



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM
JANUARY 22, 2020, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Collegiate Athletics Landscape and Division I Modernization Agenda.** The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum received an overview of the current collegiate athletics landscape and provided presidential perspective on policy and legislative areas that could be reviewed and potentially changed to reaffirm the values of the collegiate model in support of the 21st century student-athlete. The Forum acknowledged that the issues of name, image and likeness and the transfer environment present immediate opportunities, but also noted that as we reflect on our values as an Association during this transformative time, there is an opportunity for us to consider broader challenges that impact intercollegiate athletics.

Forum members highlighted the following additional priority areas for potential broader review, noting that most of the areas listed are included in the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Strategic Areas of Emphasis for 2018-2023:

- a. Financial Sustainability. Financial sustainability continues to be a critical concern for many institutions and ensuring that schools can continue to maintain robust intercollegiate athletics opportunities is critically important.
- b. Health and Safety. Student-athlete health and safety remains paramount and attention must always be paid to continuing to make sports safer.
- c. Revenue Distribution. Revenue distribution is of critical importance to institutions and conferences and needs to appropriately reflect Association and Division I values.
- d. Diversity and Inclusion. The lack of diversity in coaching and athletics administration staffs must be addressed in a manner that results in meaningful progress.
- e. Time Demands. While noting that the recent GOALS data reflects some improvement in student time demands, the Association should continue to evaluate the time demands placed on student-athletes and the impact those demands have on their physical and mental health as well as their opportunities to engage in other social and extracurricular activities.

- f. E-Sports. The viability of e-sports should continue to be evaluated as changes to name, image and likeness are explored.
- g. Sports Wagering. The new sports wagering landscape presents new challenges and protecting student-athletes and the fairness of competition remain key considerations.

2. **Name, Image and Likeness Review.** The Presidential Forum spent a significant amount of time discussing the complex legal and legislative environment and acknowledged that Congressional involvement is necessary and inevitable to maintain fair national competition. The group noted that the Presidential Subcommittee of the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group has difficult and important work to do in engaging with Congress on this issue. Their efforts will be critical to arriving at solutions that preserve the collegiate model.

The Forum noted the tactical decisions that need to be made around immediate challenges:

- a. State laws that will likely be enacted in 2020.
- b. Uncertainty around the timing of Federal legislation and the “specifics” around our “asks” of Congress.
- c. Shared and inclusive NCAA governance approaches that generate legislative solutions that fit within the collegiate model while providing student-athletes with additional opportunities.

The Forum noted the significant challenges that lie ahead and will require everyone in the membership and governance structure to contribute their best thinking to identifying viable solutions. The Forum stands ready to assist the Board in providing presidential perspective that will preserve and protect the collegiate model.

3. **Report of the October 28-29 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: Amanda Conklin, Law, Policy and Governance
Diane Dickman, Law, Policy and Governance
Jenn Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance
Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance
Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance

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Attendees:	
Michael Benson, Eastern Kentucky University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Brian Casey, Colgate University; Patriot League.	
Jane Conoley, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.	
David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Wayne Frederick, Howard University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Sharon Gaber, University of Toledo; Mid-American Conference.	
Patrick Gallagher, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Conrado Gempesaw, St. John's University; Big East Conference.	
Jerome Gilbert, Marshall University; Conference USA.	
Frank Gilliam, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Southern Conference.	
Brian Hemphill, Radford University; Big South Conference.	
Wendy Libby, Stetson University; ASUN Conference.	
Wallace Loh, University of Maryland; Big Ten Conference.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia; Southeastern 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.	
Gary Roberts, Bradley University; Missouri Valley Conference.	
David Rudd, University of Memphis; American Athletic Conference.	
Kim Schatzel, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Michael Schill, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.	
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.	
Absentees:	
James Donahue, Saint Mary's College of California; West Coast Conference.	
Andrew Hugine, Alabama A&M University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Martha Pollack, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Havidan Rodriguez, University of Albany, America East Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Diane Dickman, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brian Hainline, Michelle Hosick, Jessica Kerr, Felicia Martin, Todd Petr, Bridget Rigney, Naima Stevenson.	