



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division I Football Championship Subcommittee update.** The Football Championship Subdivision Committee (FCSOC) received an update from the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee, which included an update on the 2026 NCAA Division I Football Championship in Nashville. Additionally, the FCSOC requested the Division I Football Championship Subcommittee review its policies for selecting at-large teams, focusing on how the number of games played by an institution is considered, analytics used for team consideration, strength of schedule, and the role of Regional Advisory Committees in the process.
2. **NCAA Division I Football Rules Subcommittee update.** The FCSOC received information from the Football Rules Subcommittee on upcoming agenda items for the subcommittee, including an annual review of targeting penalties, yardage for applicable penalties, punt formations, player numbering, and uniforms. The subcommittee will meet in-person in Indianapolis on February 24-25.
3. **FCS Calendar Subgroup.** The FCSOC received an update on the composition of the subgroup and the upcoming January 29 videoconference.
4. **FCSOC Summary of Work.** The FCSOC reviewed a summary of their work since September 2025. The FCSOC will review their Summary of Work on a regular basis to assess their effectiveness in addressing strategic priorities.
5. **2026 football transfer data update.** The FCSOC received a preliminary update on transfer data following football's January 2-16 notification of transfer window. NCAA staff solicited feedback on additional data and analysis for review during the FCSOC in-person meeting on February 24-25.
6. **American Coaches Association Convention update.** The FCSOC received an update from Bob Nielson, Director of Divisional Football at the AFCA, on the January 11-13, 2026, AFCA Convention. The update referenced a discussion at the AFCA Convention about amending the season of competition exception in football from four to nine games.
7. **FBSOC January 22 meeting summary.** The FCSOC received an update from the Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee's January 22 meeting.
8. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group update.** The FCSOC received an update from the FSAEG on the reputation process, including the process for conferences to provide student-athlete nominations. Additionally, the FBSOC received an

update on the creation of the Football Student-Athlete Leadership Council, charged with coordinating and prioritizing discussions in future meetings. The FSAEG's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Eastern time on Monday, February 2.

9. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee report. The FCSOC approved the December 8 FCSOC report.

10. Future meetings.

a. February 24-25, 2026, in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

b. 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, March 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.

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Oversight Committee Videoconference

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NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee January 26, 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.	
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College, The Ivy League.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Kia'i Keone, University of Northern Colorado	
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.	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Absentees:	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston and Jackson Marcotte.	