



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Recommendation to Extend the Temporary Recruiting Dead Period.** The Football Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Council extend the temporary recruiting dead period through May 31 due to ongoing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and concern regarding in-person interaction among prospective student-athletes, institutional staff and student-athletes. The Football Oversight Committee requests that the Division I Council extend the dead period at its February meeting to provide adequate notice to the membership regarding permissible recruiting activities for the remainder of the spring 2021 academic term. The Football Oversight Committee will engage in further discussions regarding the recruiting calendar at upcoming meetings.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on Concussion Assessment, Research and Education (CARE) Consortium findings.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on a recent CARE study on concussions sustained by football student-athletes during the preseason practice period. The Football Oversight Committee will engage in further review and discussion at future meetings.
2. **Review of the Football Oversight Committee's January 28 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its January 28, 2021, videoconference report.
3. **Issues Impacting COVID-19.**
 - a. **Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Annual Signing and Initial Counter Limitations.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on recent legislative relief waiver requests involving annual signing and initial counter limits that have been submitted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Football Oversight Committee believes that specific, documented situations involving a prospective student-athlete's failure to enroll or a student-athlete's departure due to the COVID-19 pandemic should be resolved through the legislative relief waiver process and does not recommend changes to the current legislation.
 - b. **COVID-19 Student-Athlete and Travel Party Code of Conduct.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on and supported a draft version of the 2021 COVID-19 Student-Athlete and Travel Party Code of Conduct for NCAA championships.
4. **NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** Amanda Conklin, Director of NCAA Division I governance, provided an overview of the Division I Presidential

Forum Sustainability Review and the Football Oversight Committee's responsibilities in that review. The Football Oversight Committee agreed to form subgroups to focus on its assigned areas and discuss its recommendations during future meetings.

5. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.

- a.** 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 11; Videoconference.
- b.** 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 18; 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.

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee February 4, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.	
Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.	
Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.	
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois University, Head Football Coach.	
David Cutcliffe, Duke University, 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.	
Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Absentees:	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.	