



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL AND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES
OCTOBER 30, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

In an effort to connect NCAA Division I Council and standing committee 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 mark those items that are under review to ensure a stable and efficient Division I.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Report of the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Council received an update of the report of the Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group. The working group provided a [report](#) to the NCAA Board of Governors in which it recommended that the Board of Governors authorize changes in policy and legislation to permit name, image and likeness benefits for student-athletes consistent with NCAA values and principles. The Board of Governors directed each of the three divisions to immediately begin considering modification and modernization of relevant NCAA bylaws and rules to permit students participating in athletics the opportunity to benefit from the use of their name, image and/or likeness in a manner consistent with the values and beliefs of intercollegiate athletics. The NCAA Division Board of Directors directed the Division I Council to recommend the process and timeline through which the charge will be met. The NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee will discuss issues related to the timeline and process and provide a recommendation to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee.

- 2. Reports from Council Committees.** The Council received reports from the Council standing committees that included recommended actions and informational items. Roll-call vote results of legislative actions are included in the Attachment.
 - a. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The Council took action on a recommendation from the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.
 - July Quiet Period and August Dead Period. (Well-Being/Operational) The Council **introduced** a proposal into the 2019-20 legislative cycle to specify that the Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31 shall be a quiet period and that August 6-15 shall be a dead period. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal would allow coaches to conduct institutional camps and official visits during the last week of July following the NCAA College Basketball Academy while maintaining the general prohibition against unofficial visits in July. The dead period in August would provide coaches an established period to spend time with their families after the

busy summer recruiting season and before the start of the academic year. In addition, coaches would have the opportunity to invest in relationships with current student-athletes who remain on campus during August. This proposal was recommended by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

b. NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee provided the following informational items to the Council.

- (1) Review of College Basketball Reform Concepts and Applicability to Women's Basketball. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received reports from the three subcommittees that reviewed concepts and their applicability to women's basketball.
 - (a) Recruiting. Recruiting legislation adopted in men's basketball was reviewed, including the increase in official visits, June scholastic events and the College Basketball Academy. No changes to women's basketball are recommended at this time. Implementation of the men's basketball legislation will be monitored and revisited as appropriate. Assessment of the impact of the new women's basketball recruiting calendar, adopted in April 2018, will also continue.
 - (b) Professional Athletics Opportunities. Legislation adopted in men's basketball related to agent certification and opportunities to enter the NBA draft was reviewed. No changes to women's basketball are recommended at this time. These items will be monitored and revisited after the WNBA completes collective bargaining discussions (e.g., timing of draft, potential undergraduate advisory committee).
 - (c) Diversity, Retention and Professional Development in Coaching. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a legislative recommendation that would establish a women's basketball fellow position for a former student-athlete. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will continue to review and develop the recommendation for possible introduction into the 2020-21 legislative cycle. In addition, recommendations were forwarded to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and NCAA leadership development for enhanced programming.

- (2) Two-Site, Eight-Team Regional Format. (Well-Being/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee to establish a two-site, eight-team regional format for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, effective for the 2023 championship and thereafter.
- (3) NCAA Evaluation Tool. (Fairness/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a report from the Women's Basketball Committee on the development of the NCAA Evaluation Tool to assist with team selections, seeding and bracketing.
- (4) Use of Microphones During NCAA Championships. (Fairness/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee requested a joint review by the other sport oversight committees regarding a potential legislative change to the current prohibition placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas during NCAA championships.
- (5) Reporting Line of the Mechanics Advisory Committee. (Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Competition Committee to move the reporting line of the Mechanics Advisory Committee from the Women's Basketball Competition Committee to the Women's Basketball Committee. The move aligns the groups that oversee officiating.
- (6) Use of Technology During Competition. (Fairness/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a report on waivers that have been approved for the experimental use of technology (e.g., iPad, laptop) on the bench during live competition in the 2019-20 season. An evaluation of the use of the experimental rules in the upcoming season will be conducted by the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.
- (7) Women's Basketball Strategic Plan 2019-2024 – Quality Competition. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a report that the Women's Basketball Competition Committee will be charged with discussions related to the strategic plan goal area of quality competition, including areas related to officiating, parity of the game and competitiveness.
- (8) Verbal Offers of Financial Aid. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee is requesting feedback related

to verbal offers of financial aid from coaches through the WBCA Division I conference captains' program.

- (9) Next Generation Showcase. (Fairness/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommended approval of a blanket legislative relief waiver to permit Division I women's basketball coaches and staff members to attend the NCAA Next Generation event during the dead period surrounding the 2020 Women's Final Four. The waiver is supported by the WBCA. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will consider recommending legislation to address this issue in the future.

c. NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee. The Council took action on a recommendation from the Competition Oversight Committee.

- Paralympics and Parapan American Games Participation. (Fairness/Well-Being) The Council **introduced** a proposal into the 2019-20 legislative cycle to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes; further, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal would provide the same benefits and opportunities to individuals participating in the Paralympics and Parapan American Games that currently apply for Olympic and Pan American Games participation. The U.S. Olympic Committee formally changed its name to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to further support and include Paralympic athletes. This proposal will support and include Paralympic student-athletes in a similar manner.

d. NCAA Division I Legislative Committee. The following items include actions taken by the Council on recommendations and information provided to the Council from the Legislative Committee.

