



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 20, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Nonlegislative items.**
 - a. **FCS Calendar Subgroup Update.** The FCSOC received an update on the progress of the FCS Calendar Subgroup and their recent March 27 videoconference. The subgroup will continue to review and develop a concept for joint practices between two four-year institutions and discuss the summer school enrollment requirement to participate in summer athletic activities at their next videoconference. In its future videoconferences, the subgroup will continue to discuss signing periods, whether to maintain alignment of the notification of transfer period with FBS, and recruiting topics associated with the recruiting calendar, campus visits and off-campus recruiters.
 - b. **Future of FCS branding discussion.** The FCSOC continued their discussion regarding the future of FCS football with an emphasis on establishing brand identity through storytelling. The FCSOC identified student-athlete development opportunities in the classroom and on the field, and preparing student-athletes for life after sport as important to the identity of FCS football programs. Additionally, the FCSOC identified highlighting the success and experiences of football student-athletes who competed in FCS football as a way to promote the quality of FCS football. The committee will discuss FCS brand identity with NCAA branding and communication staff on a future videoconference.
 - c. **Division I Cabinet update.** The FCSOC received an update regarding the Division I Cabinet's April 14-15 meeting, including the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal 2026-32 – Athletics Eligibility -- Prize Money or Payment Based on Performance, Draft and Inquiry and Use of Agents -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. The FCSOC was also provided an update regarding the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-33 – Recruiting – Transfer Outside of the Notification Process and Participation in Athletically Related Activities – Failure to Impose Institutional Penalties, which establishes an alternative enforcement process for a situation in which an institution does not impose the institutional penalties required by an application of NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9 (transfer outside of the notification of transfer process and participation in athletically related activities – institutional penalties). The FCSOC also received an update on the Cabinet's discussions on the age-based eligibility model.

- d. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group (FSAEG) update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Division I FSAEG on their April 13 meeting including a summary of feedback provided to the FCS Calendar Subgroup related to their out-of-season activities and preseason practice period concepts. FCS student-athletes generally supported the concepts developed by the FCS Calendar Subgroup.
- e. American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) update.** The FCSOC received an update from the AFCA including notice of their upcoming board meeting in Dallas, TX on April 28-29.
- f. FBSOC April 16 meeting summary.** The FCSOC received an update from the Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee's April 16 meeting.
- g. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee report.** The FCSOC approved the March 23 videoconference FCSOC meeting report.
- h. Future meetings.**

 - (1) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, May 11, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 22, 2026; videoconference.
 - (3) 9 a.m. to noon Eastern time, June 23, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.

Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

Jenn Fraser, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee April 20, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Jim Curry, East Texas A&M University, Southland Conference.
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.
John L. Mack, Princeton University, The Ivy League (alternate).
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.
Thomas Michael, Eastern Illinois University, Ohio Valley Conference.
Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University, Atlantic Sun Conference.
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.
Cody Ruff, Stonehill College.
Amy Strickland, Central Connecticut State University, Northeast Conference.
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.
Absentees:
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College, The Ivy League.
Kit Hughes, College of the Holy Cross; DI Football Championship Committee Chair.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston and Lynda Tealer.