



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update and Discussion of Comprehensive Student-Athlete Eligibility Review.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on the comprehensive student-athlete eligibility review that the council authorized in June. The council reviewed and provided feedback on five concepts – four relating to preenrollment amateurism (prize money, involvement with professional teams, delayed enrollment, and use of agents) and another involving seasons of competition and a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility. The council will continue to review and discuss these concepts and others during its October meeting. Additional eligibility-related concepts will be discussed by the council on a rolling basis with anticipated completion of the review in October 2025.
2. **Discussion of the Future State of Division I.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council discussed the future of Division I and key elements of an ideal state for the division. These elements would reflect current and emerging changes while recognizing and valuing areas of collaboration that bind the Division I membership together. The council will continue its discussion on the future state of Division I in future meetings.
3. **Update on Recommendation to Transition the National Letter of Intent Program to NCAA Legislation.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update regarding a recommendation that would transition elements of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program into NCAA legislation and institutional athletics aid agreements. Incorporating the benefits of the NLI program into institutional aid agreements is intended to add clarity and efficiency to the commitment process for all prospective student-athletes, including four-year college prospective student-athletes. Potential council action on the recommendation is contingent on the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) recommending the transition of the NLI program during its September 2024 meeting. If recommended by the CCA, a proposal would be voted on by the council as expedited legislation during its October meeting.
4. **Notification of Transfer Windows – Football.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-being/Operational) The council engaged in a discussion on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committees regarding NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-46 (Recruiting – Notification of Transfer Windows – Reduce From 45 to 30 Days – Basketball

and Football) to adjust the football notification of transfer windows from 45 to 30 days and eliminate the second window, which occurs in the spring (April 16-30). The council will vote on Proposal No. 2024-46, which will include the Football Oversight Committees' recommendation, during its October meeting.

5. **Legal Update.** (Operational) The council received an update on the proposed settlement of antitrust litigation and other pending cases from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
6. **Report of the June Council Meeting.** (Operational) The council approved the report of its June 25-26 in-person meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

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 September 5, 2024	
Attendees:	
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.	
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.	
Jeff Jackson, Missouri Valley Conference (alternate).	
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.	
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.	
Gloria Nevarez; Mountain West Conference (alternate).	
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.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.	

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Shannon Strahl, Gonzaga University; West Coast Conference.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
Absentee:	
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Tim Buckley, Emily Capehart, Deena Casiero, Michael Cioroianu, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Terri Steeb Gronau, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Ethan Hite, Lynn Holzman, Chris Johnson, Kevin Lennon, John Macrina, Mike Massa, Mario Morris, Binh Nguyen, Susan Peal, Greg Pottorff, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Michelle Robison, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer, Jared Tidemann, Stan Wilcox, Meghan Wright, and Quintin Wright.	