

NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Summary of Key Takeaways June 29, 2020, Videoconference

- 1. Uniform transfer eligibility criteria. The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continued its discussion of the criteria that should be used to establish four-year transfer eligibility in Division I. Using the feedback generated in advance of its videoconference, the working group agreed that a legislative proposal should recognize and attempt to achieve the following:
 - a. All Division I student-athletes, regardless of sport, should have the opportunity to qualify for a uniform legislative transfer exception the first time they transfer four-year institutions. There is no compelling justification or data for having different four-year transfer eligibility standards based on sport of participation.
 - b. The criteria included in a uniform legislative exception should help ensure the student-athlete's academic record offsets the impact of transfer and promotes the student-athlete's ability to be academically successful at their new institution and ultimately graduate with a four-year degree. While student-athletes largely make transfer decisions for athletic reasons, several factors impact whether transferring impacts a student-athlete's academic trajectory at their new institution (e.g., time of transfer, academic record, degree sought, etc.). The working group will continue to explore the best approach to help all Division I student-athletes achieve educational opportunities following transfer.
- 2. Notification of transfer date. The working group began to discuss how to approach whether there should be a time by which a student-athlete must indicate their intent to transfer in order to access the uniform transfer exception under development. The working group noted that while existing committees could offer valuable feedback on this concept, principles would be useful in ensuring any notification of transfer dates are consistent with the NCAA Division I Council's transfer eligibility resolution (NCAA Proposal No. R-2020-6). The working group will refine its principles during its next videoconference.
- **3. Future videoconference.** The working group will hold its next videoconference at 2 p.m. Eastern time July 6.