



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 7, 2024, 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 ITEM.**

- **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-56 – Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams Prior to Collegiate Enrollment – Men’s Ice Hockey and Skiing.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council adopted Proposal No. 2024-56 as expedited legislation, which eliminated legislation by which major junior ice hockey teams were considered professional, and in men’s ice hockey and skiing, permits involvement with professional teams and leagues (e.g., contracts, payments, tryouts, practice and competition) before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, provided not more than actual and necessary expenses for participation are received or guaranteed. The proposal is effective August 1, 2025. Voting results are available in the Attachment.

The following links provide additional information and educational resources regarding Proposal No. 2024-56:

- [NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-56 – Question and Answer Document.](#)
- [NCAA Division I Amateurism Certification -- Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey.](#)
- [NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey -- Preenrollment Involvement With Professional Teams -- Frequently Asked Questions.](#)
- [NCAA Division I Amateurism Certification – Men’s and Women’s Skiing.](#)

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Future State of Division I.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council engaged in additional discussion about the elements of an ideal future state of Division I, which included an update from the October 29 NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting. The council will continue to discuss these issues in future meetings.
2. **Legal Update.** (Operational) The council received a privileged and confidential update related to ongoing legal matters and the [question-and-answer document](#) that was released on Monday, October 28 regarding the impact of the proposed settlement on Division I institutions.

- 3. Report of the October Council Meeting.** (Operational) The council approved the report of its October 8-9 in-person 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

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference November 7, 2024	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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 (alternate).	
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.	
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.	
Connie Hurlbut, West Coast Conference (alternate).	
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.	

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Lisa Liotta, Canisius University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.	
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.	
Jim Senter, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.	
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
<b>Absentee:</b>	
Shannon Strahl, Gonzaga University; West Coast Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Deena Casiero, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Ethan Hite, Lynn Holzman, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Mike Massa, Karen Metzger, Greg Pottorff, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Chris Strobel, Jared Tidemann, Stan Wilcox, Meghan Wright, and Quintin Wright.	

	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Approve Council Report	Proposal No. 2024-56 as Expedited Legislation	Proposal No. 2024-56
Conference -- Voting Delegate					
America East Conference -- A. Rich	DI	1	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y
American Athletic Conference -- M. Kelly	NA	2		Y	Y
Atlantic 10 Conference -- E. McLaughlin	DI	1		Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Currie	A	4		N	N
ASUN Conference -- G. Harrison	FCS	1		Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- K. Johnson	A	4		Y	Y
Big East Conference -- G. Christopher	DI	1		Y	Y
Big Sky Conference -- T. Gawlik	FCS	1		Y	Y
Big South Conference -- T. Coffey	DI	1		Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Whitman	A	4		Y	Y
Big West Conference -- K. Barsky	DI	1		Y	A
Coastal Athletic Association -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1		Y	Y
Conference USA -- J. Senter	NA	2		Y	Y
Horizon League -- S. Corder	DI	1		Y	Y
Ivy League -- J. Blackett	FCS	1		Y	Y
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- L. Liotta	DI	1		Y	Y
Mid-American Conference -- M. Alnutt	NA	2		Y	Y
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- A. Shields-Gadson	FCS	1			
Missouri Valley Conference -- J. Jackson	DI	1		Y	Y
Mountain West Conference -- A. Beggin (alternate)	NA	2		N	Y
Northeast Conference -- B. Hurlbut	FCS	1		Y	Y
Ohio Valley Conference -- N. Arrighi	FCS	1		Y	Y
Pac-12 Conference -- B. Corbin	NA	2		Y	Y
Patriot League -- C. Copper	FCS	1		Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- J. Brooks	A	4		Y	Y
Southern Conference -- E. Rabb	FCS	1		Y	Y
Southland Conference -- H. Schroyer	FCS	1		A	A
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Cable	FCS	1		Y	Y
Summit League -- B. Martin	DI	1		Y	N
Sun Belt Conference -- J. Phillips	NA	2		Y	A
West Coast Conference -- C. Hurlbut (alternate)	DI	1		N	Y
Western Athletic Conference -- D. Knuth	DI	1		Y	Y
IA FAR -- D. Bruce		1		Y	A
Division I Conference Commissioner -- D. Butterfly		1		N	N
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1		Y	Y
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4		Y	Y
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. Steinbrecher		2		Y	Y
FCS Conference Commissioner -- J. D'Antonio		1		Y	Y
SAAC -- A. Egbo		1		Y	Y
SAAC -- M. Page		1		Y	Y
Yes/Adopt (Y)				52	50
No/Defeat (N)				8	6
Abstain (A)				1	5
No Vote Cast (Blank)				1	1
Total				62	62
Y Percent				86.7%	89.3%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy