



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 8, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Discussion regarding the NCAA Division II academic advising initiative program.**

The committee discussed the implementation of the \$75,000 institutional academic advising support grants recommended at its February 2019 in-person meeting. The committee confirmed that each grant application should be limited to a request of not more than \$1,000 annually. The grant applications would be reviewed each year by a subcommittee of the Academic Requirements Committee, in conjunction with the February in-person meeting. Based on the workload of the full committee, the subcommittee's work may be completed via teleconference in future years.

The committee agreed to the following permissible uses of the grant, all requiring institutions to demonstrate how the request enhances athletics academic advising: (1) professional development opportunities (e.g., seminar attendance expenses, advising mentor programs); (2) technology and software; (3) educational tools; and (4) supplementing staff salaries, including graduate assistants.

The subcommittee's review of grant applications would be on a first-come, first-served basis, with a focus on ensuring the request is a permissible use and giving priority to institutions that have not previously received an institutional academic advising support grant.

The committee plans to measure impact of the grants by reviewing student-athlete academic waiver data with assertions of misadvisement or lack of advisement as well as requiring a final report outlining how the funds were spent and how the institution measured outcomes on campus. Additionally, the committee noted the opportunity to develop best practices for institutions, including encouraging institutions to include questions related to athletics academic advising in student-athlete exit interviews.

The committee noted that the administrative structure for the Strategic Alliance Matching Grant is already in place so there was no need to discuss implementation for the \$75,000 allocation recommended for that program.

2. **Election of Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers chair.** The committee elected Patrick Wempe, faculty athletics representative, Henderson State University, to serve as subcommittee chair, effective immediately.

*Committee Chair:* Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.  
*Staff Liaisons:* Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs.  
Gregg Summers, Research.

<b>NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee March 9, 2019, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jennifer Heimstead, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Eric Schoh, Winona State University.	
Travis Smith, University of Indianapolis.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College.	
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University.	
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Gregg Summers.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Karen Wolf.	