



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I PRESIDENTIAL FORUM  
OCTOBER 26, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Engagement with Student-Athletes.** As part of its ongoing review regarding the sustainability of the Division I collegiate model, the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum engaged directly with Division I student-athletes to discuss the issues most critical to them during this period of intensive review of the collegiate model. The Presidential Forum met with student-athletes from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and other sport-specific student-athlete groups to share perspectives on these key issues and, in particular, the role of student-athletes in the Division I governance structure going forward.

The Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members shared their priorities for 2021-22, which include the following:

- Enhancing student-athlete mental and physical health and well-being;
- Increasing awareness and education regarding the name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes; and
- Redefining the investment in developing student-athletes to contribute to the decision-making processes at the campus, conference and national levels.

The student-athletes also presented their “wish list” for increased representation in the NCAA governance structure and greater allocation of resources to support student-athletes. Their specific requests include:

- Adding full-time staff dedicated to serving as Student-Athlete Advisory Committee liaisons at the national, conference and campus levels;
- Increasing investment and funding for Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and student-athlete development at the national, conference and campus levels; and
- Increasing to a minimum of 25% student-athlete voting representation on all NCAA committees.

The Presidential Forum and the student-athlete representatives conducted breakout sessions to deeply explore these topics and recorded the salient points of the discussions for future review.

2. **NCAA Constitution Committee Update.** The Presidential Forum and the student-athlete representatives also received an update from members serving on the Constitution

Committee and again divided into breakout groups to delve further into the matters at hand, including the particulars surrounding the November 15 NCAA Special Convention and the subsequent need for each division to review its governance operations.

The Presidential Forum noted that it will delay any formal recommendations to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors regarding its sustainability review until the Constitution Committee has completed its work and until a subsequent group formed to develop recommendations regarding the new Division I governance model is further along in its deliberations.

3. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Presidential Forum received an update from President Emmert regarding important issues facing the Association and Division I, particularly the importance of elevating student-athlete input and involvement in the review of the collegiate model.
4. **Report of the August 2 Presidential Forum Videoconference.** The Forum approved the report of its August 2 videoconference. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

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<b>Division I Presidential Forum October 26, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Johnson Akinleye, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Laurence Alexander, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Connie Book, Elon University; Colonial Athletic Conference.
Sean Buck, United States Naval Academy; American Athletic Conference.
Brian Casey, Colgate University; Patriot League.
Ana Mari Cauce, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.
Kimberly Cline, Long Island University; Northeast Conference.
Jane Conoley, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.
Brad Creed, Campbell University; Big South Conference.
Deb Curtis, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Conference.
Bob Davies, Central Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.
Adela de la Torre, San Diego State University; Mountain West Conference.
Barry Dunn, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.
Gabriel Esteban, DePaul University; Big East Conference.
Sheri Everts, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.
Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Big Ten Conference.
Brian Hemphill, Old Dominion University; Conference USA.
Thayne McCulloh, Gonzaga University; West Coast Conference.
Robert Nelsen, California State University; Big Sky Conference.
Mark Nemec, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
John Nicklow, University of New Orleans; Southland Conference.
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.
Ora Pescovitz, Oakland University; Horizon League.
Donde Plowman, University Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.
Havidan Rodriguez, University of Albany, America East Conference.
Eric Spina, University of Dayton; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Alisa White, Sam Houston State University; Western Athletic Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Victor Boschini, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.
Phil Hanlon, Dartmouth College; The Ivy League.
Carlos Vargas, Southeast Missouri State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.
Ahmed Amaar, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Brynn Carlson, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Ryan Cassidy, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Bryce Choate, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.

Turner Dirrigl, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Alec Dominguez, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Alexis Garrett, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Katyln Ghavidel, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Ami Gianchandani, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Katherine Harston, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Madson Hommey, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Leon Krapf, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Logan Langemeier, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Hannah Lee, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Nicole Leishman, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Mackenzie McFeron, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Lauren McNamara-Clement, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Connor McMahon, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Christopher Paul, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Maya Riddlesprigger, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Natalie Robinson, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Cody Shimp, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Kendall Spencer, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Lainey Stephenson, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Marissa Watters, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Morgan Wynne, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Jamie Zamrin, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
<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, Mark Emmert, Michelle Hosick, Russell Register, Bridget Rigney, Cari Van Senus, Jeremy Villanueva, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.