



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM
JANUARY 23, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

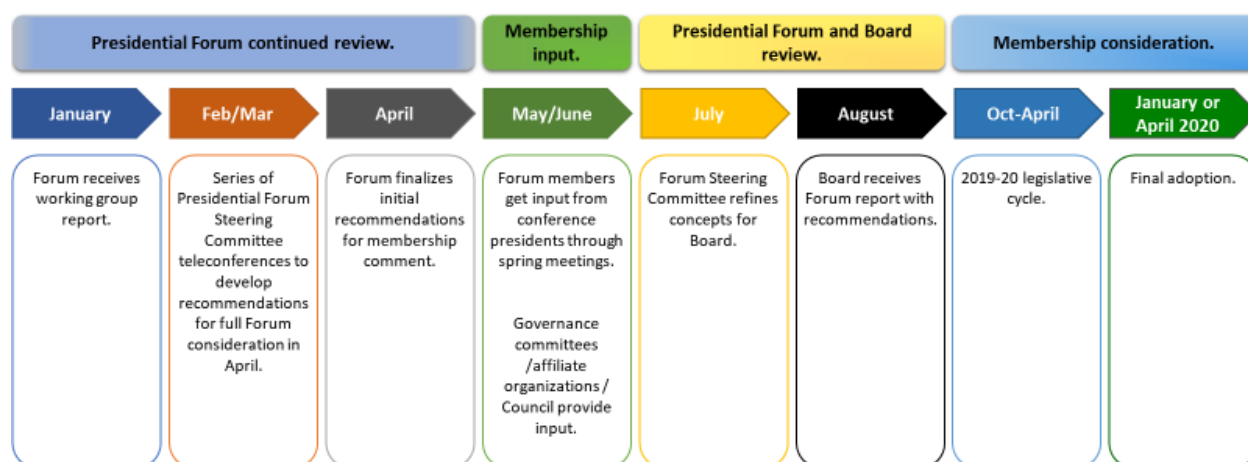
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of NCAA Division I Academic Misconduct Working Group Final Report.** The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum received a final report from the NCAA Division I Academic Misconduct Working Group. The Presidential Forum reviewed and discussed the final report and will continue its discussions over the next several months. The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Steering Committee will develop concepts and recommendations regarding academic misconduct for discussion by the Presidential Forum in April. During its April meeting, the Presidential Forum will finalize its initial recommendations for membership feedback through the spring and summer conference and governance meetings. It is anticipated the Forum will provide the NCAA Division I Board of Directors with a final report later this year. Key areas of discussion included:
 - a. Whether it is necessary for each campus to have a mechanism for reviewing academic integrity issues involving student-athletes (e.g., campus committee with such responsibility) and/or examples of possible options to help campuses (e.g., best practices).
 - b. Ways to ensure truly egregious academic misconduct is captured as an NCAA violation while balancing the appropriate role of the NCAA so as to not have NCAA “overreach.”
 - c. Referral of the interpretations process in infractions matters to the NCAA Division I Council for further vetting with an expectation for a report on the issue later this year. This referral was consistent with the working group’s recommendation for additional review by another governance body based on the broad scope of the issue beyond academic misconduct.
 - d. Support for the recommended legislative edits that are noncontroversial in nature and improve clarity of the existing legislation. The Presidential Forum also supports outreach to the regional accrediting agencies for the purpose of communication and clarity of roles in the area of academic misconduct.

Presidential Forum members were asked to communicate with their conference commissioners to consider adding a discussion of academic misconduct to the agenda of spring/summer conference meetings involving presidents and chancellors. Based on

discussions at the Presidential Forum’s April meeting, a report will be provided to help frame key items for membership feedback. Each conference’s feedback will be considered as the recommendations to the Board are finalized. The following graphic provides the anticipated timeline for review:

Timeline for Review of Academic Misconduct



- Discussion on Presidential Accountability, Certification of Compliance and Attestation.** The Presidential Forum continued a discussion related to the Commission on College Basketball’s suggestion for increased accountability for presidents, directors of athletics and coaches. In order to bolster existing accountability measures (e.g., certification of compliance) in August 2018, the Board of Directors adopted legislation to (1) add an attestation requirement; (2) require contracts to include responsibility to cooperate in investigations; and (3) increase culpability for hiring individuals under an enforcement “show cause” order.