- (1) Development Training Expenses for Elite Athletes. (Fairness/Well-Being) The Council **introduced** a proposal into the 2019-20 legislative cycle to specify that an individual who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive development training expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the national governing body (or the international equivalent) related to sport experts other than coaches, training partners and travel for parents or

guardians, coaches and sport experts. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. Student-athletes who are members of national teams often experience financial hardship in training and preparing for elite national and international events, such as the Olympics. The current development training expenses legislation does not fully permit certain types of expenses that such student-athletes typically incur in preparing to compete for their country on the world stage. For example, a recent U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee study found the average college swimmer between 2013-2017 had an annual financial gap of \$17,000. This gap demonstrates the need for increased flexibility to access U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing body resources associated with preparing to participate in elite international events. This proposal will assist athletes in covering expenses for sport-specific research and technology experts to assist in employing advanced training methods, expenses for training partners and expenses for guardians, coaches, and other experts to assist in the physical and emotional development and training of the athlete in preparing for elite competition.

- (2) Individual Workout Sessions -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Identified Student-Athletes. (Fairness/Well-Being) The Council **introduced** a proposal into the 2019-20 legislative cycle to specify that a student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being subject to daily or weekly limits on countable athletically related activities, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout session and does not miss class. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. Student-athletes who are members of national teams frequently request more flexibility to train with their coaches as a means of utilizing the coaching staff's experience and expertise to prepare for national team events and to follow national team training plans. Currently, additional opportunities for a student-athlete to train with coaches are limited by restrictions on athletically related activities in season and out of season. An individual-sport student-athlete is permitted to train with his or her coach, at the student-athlete's request, during institutional vacation periods and/or the summer. However, training for national team events occurs throughout the calendar year and also applies to team-sport student-athletes. Additional

access to training with coaches throughout the year would greatly enhance a student-athlete's preparation and likelihood for success. This proposal would provide flexibility to identified elite student-athletes to better manage their academic responsibilities and national team training plans according to the fluctuations of the international quadrennial calendar. Finally, specifying that a student-athlete shall not miss class for additional voluntary training will continue to ensure an appropriate balance between academic and athletic activity.

- (3) Modification to Council Policy on Legislative Concepts Related to Subject Matter Under Review. (Operational) The Council **approved** a modification to the Council policy on the referral of legislative concepts that relate to a subject matter under review, to clarify that the policy no longer applies once the committee or working group reviewing the subject matter completes its review (e.g., make a legislative recommendation, determines no action is necessary). Pursuant to the updated policy, if a committee or working group completes its review before the November 1 proposal submission deadline, a conference may sponsor a proposal related to the applicable subject matter, provided the conference submitted an applicable legislative concept by the preceding July 15 deadline.
- (4) Publication of Legislation After Adoption of Autonomy Proposals. (Operational) The Legislative Committee began a discussion regarding the policy on publishing legislation after autonomy proposals are adopted. Currently, if autonomy legislation is more restrictive than the previous legislation, then the less restrictive legislation continues to be published; however, if the autonomy legislation is more permissive than the previous legislation, then the more restrictive legislation is no longer published. Concern has been raised regarding the accessibility of the more restrictive legislation if a nonautonomy conference/institution elects not to apply the more permissive autonomy legislation.

3. **Update on NCAA Review of Officiating.** (Operational) The Council received a report related to a shortage of game officials and a review of officiating. The review will include a thorough analysis of industry data and current trends. In addition, data and materials currently available will be supplemented by interviews, focus groups and surveys. The review will provide information and data to facilitate the development of a strategic plan. A group of Division I conference commissioners will examine the scope of the review and ensure that Division I interests are addressed. Updates will be provided to the Council as the review progresses.

Council Chair: Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League
Council Liaisons: Diane Dickman, 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 Teleconference October 30, 2019
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.
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League.
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; Conference USA.
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference (Faculty Athletics Representatives Association representative).
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.
Tim Day, Iowa State University, Big 12 Conference (alternate).
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.
Rick George, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.
Ethan Good, Bowling Green State University (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative).
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference (Division I conference commissioner).
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.
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.
Dawn K. Lewis, California State University, Fresno; Mountain West Conference.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast 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.
Sam Perelman, Old Dominion University (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative).
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.

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Attendees:	
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner alternate).	
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).	
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).	
Absentees:	
Jim Delany, Big Ten Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Scott Bearby, Sharon Cessna, Elizabeth Conte, Anthony Holman, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, Binh Nguyen, Donald Remy, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase and Cari Van Senus.	

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results
October 30, 2019

ATTACHMENT

	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Introduce Training Expenses	Introduce Individual Workouts	Policy Modification	Introduce MBB Quiet and Dead Periods	Introduce Paralympic Participation	
Conference -- Voting Delegate								
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May	DI	1	Y	Y			Y	
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke Catalano	A	4	Y	Y		Y	Y	
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert (Pioneer for FCS)	DI	1	Y	Y	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y	
Big 12 Conference -- T. Day (alternate)	A	4	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Colonial Athletic Association -- S. Hugu	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- I. Wicker-McCree	FCS	1		Y		Y	Y	
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Mountain West Conference -- D. Lewis	NA	2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1	Y	Y			N	Y
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1	Y	Y			Y	Y
Pac-12 Conference -- R. George	A	4	Y	Y			Y	Y
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1	Y	Y			Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey (alternate)		4	Y	Y		Y	Y	
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2	Y	Y		Y	Y	
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
SAAC -- E. Good		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
SAAC -- S. Perelman		1	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Yes/Adopt (Y)			63	64		62	64	
No/Defeat (N)			0	0		1	0	
Abstain (A)			0	0		0	0	
No Vote Cast (Blank)			1	0		1	0	
Total			64	64		64	64	
Y Percent			100.0%	100.0%		98.4%	100.0%	

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy