



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM  
OCTOBER 27, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of Sustainability.** The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum began its review of sustainability with discussions centered on four main topic areas: legal fees, membership requirements, governance and finances. Using subgroups to examine each topic area, the Forum raised key questions and provided preliminary feedback on critical issues. The review process will continue with an NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Steering Committee meeting in November, followed by additional subgroup meetings leading up to the January Presidential Forum meeting. The Presidential Forum will consider both short-term and long-term issues to address the overall topic of sustainability of the collegiate model. In addition to the Forum's ongoing discussions, Forum members will also work with their conferences to obtain feedback on sustainability issues over the next six months.
2. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Update.** The Forum received an update on actions taken by the Board of Directors during its September 22 meeting related to key elements of conducting fall sport championships in the spring of 2021 (e.g., bracket/field size).
3. **NCAA Division I Council Update.** The Forum received an update on actions taken by the Council during its October 13-14 meeting which included introducing name, image and likeness legislation into the 2020-21 legislative cycle and approving waivers related to COVID-19 that extend the eligibility for winter sport student-athletes.
4. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Forum received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
5. **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.
6. **Report of the September 18 Presidential Forum Meeting.** The Forum approved the report of its September 18 meeting. (*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

<b>Division I Presidential Forum October 27, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Victor Boschini, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.	
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.	
Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Sheri Everts, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Patrick Gallagher, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Conrado Gempesaw, St. John's University; Big East 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.	
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern 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.	
David Rudd, University of Memphis; American Athletic Conference.	
Kim Schatzel, Towson University; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Phil Schubert, Abilene Christian University; Southland 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>	
Laurence Alexander, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Brian Casey, Colgate University; Patriot League.	
Wayne Frederick, Howard University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Martha Pollack, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
<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, Gary Brown, Shauna Cobb, Mark Emmert, Derrick Gragg, Michelle Hosick, David Lafiosca, Felicia Martin, Marnae Mawdsley, Kathleen McNeely, Sarah Otey, Todd Petr, Greg Pottorff, Donald Remy, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox.	