As it relates to presidential accountability, the Presidential Forum noted that institutional boards of regents already hold presidents accountable for fulfilling their responsibilities. In addition, previously adopted legislation provides that a president may be mentioned by name in an infractions report. The annual attestation requirement will help ensure presidents understand their responsibilities for institutional control and rules compliance. In order to receive a nonpresidential perspective, the Forum supports the Board’s recommendation that it would be valuable to have the independent members of the NCAA Board of Governors review the presidential accountability document and feedback.

As it relates to accountability of directors of athletics, the Presidential Forum recommend that the Council, made up of many directors of athletics, provide perspective to the

Presidential Forum on accountability for directors of athletics for consideration prior to any action. This examination should include desired outcomes of such a review (e.g., best practices, legislative requirements).

As it relates to accountability of coaches, expectations for head coach control of his or her program and related responsibilities have previously been identified and legislated. However, additional work should be done to develop behavioral expectations, consistent with the Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, which notes an interest in examining and creating expectations for the role of coaches and athletics administrators, including improved leadership training.

3. **Update on Association-Wide Vote to Add Five Independent NCAA Board of Governors.** The Presidential Forum received a final update related to the Association-wide vote to add five independent Governors.
4. **Progress on the "Charting the Course" Inventory.** The Presidential Forum received a progress report on the development of an inventory of successful campus programming designed to ensure a well-rounded student-athlete experience. An online database is under development to catalog effective student-athlete well-being programming that is currently occurring throughout the membership, as well as materials and programs developed by the NCAA national office. Presidents or chancellors and athletics administrators will have the opportunity to review information related to the programs and consider implementing them (or elements of them) on their campuses. Among the topics that will be included in the tool are topics related to academic risk, mental wellness, career planning, mentoring, life skills, concussion protocol and sexual violence prevention.
5. **Report of the October 22-23, 2018, NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Meeting.** The Presidential Forum approved the report of its October meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

Presidential Forum chair: Franklin Gilliam, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Staff Liaisons: Diane Dickman, Law, Policy and Governance
Jenn Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance
Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance
Todd Petr, Research

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Attendees:	
Victor Boschini, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.	
Rita Cheng, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.	
David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Patrick Gallagher, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jerome Gilbert, Marshall University; Conference USA.	
Frank Gilliam, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Southern Conference.	
Andrew Hugine, Alabama A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Renu Khator, University of Houston; American Athletic Conference.	
Wendy Libby, Stetson University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Brian Mueller, Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Philip Oldham, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Judy Olian, Quinnipiac University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Taylor Reveley, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Gary Roberts, Bradley University; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Michael Schill, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.	
Phil Schubert, Abilene Christian University; Southland Conference.	
Jack Thomas, Western Illinois University; The Summit League.	
Kim Wilcox, University of California, Riverside; Big West Conference.	
David Wilson, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Absentees:	
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
James Danko, Butler University; Big East Conference.	
James Donahue, Saint Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference.	
Sharon Gaber, University of Toledo; Mid-American Conference.	
Mary Papazian, San Jose State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Christina Paxson, Brown University; The Ivy League.	
Carol Quillen, Davidson College; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Kim Schatzel, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Ashish Vaidya, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Malachi Van Tassell, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania); Northeast Conference.	
Greg Woodward, University of Hartford, America East Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Carol Cartwright.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Todd Petr.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby, Gary Brown, Jon Duncan, Michelle Hosick, Joel McGormley, Binh Nguyen, Donald Remy, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, and Leeland Zeller.	