



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM
APRIL 27, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** The Division I Presidential Forum reviewed its progress to date on the charge from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to seek effective approaches that sustain the Division I collegiate model. The Forum had planned to submit an initial status report to the Board for consideration at its April 28 meeting; however, diverging views among members, along with limited conference feedback received on the emerging priorities, prompted the Forum to delay providing a comprehensive initial report to the Division I Board at this time.

The Forum also acknowledged that external influences such as the NCAA gender equity review, the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court ruling, and possible congressional action related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics will impact the broader sustainability discussions and provide additional context from which they can continue. Accordingly, the Forum will consider outcomes from these items as well as initial feedback from the Division I Board to determine whether adjustments to its long-term priorities are necessary before submitting finalized priorities to the Board in August 2021.

2. **Gender Equity Review.** The Presidential Forum received an update from Derrick Gragg, NCAA senior vice president of inclusion, education and community engagement, who outlined the structure, scope and phases of the gender equity review being conducted by Kaplan, Hecker & Fink. The Forum also was provided correspondence from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference to the Board of Directors (per the conference's request) regarding the review.
3. **Federal and State Legislative Updates.** The Presidential Forum received an overview of state and federal activity impacting intercollegiate athletics, particularly bills regarding student-athlete name, image and likeness and participation by transgender student-athletes, and an update on the March 31 U.S. Supreme Court hearing in the Alston case.
4. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee Update.** Presidential Forum members Adela de la Torre, Ronnie Green and Geoff Mearns, all of whom were appointed to the newly established Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee, provided an overview of the committee's work to date, including interaction with key constituent groups to help inform recommendations regarding how to improve the infractions process.
5. **Discussion of the Changing Higher Education Landscape.** The Presidential Forum engaged in discussions regarding the changing landscape in higher education and how it may impact intercollegiate athletics in the future.

6. **Call for Presidential Forum Chair Nominations.** Presidential Forum members were asked to submit chair nominations to the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Steering Committee for consideration given that current chair Brian Hemphill has been named president of Old Dominion University and will step down from his role as chair of the Presidential Forum in summer 2021.
7. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Forum received an update from President Emmert regarding important issues facing the Association and Division I.
8. **Legal Update.** The Forum received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, vice president of legal affairs and general counsel, related to ongoing legal matters.
9. **Report of the January 12 Presidential Forum Videoconference.** The Forum approved the report of its January 12 videoconference. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

Presidential Forum chair: Brian Hemphill, Radford University, Big South Conference
Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Law, Policy and Governance
Jenn Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance
Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance
Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance

Division I Presidential Forum April 27, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laurence Alexander, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Brian Casey, Colgate University; Patriot League.	
Ana Mari Cauce, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.	
Jane Conoley, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.	
Adela de la Torre, San Diego State University; Mountain West Conference.	
James Donahue, Saint Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference.	
Gabriel Esteban, DePaul University; Big East Conference.	
Sheri Everts, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Wayne Frederick, Howard University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Patrick Gallagher, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jerome Gilbert, Marshall University; Conference USA.	
Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Big Ten Conference.	
Brian Hemphill, Radford University; Big South Conference.	
Wendy Libby, Stetson University; ASUN Conference.	
Geoff Mearns, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Brian Mueller, Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	

Robert Nelsen, California State University; Big Sky Conference.
Judy Olian, Quinnipiac University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.
Donde Plowman, University Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.
Havidan Rodriguez, University of Albany, America East Conference.
Kim Schatzel, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.
Eric Spina, University of Dayton; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Ashish Vaidya, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.
Malachi Van Tassell, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania); Northeast Conference.
Absentees:
Victor Boschini, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.
Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.
Martha Pollack, Cornell University; The Ivy League.
David Rudd, University of Memphis; American Athletic Conference.
Phil Schubert, Abilene Christian University; Southland Conference.
Carlos Vargas, Southeast Missouri State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Laura Johnson, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Marc Lampkin, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Gary Brown, Mark Emmert, Dan Gavitt, Derrick Gragg, Karl Hicks, Michelle Hosick, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Greg Pottorff, Donald Remy, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, and Stan Wilcox.