



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 22, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Nonlegislative Action Items.**
  - **Request to Waive Sports Sponsorship Legislation.** The NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed a request from an FBS institution to waive the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision sports sponsorship requirements for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years. Specifically, the institution requested a waiver of the requirement that it sponsor a minimum of six sports involving all-male or mixed teams (NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.9.9.1).

The committee recommends that the FBS representatives of the NCAA Division I Council approve the institution's waiver request with the requirement that the institution submit a progress report on its efforts to reestablish compliance with the minimum requirement to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee not later than June 1, 2021.

The committee also recommended that the Council request that future institutions seeking relief from the sports sponsorship requirements submit a plan to ensure gender and ethnic diversity.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Feedback to the Council on the Waiver Request from the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Nonautonomy Conferences and the CCA22.** The committee was asked to provide feedback on the request from the FBS nonautonomy conferences and the CCA22 to waive certain requirements for multisport conferences.

The committee provided the following feedback for the Council to consider:

- a. Request to waive NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.02.5.1. The committee does not support providing blanket relief of the minimum number of members for a multisport conference.
- b. Request to waive Bylaw 20.02.5.3. The committee does not support providing blanket relief of Bylaw 20.02.5.3-(a), which pertains to regular-season conference competition requirements for the sport of basketball. The committee recommends that the relevant basketball oversight committees and sport committees review this particular provision to determine whether blanket relief is warranted.

The committee does, however, recommend Council approve a blanket waiver of Bylaws 20.02.5.3-(b) and 20.02.5.3-(c) for the 2020-21 academic year. Specifically, the committee recommends that conferences have complete autonomy to determine regular-season conference schedules during the 2020-21 academic year.

- c. Request to waive Bylaw 20.02.5.4. The committee does not support providing blanket relief of Bylaw 20.02.5.4, which addresses the requirements for a multisport conference to establish continuity.
- d. Request to waive Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.4.1. The committee recommends Council approve a blanket waiver of Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.4.1 for the 2020-21 academic year. Specifically, the committee recommends that each member conference have complete autonomy to determine its automatic qualification (in each sport) during the 2020-21 academic year and that each conference be required to forward notification of its automatic qualification selection to the applicable sport committee at least two weeks prior to the first day of the NCAA championship in that sport.

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*Staff Liaisons:* Shauna Cobb, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee May 22, 2020, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Rick George, University of Colorado, Boulder.
Mark Jackson, Villanova University.
Shelby Lee, University of California, Irvine; NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.
Nicki Moore, Colgate University.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
LaRee Sugg, University of Richmond.
Richard Tiner, Belmont University.
Sheryl Turner-Watts, University of South Carolina Upstate.
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.

<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Shauna Cobb and Sarah Otey.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Troy Arthur, Meghan Durham and Jennifer Samble.