



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM  
AUGUST 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Board of Governors' Directives Regarding Fall Participation and Championships.** The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum provided the following feedback on the Board of Governors' directives related to student-athlete well-being and conducting fall championships in spring 2021:
  - a. **COVID-19 Medical Expenses.** The Presidential Forum expressed concern regarding a broad legislative requirement that institutions conducting fall competition must pay student-athletes' COVID-19 related medical expenses. The Presidential Forum expressed concern about the lack of available insurance plans that cover COVID-19, as well as the lack of data surrounding long-term health problems resulting from the virus. Additionally, several members expressed support for exploring the addition of insurance coverage for student-athletes who contract COVID-19 to the NCAA's long-term catastrophic injury policy.
  - b. **Fall Championships.** The Presidential Forum expressed general support for further exploring the possibility of moving fall championships to spring 2021, citing a desire to give hope and certainty to student-athletes. However, the Presidential Forum indicated a general preference for delaying a final determination until more studies can be done on COVID-19 and institutions can provide feedback based on their experience with conducting fall sports. Some members of the Presidential Forum indicated that their support for moving fall championships to the spring was contingent on access being provided for each conference's automatic qualifier.
2. **Report of the April 28 Presidential Forum Meeting.** The Forum approved the report of its April 28, 2020, meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

*Presidential Forum interim chair: Wendy Libby, Stetson University; ASUN 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*

<b>Division I Presidential Forum August 17, 2020, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Victor Boschini, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.
Brian Casey, Colgate University; Patriot League.
Jane Conoley, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.
David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.
James Donahue, Saint Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference.
Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.
Patrick Gallagher, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Conrado Gempesaw, St. John's University; Big East Conference.
Jerome Gilbert, Marshall University; Conference USA.
Brian Hemphill, Radford University; Big South Conference.
Andrew Hugine, Alabama A&M University; Southwestern Athletic 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 of Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.
Havidan Rodriguez, University of Albany, America East Conference.
David Rudd, University of Memphis; American Athletic Conference.
Kim Schatzel, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.
Phil Schubert, Abilene Christian University; Southland Conference.
Jay Silveria, U.S. Air Force Academy; Mountain West Conference.
Eric Spina, University of Dayton; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Ashish Vaidya, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.
Malachi Van Tassell, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania); Northeast Conference.
Carlos Vargas, Southeast Missouri State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Wayne Frederick, Howard University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Martha Pollack, Cornell University; The Ivy League.
Michael Schill, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby, Jackie Campbell, Mark Emmert, Michelle Hosick, Marnae Mawdsley, Donald Remy and Bridget Rigney.