



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 15, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Limited Moratorium on 2021-22 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Conference-Sponsored Legislative Proposals.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** That the NCAA Division I Council establish a limited moratorium on Council-governance, conference-sponsored legislative proposals for the 2021-22 legislative cycle. Exceptions to the moratorium would include conference-sponsored proposals related to significant membership priorities, including concepts intended to address the impact of COVID-19, and proposals that advance the NCAA Division I Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, including its modernization agenda.
- (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate, applicable to the 2021-22 legislative cycle.
- (3) **Rationale.** A moratorium on conference-sponsored legislative proposals would allow the membership to continue to focus on managing issues related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other significant topics, including the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness. In addition, conferences would continue to be permitted to submit other legislative concepts for consideration to Council standing committees.
- (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** Limits potential additional impact to budgets that have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** Focus on the most significant issues will enhance the student-athlete experience.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Recommendation to Extend the Temporary Recruiting Dead Period.** The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee discussed the temporary recruiting dead period, which is set to expire April 15, 2021. The Legislative Committee supports a recommendation to extend the temporary dead period to May 31 for all sports. Further, the Legislative Committee agrees that the Council should extend the dead period during its February

meeting to provide adequate notice to the membership. The Legislative Committee also recommends that the governance structure should immediately begin reviewing and outlining a transition plan for resuming recruiting activities after May 31.

- 2. Review of NCAA Proposal No. 2019-25 (Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete – Employment in the Athletics Department at Another Four-Year Institution and Reassignment After One Season – Basketball and FBS).** The Legislative Committee discussed the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee’s recommendation that the Council remove Proposal No. 2019-25 from the table and adopt the legislation for bowl subdivision football. The Legislative Committee supports the Football Oversight Committee’s recommendation. Further, the Legislative Committee recommends that the Council remove the proposal from the table and adopt the legislation for both bowl subdivision football and basketball.
- 3. Spring 2021 Sports Season-of-Competition and Extension Requests.** The Legislative Committee continued its discussion regarding season-of-competition waivers and extension of eligibility waivers for spring sport student-athletes during the 2020-21 academic year. The committee did not take a position on a concept to allow institutions to apply blanket season-of-competition and extension of eligibility waivers for first-year student-athletes; however, the Legislative Committee agreed that the Council should provide notice to student-athletes as soon as possible (February meeting) whether a blanket waiver will be granted.
- 4. 2021-22 Council-Governance Legislative Cycle.** The Legislative Committee discussed issues related to the 2021-22 Council-governance legislative cycle. The Legislative Committee agreed that continuing the 2020-21 legislative moratorium on conference-sponsored legislation for 2021-22 was appropriate (see action item above); however, the Legislative Committee agreed that Council-introduced legislation should be unrestricted for the 2021-22 legislative cycle. Specifically, the Legislative Committee noted that the Council should maintain full autonomy to introduce legislation to address a number of issues relevant to the membership (e.g., continued response to COVID-19, sustainability review, modernization initiatives, potential application issues resultant from name, image and likeness legislation, etc.). During a future meeting, the Legislative Committee will continue to discuss whether a waiver is needed to adjust the deadline for conferences to submit legislative concepts and whether to recommend any to the process to consider the remaining proposals from the 2019-20 legislative cycle.
- 5. Sustainability and Modernization Reviews.** The Legislative Committee discussed three reviews impacting sustainability and modernization: (1) The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum’s review of sustainability, including a comprehensive review of recruiting legislation; (2) The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee review of actions related to COVID-19 that should be extended or made permanent; and (3) A review of priorities related to the infractions process. The Legislative

Committee provided feedback on the reviews to the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee, which it charged with reviewing and providing initial recommendations for the Legislative Committee to consider during a future meeting.

6. **Review of Division I Council-Governance Legislation.** The Legislative Committee will review the remaining Council-governance proposals included in the 2021 Division I Council-Governance Official Notice during its March meeting.
7. **Review of NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee Report.** The Legislative Committee received the report of the November 20 meeting of the Interpretations Committee.
8. **Review of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Report.** The Legislative Committee received a report of the October 6 meeting of the Committee for Legislative Relief.
9. **Approval of Legislative Committee December Report.** The Legislative Committee approved the report of its December 18 videoconference.

*Committee Chair: Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati, American Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Anne Rohlman, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance*

<b>NCAA Division I Legislative Committee February 15, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference.	
Matt Burgemeister, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jeremiah Carter, University of Minnesota.	
Daniel Feig, University of South Carolina Upstate.	
Tim Gleason, University of Oregon.	
Jennifer Heppel, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.	
Rick Christensen, NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement chair.	
Stephen LaPorta, NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief chair.	
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati (chair).	
Kailyn Myshrall, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University (vice chair).	
Shalini Shanker, Colorado State University.	
Matt Boyer, Division I Interpretations Committee chair.	
Ted White, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.	
Larry Williams, University of Akron.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Carray Banks, Norfolk State University.	
Shannon Strahl, Gonzaga University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Leeland Zeller and Anne Rohlman.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin and Sarah Hebbard.	