



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 27, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of two-year college transfer legislation set forth in NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.3.4.** The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee engaged in a review and discussion regarding the two-year college transfer requirements. Specifically, staff presented an overview of the two-year college transfer legislation along with data that reflects academic performance of two-year college transfers upon enrollment at a Division II institution. The committee agreed to seek feedback from their institutions and conferences regarding the transferable grade-point-average calculation and will continue its discussion during its June 3 videoconference. Further, the committee discussed the academic year in residence requirement for two-year college transfers. With the adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2025-4 (eligibility -- transfer regulations -- two-year college transfers -- eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- all other qualifiers and partial qualifiers -- elimination of English, math and science requirement for qualifiers), the committee agreed to monitor the academic progress of two-year college transfers as the legislation takes effect August 1, 2025, and will revisit the discussion at a later date, if needed.
2. **Update on NCAA Division II Academic Performance Census data submissions.** The committee reviewed Academic Performance Census data submissions for the 2024-25 academic year. Twelve institutions either failed to submit their data or submitted their data after the deadline. The committee reviewed four waiver requests from institutions that triggered the penalty for failure to submit. The waiver requests from Chaminade University, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and Miles College were approved due to the totality of the circumstances, while the waiver request from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, was denied due to a lack of mitigating circumstances.

[Note: Paul Flores II, assistant athletics director for compliance and academic support, Azusa Pacific University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting on the waiver request from Chaminade University.]
3. **Review of NCAA Division II Federal Graduation Rates and NCAA Division II Academic Success Rates.** The committee received an update on trends in current graduation rates. The national four-year Academic Success Rate increased one point to 77% overall. The federal graduation rate for student-athletes decreased one point to 59%, while the general student body remains at 53%. Scores are based on the 2014-2017 entering cohorts.

4. **Division II strategic planning process.** The committee received an update on the recommendations from the Division II Think Tank that was held in September. Staff noted that a Division II survey was sent to the broader Division II membership to gather feedback in January 2025. Governance committees will use the results of the survey to finalize the Division II Operating Plan, outline initiatives to accomplish, including the timing for them and determine a funding model for implementation. The final 2026-32 Division II Operating Plan will be shared at the January 2026 NCAA Convention.
5. **Update on Graduation Passport.** The committee received an update on a graduation passport, which is being created by Division I to better gather graduation data for transfer student-athletes, and the potential opportunity for Division II to utilize a graduation passport in the future. Staff advised the committee that discussions are still ongoing, and updates will be provided at a future meeting.
6. **Update on initial-eligibility certification data for the 2024-25 academic year.** The committee received an update on current data related to initial-eligibility certifications.
7. **Review of NCAA Division II newly adopted legislation.** Staff provided an update on the newly adopted legislation from the 2025 Convention.
8. **Update on educational initiatives.** Staff provided an update on the 2024-25 educational initiatives. Specifically, it was noted that the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar will take place May 28-30 in Indianapolis.
9. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors at its most recent meeting.
10. **Review of the NCAA Division II Executive Board and NCAA Division II Management Council October 2024 Summary of Actions and updates from the Division II Executive Board and Division II Management Council January 2025 meetings.** The committee received an update on the action taken at the October 2024 and January 2025 Executive Board and Management Council meetings.
11. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee September 3 and October 23, 2024, videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from its September 3 and October 23, 2024, videoconferences.
12. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee roster.** The committee reviewed the current roster and subcommittee appointments for accuracy.

13. Future meeting dates.

- a. June 3 videoconference, timing to be determined.
- b. September 10 videoconference, timing to be determined.
- c. February 2026; videoconference, date and timing to be determined.

Committee Chair: Jason Jones, Catawba College
Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs
Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee February 27, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Cathy Cox, Georgia College.	
Paul Flores II, Azusa Pacific University.	
Haley Gilbert, Augusta University.	
Eric Gobiell, Assumption University.	
Jason Jones, Catawba College.	
Liz Jorn, Truman State University.	
George Knox, Shaw University.	
Deborah Narang, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
Absentees:	
Ryan Quann, Goldey-Beacom College.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels and Katelyn Skarr.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Molly Hansen, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Mariah Murdock, Angela Red and Jenny Collins Taylor.	