

# INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OF THE NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OCTOBER 7-8, 2024, MEETING

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

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of the June 24-25, 2024, Report of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The committee reviewed and approved the report as submitted.
- 2. NCAA Division I Governance Update. The committee received an update on Division I governance-related topics, including an update on the review of consolidation of NCAA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committees and the merger of the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee into the Sports Oversight Committee. Further, the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update on the proposed settlement of antitrust litigation and other legal cases. Finally, an update on the comprehensive student-athlete eligibility review was provided.
- **3. Membership Landscape.** The committee received an update on the recent membership movement and other relevant issues and an update on institutions currently in the reclassifying process.
- 4. Core Guarantees and Attestations Process Update. The committee received an update on the new attestation process and platform, including the use of DocuSign and efforts underway to simplify the process of completing attestations. The committee reviewed upcoming education surrounding resources available for completing attestations and associated deadlines for current attestations.
- **5. Core Guarantees Attestations Penalty Structure.** The committee established the following penalty structure for the core guarantees attestation requirements:
  - a. Extension of attestation deadline. Authorized NCAA national office staff to automatically grant an extension of 10 calendar days from the original prescribed deadline to any institution that requests it via telephone or email before the deadline. The 10 calendar-day extension will establish the institution's "revised deadline." No penalty will be imposed if the attestation is completed within the 10-calendar day extension period.
  - b. <u>Failure to meet the attestation deadline (late submission)</u>. The penalty for an institution that submits the attestation form after the annual deadline (or revised deadline if the automatic extension is approved) is to list the school on the NCAA website following the committee's annual review as attested but attesting late. If an institution in this category submits an attestation form after the deadline in future years, the penalty (e.g., fine and listed on the website as not attesting) will be applied to the institution.

- c. Non-attestation. If an institution does not attest, the penalty is as follows:
  - 1) Institution will be fined \$5,000\* to be distributed through the student-athlete opportunity fund; and
    - [\* The fine amount is consistent with the Board of Governors' penalty for the campus sexual violence prevention policy.]
  - 2) Listed on the NCAA website.
- 6. Core Guarantees Attestation Requirements for Reclassifying Institutions. The committee discussed timing of attestations for reclassifying institutions and determined that reclassifying institutions must comply with all attestation requirements during the final year of the reclassification process.
- 7. Waivers Associated with Attestation Requirements. The committee received an update on the process for waivers related to attestation requirements. The committee provided latitude to NCAA staff to work with institutions to ensure compliance with all attestations. If the staff is unable to come to a suitable resolution with an institution, the institution can submit a waiver to SVPC regarding the matter. Any waivers submitted to SVPC will be final once SVPC makes its final decision and are not subject to any further appellate review. All waivers must be received by the NCAA by October 1, the due date of the submission deadline. Waivers related to state laws should be handled by the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief. Further, the committee did not support establishing a waiver process for conference attestation requirements.
- 8. Comprehensive Review of Membership Requirements. The committee received an update on the comprehensive review of membership requirements, including an update on recent engagement with members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee regarding previous discussions on aspects of the sport sustainability membership model. The committee agreed to continue discussions at a future meeting.
- 9. NIL Assist Platform Update. NCAA NIL Assist Presentation. The committee received a presentation regarding NIL Assist, a new online resource launched on August 1 designed to help student-athletes navigate the name, image, and likeness landscape. The program is rooted in legislation that Division I adopted last year, which requires disclosure of NIL activities, finding and reviewing service providers, and accessing educational resources.
- **10. Communications Update.** The committee received an update on the NCAA's strategic communications efforts.
- 11. **Update on the Senior Minority Administrator Working Group.** The committee received an update on the progress of the Senior Minority Administrator Working Group, specifically

the development of a resource for the membership to be shared with the NCAA membership.

- **12. Legal Update.** The committee received a general update on ongoing litigation from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- 13. Research Update. The committee received an update on current research initiatives including the current Wagering and Social Environments Study project and an ongoing pilot project with Teamworks to explore the use of a smartphone App as a method to obtain student-athlete survey data on an expedited timeframe, specifically for those surveys intended to obtain low-risk data sets.
- 14. NCAA Sport Science Institute Update. The committee received an update on current Sport Science Institute activities. This included an update on a Division I Core Guarantee educational column regarding guidance to institutions on consensus-based care published on August 20, 2024, updated metal health best practices, and new substance misuse resources available to the membership.
- **15. Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee reviewed the following reports:
  - a. NCAA Board of Governors August 8 report.
  - b. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports meetings June 17-18 and September 16-17 reports.
  - c. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics May 14 report.
  - d. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee May 16 report.
  - e. Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics May 22 joint report.
  - f. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee August meeting report
  - g. NCAA Honors Committee June 25 report.
  - h. NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee July 12 report.
  - i. NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel report.

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16. Review of future meeting schedule.

a. January 14, 2025 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time) – 2025 NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

- b. April 2025 (virtual) Date to be determined.
- c. June 2025 (virtual) Date to be determined.

Committee Chair: Tim Coffey, Longwood University

Staff Liaisons: Troy Arthur, Academic and Membership Affairs

Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance

Jenn Samble, Academic and Membership Affairs Angela Tressel, Academic and Membership Affairs Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs

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#### **Attendees:**

Nicole Arrighi, Tennessee State University.

Jason Cable, Alabama State University.

Timothy Coffey, Longwood University.

John Currie, Wake Forest University.

Robin Harris, The Ivy League.

Lisa Liotta, Canisius University.

Quinn Millerd, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Jennifer Phillips, James Madison University.

Jennifer Strawley, Elon University.

Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference.

#### Absentees:

None.

#### **Guests:**

Tiffini Grimes, Purdue University, NCAA Pathway Program participant.

Abigail Howard, U.S. Military Academy, NCAA Pathway Program participant.

## NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Troy Arthur, Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Samble, Angela Tressel, and Jerry Vaughn.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Morgan Adcock, Lydia Bell, Deena Casiero, Lauren Crumley, Niya Blair Hackworth, Donna Hedges, Maison Hubbard, Corey Jackson, Gina Lehe, Keke Liu, Mike Massa, and Greg Pottorff.