAA Division I Enforcement and Infractions Review Group and Commission on College Basketball. The Council will continue its discussion on the infractions process and timelines during its December meeting.
3. **NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group Update.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the activities of the COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group, including an overview of the Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition, which updates and extends previous guidance considering new and emerging information surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The document includes considerations specific to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, reclassification of the transmission risk of sports and COVID-19 testing.
4. **NCAA Board of Governors Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the NCAA Board of Governors' actions related to its previous expansion of the campus sexual violence policy. Specifically, the Board of Governors delayed the effective date for schools to confirm they are in compliance with the expanded policy to the 2022-23 academic year and directed the formation of a task force to develop operational procedures and supporting documentation to assist with implementation of the expanded policy. The 2022 Policy Implementation Task Force will consist of ten members from various roles across all three divisions and is expected to deliver its final report to the Board of Governors on April 27, 2021.
5. **NCAA Division I Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group Update.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the continuing work of the Legislative Solutions Group. The group has reviewed name, image and likeness concept feedback and continues to monitor the process of a reviewing proposals from vendor who could serve as a third-party administrator related to name, image and likeness activities.
6. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship Update.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the status of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship after the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee

announced that all rounds the 2021 championship would be conducted in one metropolitan area. Additional details related to the operation of the championship will be provided when it becomes available.

7. **Council-Governance Proposals.** (Operational) The Council received an overview of the 14 Council-governance proposals in the 2020-21 legislative cycle and the next steps in the legislative process.
8. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Council received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
9. **Reports of the October 13-14 and October 29 Council Videoconferences.** The Council approved the reports of its October 13-14 and October 29 Council videoconferences.

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 November 18, 2020	
Attendees:	
Gary Barta, University of Iowa; Big Ten Conference.	
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
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.	
Brad Hostetter; Atlantic Coast Conference (alternate).	
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.	
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.	
Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference (alternate).	
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.	

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference November 18, 2020	
Attendees:	
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.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
John Williams, Southland Conference.	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Absentee:	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast 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, Shauna Cobb, Jon Duncan, Meghan Durham, Mark Emmert, Dan Gavitt, Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Hebbard, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Chris Johnson, Charnele Kemper, Felicia Martin, Marnae Mawdsley, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, Susan Peal, Carol Reep, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.	

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results
November 18, 2020

	Conference Type	Voting Weight	10/13-14 and 10/29 Reports	Consider R-2020-23 as Emergency	R-2020-23	Waive Restrictions on Virtual Recruiting - FBS Only	Waive Restrictions on Virtual Recruiting - FCS Only
Conference -- Voting Delegate							
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1		Y	Y		
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2		Y	Y		
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May	DI	1		Y	Y		
Atlantic Coast Conference -- B. Hostetter (alternate)	A	4		Y	Y		
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1	A P P r o v e d	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		
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1		Y	Y		
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4		Y	Y		
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1		Y	Y		
Colonial Athletic Association -- J. Heck (alternate)	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2		Y	Y		
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1		Y	Y		
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1		Y	Y		
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2		Y	Y		
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- I. Wicker McCree	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris	DI	1			Y		
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2		Y	Y		
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1		Y	N		
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4		Y	Y		
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4		Y	Y		
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1		Y	N		
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1		Y	Y		
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1		Y	Y		
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2		Y	N		
West Coast Conference -- G. Nevarez (alternate)	DI	1		Y	Y		
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1		Y	N		
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1		Y	Y		
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1		Y	Y		
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1		Y	Y		
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4		Y	Y		
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2		Y	Y		
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (Pioneer for FCS)		1		Y	Y		
SAAC -- C. Lee		1		Y	Y		
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1		Y	Y		
Yes/Adopt (Y)				64	59		
No/Defeat (N)				0	5		
Abstain (A)				0	0		
No Vote Cast (Blank)				0	0		
Total				64	64		
Y Percent				100.0%	92.2%		

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy