

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 3, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Feedback on Women's Basketball Coaches Association Transfer Waiver Recommendation. Binh Nguyen, director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, provided an update on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's transfer waiver recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee provided feedback and took no position on the recommendation. The Football Oversight Committee expressed concerns about providing such relief prior to NCAA Division I Council's consideration of a uniform transfer rule, but noted that while the impact of COVID-19 may lead some to conclude that relief is appropriate for 2020-21 season, any relief must be limited to those transfer student-athletes who are enrolled full time at the certifying institution for the fall 2020 term in order to avoid a surge in midyear transfers. Further, the Football Oversight Committee noted that Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) has successfully completed over 80 percent of their football contests scheduled to date without the relief being recommended by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
- **2. Review of Football Oversight Committee's November 19 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its November 19, 2020, videoconference report.
- 3. Issues Impacting COVID-19.
  - a. Timing of Final Date for FBS Regular Season Contests. The Football Oversight Committee agreed that some relief to allow an FBS program to participate in one contest after December 19 due to the impact of COVID-19 may be appropriate in some circumstances. Such relief, if determined to be appropriate, would not waive the legislation establishing the maximum number of football contests (i.e., 12 contests). The Football Oversight Committee agreed that its members would solicit feedback from their conferences about a final date for FBS regular season contests, including conference championship games, and an opportunity for one additional contest after December 19. The Football Oversight Committee will continue its discussion during its next meeting.
  - b. Impact of COVID-19 Season of Competition Relief. Chris Howard, director of NCAA enforcement, provided an update to the Football Oversight Committee on the impact of the COVID-19 season of competition relief on student-athletes who are deciding whether or not to pursue a professional football career. The Football Oversight Committee discussed whether or not relief was appropriate to allow football student-athletes to participate in a collegiate all-star contest without jeopardizing their athletics eligibility. The Football Oversight Committee agreed not to recommend any relief from the application of the current legislation prohibiting a football student-athlete's involvement in a collegiate all-star contest.

- **4. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group Update.** Ryan Cassidy provided an update to the Football Oversight Committee, including their support for NCAA Proposal No. 2020-11.
- **5. Postseason Bowl Update.** Ty Halpin, director of NCAA championships and alliances, provided the Football Oversight Committee with an update on the timing and process for drug testing at the College Football Playoff.
- **6.** Future Meetings and Teleconferences.
  - a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, December 10, 2020; videoconference.
  - b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, December 17, 2020; videoconference.

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Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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#### **Attendees:**

Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.

Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University.

Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.

Craig Bohl, University of Wyoming, AFCA Board of Trustees.

Greg Byrne, University of Alabama.

Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Adam Cushing, University of Eastern Illinois, Head Football Coach.

Troy Dannen, Tulane University.

Jean Gee, University of Montana.

Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.

Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.

Michael Hamrick, Marshall University.

Mark Harlan, University of Utah.

Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.

Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.

Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.

#### **Absentees:**

Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.

Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.

# **NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**

Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Michael Bazemore, Amanda Conklin, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Sarah Otey, Greg Pottorff, and Chad Tolliver.