



**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 9, 2024, MEETING**

Note: This document does not include all items incorporated in the NCAA Division I Council report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the October 2023, report of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its October 2-3, 2023, meeting.
2. **Project Division I.** The committee received an update on the review of the structure of Division I announced by Charlie Baker in early December. Feedback provided by the committee will be shared through the formal Project Division I feedback process.
3. **Membership Landscape Update.** NCAA staff provided an update on current membership issues and developments.
4. **Sports Sponsorship Waiver Request.** The committee reviewed and approved a sports sponsorship waiver request involving an institution that fell below the overall annual minimum sports-sponsorship requirements. The institution filed the request with no intent to seek access to revenue distribution funds for the sport in which it failed to meet minimum contest and/or participant requirements. The waiver will not proceed to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee for consideration.
5. **Minimum Number of Participants Required for Sports Sponsorship in Men's and Women's Golf and Men's Gymnastics.** The committee reviewed a referral from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to align the minimum contests and participants required for sports sponsorship in men's and women's golf with minimum contests and participants required for championship eligibility. In addition, the committee was asked to consider a recommendation from men's gymnastics that would reduce the number of competitions required for sponsorship of men's gymnastics by one. The committee asked NCAA staff to provide additional information during its April meeting on the current landscape of all sports where minimum contests and participants for sports sponsorship purposes do not align with minimum contests and participant requirements for championships eligibility and the impact on student-athletes if an institution does not meet minimum contests and participants required for annual sports sponsorship or minimum requirements to be eligible for championships, or both.
6. **Comprehensive Review of Membership Requirements.** In its final report, the committee and NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Membership Subgroup recommended that SVPC conduct a comprehensive review of membership requirements over the next 12 to 24 months. During its January meeting, the committee continued its discussions from its October meeting regarding: 1) Institutional reclassification processes: NCAA Division II and III to Division I; 2) Multisport conference membership requirements; 3) Single-sport conference membership requirements; and 4) Conference reclassification processes. The

committee began initial discussions regarding: 1) Football single-sport conference voting requirements; 2) Football Conference Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision reclassification process; and 3) Multidivisional classification requirements. The following additional information outlines specific next steps.

- a. **Institutional reclassification processes: Division II and III to Division I.** SVPC continued its review of the process for institutions to reclassify from Division II or III to Division I to determine whether the reclassification process may benefit from a framework focused on more objective membership standards. The committee will explore a three-year transition process for Division II to Division I institutions and a four-year transition process for Division III to Division I with the possibility to accelerate the process if elevated objective benchmarks are achieved.

Below are the categories for objective membership standards that SVPC will continue to explore:

- 1) Academics.
 - 2) Athletics staffing.
 - 3) Equity.
 - 4) Facilities.
 - 5) Financial aid.
 - 6) Financial viability.
 - 7) Health and safety.
 - 8) Sports sponsorship.
 - 9) Student-athlete services and benefits.
- b. **Single-sport conference requirements and football single-sport conference voting requirements.** SVPC will consider enhancing the application for single-sport conferences and will continue to review additional requirements for single-sport conferences (e.g., fees, notification process) in advance of the expiration of the current moratorium. SVPC will seek feedback on football single-sport conference voting requirements from the FCS commissioners and other key stakeholders in advance of their April meeting.
- c. **Multisport conference requirements.** SVPC will continue to review whether multisport conference sports-sponsorship requirements should be modified. Specifically, whether the two other men's team sport requirements in NCAA Bylaw 20.03. 2.8.2 – (b) (sports sponsorship) should be changed.

- d. **Subdivisional reclassification processes for conferences.** SVPC will seek feedback on the impact of removing the distinction between DI and FCS conference from committee composition requirements and the NCAA Division I Board of Directors rotation. Continued conversation will occur on the implementation of a new reclassification application and notification process for conferences moving between Division I and FCS.
 - e. **FCS to FBS reclassification process.** SVPC began initial discussions on whether additional adjustments should be made to the process, timeline or requirements for institutions reclassifying from FCS to FBS. SVPC will seek feedback from the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee on whether authority over the reclassification process should be transitioned to its purview.
 - f. **Review of application and annual report documents.** SVPC reviewed all reclassification applications and annual report document requirements and streamlined several areas to modernize the submission of materials process.
7. **Student-Athlete Holistic Model and Attestations.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussed which annual attestations must be completed by schools in the reclassification process. The committee confirmed that reclassifying schools must complete the annual sexual violence prevention attestation required by all NCAA members throughout the reclassification process. The committee determined that institutions in their final year of reclassification must complete and submit all Division I attestations.
 8. **Legal Update.** SVPC received a general legal update from NCAA Office of Legal Affairs representative Michele Forte-Osborne.
 9. **NCAA Institutional Performance Program update.** SVPC received an update from staff on the status of the NCAA Institutional Performance Program.
 10. **NCAA Sport Science Institute Update.** Anne Rohlman from the NCAA Sport Science Institute staff joined SVPC to provide an update on recent NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medial Aspects of Sports meetings and other SSI initiatives.
 11. **Committee reports.** The SVPC reviewed the following reports:
 - a. NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics September meeting reports.
 - b. NCAA Honors Committee meeting report.
 - c. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee October report.

- d. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics October joint videoconference report.

12. Review of Future Meeting Schedule.

- a. April 2024 (videoconference, date to be determined by committee).
- b. June 24 (4 to 7 p.m. Eastern time) and June 25 (8 a.m. to noon Eastern time; Indianapolis, Indiana).

Committee Chair: Pat Chun, Washington State University.
Staff Liaisons: Troy Arthur, Academic and Membership Affairs
Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance
Geoff Silver, Academic and Membership Affairs
Angela Tressel, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee January 9, 2024, Meeting
Attendees:
Nicole Arrighi, Tennessee State University.
Jason Cable, Alabama State University.
Patrick Chun, Washington State University.
Tim Coffey, Longwood University.
Robin Harris, The Ivy League.
Mark Jackson, Villanova University.
Quinn Millerd, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Jennifer Strawley, Elon University.
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois
Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Troy Arthur, Amanda Conklin, Geoff Silver and Angela Tressel.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Michele Forte Osborne, Massillon Myers, John Parsons and Anne Rohlman.