

## Division I Transformation Committee Meeting Reports

As we all know, the environment surrounding college sports has undergone radical change in recent years. To continue to serve the student-athlete, college sports must change as well. The Division I Transformation Committee was formed last month to lead this endeavor.

Our goal is to meaningfully improve the experience for the student-athletes who play in Division I each year—both those who compete in front of national audiences and those who do not. Our success will have one measure – whether it supports opportunities for today’s student-athletes and ensures the continued excellence of intercollegiate athletics.

This is a big challenge and will require hard work. But we’re committed to doing things differently. Not only will we keep you updated every step of the way, but we also hope to continue to make progress as we go.

We’re only a month in, but the team has hit the ground running. We will continue to share updates every Wednesday here and on the NCAA website. Below, we have included a link to the minutes of our recent meetings. As you can see, we’re moving swiftly to modernize our rules and will be tackling big questions over the next few weeks, such as:

- What does it mean to be part of Division I, both for our student-athletes and our schools?
- How must we evolve our relationship with today’s student-athletes to best support their opportunities and growth well into the future? And how do we ensure we do so consistently given the diverse needs of our membership?
- What changes might we need to make to our rules or governance to best support these outcomes and ensure the continued excellence of intercollegiate athletics?

We want and need your input on these questions – and particularly the input of our student-athletes – both today and in the months to come. Thank you for your support and participation.

**Greg Sankey and Julie Cromer, co-chairs of the Division I Transformation Committee**



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 25, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion of Feedback to Date.** The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee members shared reflections and takeaways from discussions that occurred during the 2022 NCAA Convention and discussed how these observations inform their initial thinking on transformation and the next stages of the committee's work. Primacy of academics, recognition of the diversity of student-athlete experience, nimbleness of governance and rule-making processes, in addition to a willingness to think broadly about innovative approaches to serve the best interests of the entire division – were noted multiple times as being critical to success going forward.
  
2. **Ongoing Work.** The Transformation Committee agreed to a workplan, including weekly meetings and key opportunities for membership input. The Transformation Committee will focus initial attention on three critical areas: (a) regulatory structure; (b) student-athlete experience; and (c) impact of direct financial support to student-athletes.

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<b>Division I Transformation Committee January 25, 2022, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
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Jeri Beggs, Illinois State University.
Janna Blais, Northwestern University.
Dean Bresciani, North Dakota State University.
Greg Christopher, Xavier University.
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Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon, Dave Schnase, Jerry Vaughn, and Leeland Zeller.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby, Mark Emmert, Michelle Hosick, Bridget Rigney, Cari Van Senus, and Bob Williams.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. **Meaningful Solutions to Infractions and Enforcement Issues.** The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee with developing solutions to improve the infractions model. Review of the infractions process is one of the priorities identified by the Transformation Committee. The Infractions Process Committee has coalesced around initial findings and principles to guide the development of solutions to improve the process. After reviewing and providing feedback on those preliminary findings and principle. The Transformation Committee noted the need to develop recommendations to establish an infractions model that provides time-efficient outcomes, supports a modernized set of principles/rules and holds accountable the institutions and individuals who are directly involved in the relevant malfeasance. The Infractions Process Committee is expected to provide its initial set of prioritized recommendations and models to the Transformation Committee within 60 days of receipt of the charge.
2. **Conversation on Current Events.** The Transformation Committee received an update from the January 27 meeting of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee meeting.
3. **Comprehensive Communications Plan.** The Transformation Committee received an update from Bully Pulpit Interactive regarding the comprehensive communications plan developed to support the work of the Transformation Committee.

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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 7-8, 2022, MEETING**

- 1. Discussion of Current Events and Constituent Feedback.** The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee discussed recent developments in college athletics, including input provided by internal and external constituencies during recent engagements. The Transformation Committee received an update on recent discussions by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee regarding its interest in charging the NCAA Division I Council with reviewing and providing recommendations regarding the environment surrounding name, image and likeness activities. The Transformation Committee received an update on recent discussions and feedback provided by the following constituencies: CCA22, LEAD1 Association Infractions Working Group, National Association of Basketball Coaches, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, and Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.
- 2. Assessment of Current Division I Rules and Regulations.** The Transformation Committee received a privileged and confidential presentation from outside legal counsel to inform its assessment of current Division I rules and regulations. The Transformation Committee agreed in principle to charge the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with reviewing assigned Division I rules and regulations and developing recommendations for modernization of current and proposed legislation. During its February 15 videoconference, the Transformation Committee will formalize the charge to the subcommittee, approve a work plan and determine whether to supplement the subcommittee composition.
- 3. Discussion on Minimum Division I Commitments and Standards.** The Transformation Committee engaged in preliminary discussion regarding possible minimum commitments and outcomes necessary to be a Division I member and the characteristics that should bind institutions together in one division. The identification of meaningful minimum standards of support for student-athletes will be helpful in distinguishing the unique elements of a Division I experience, and may mitigate some of the legal, political, and public-trust challenges.
- 4. Examination of Student-Athlete Benefits and Support.** The Transformation Committee received a privileged and confidential presentation from outside legal counsel that will serve as a foundation for discussions related to modernizing the collegiate sports model and improving student-athlete support throughout the Division.

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