



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update on the Division II Academic Portal.** Staff provided the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee with an update regarding academic reporting issues due to technical problems with the academic portal and changes in the start dates of fall 2020 classes due to the impact of COVID-19. As a result, the committee provided flexibility to institutions by adjusting the 2020-21 Division II Academic Performance Census reporting deadline from 15 weeks from the first day of fall classes to 15 weeks from the first day of fall classes or December 14, 2020, whichever is later. Further, the committee approved a change to the APC reporting deadline for the 2021-22 academic year and thereafter by specifying that the deadline shall be 15 weeks from the first day of fall classes or the second Monday in December, whichever is later. Finally, the committee approved an extension of the APC reporting deadline for the 2020-21 academic year specifying that institutions seeking an extension shall be provided with a one week extension, upon request.
2. **Update on the impact of Path to Graduation changes in two-year college transfer legislation.** The committee reviewed statistics related to the impact that the Path to Graduation changes effective in August 2016 have had on student-athlete academic progress. Current data indicates the changes have resulted in improved academic preparation of two-year college transfers and the increased academic success of two-year college transfers at Division II institutions.
3. **Discussion regarding the NCAA/Two-Year College Relations Panel and the application of two-year college transfer requirements for qualifiers with no four-year college attendance and more than one full-time term of attendance at a two-year college.** Staff provided an update regarding feedback received from the NCAA/Two-Year College Relations Panel regarding the application of the two-year college transfer rules that were adopted by the membership at the 2014 NCAA Convention. The panel requested that the committee consider a review of the current legislation that requires qualifiers with no previous attendance at a four-year institution and more than one full-time term of attendance at a two-year college, to earn transferable core credits in English, math and science. The committee discussed the request and agreed to review current data during its February 2021 videoconference.
4. **Update on SAT/ACT Testing Landscape.** Staff provided an update regarding a change in national trends related to the requirement of standardized testing for purposes of

admission on campus. Many institutions are moving to a test optional approach in response to the impact that COVID-19 has had on accessing testing sites and recent attention drawn to the inherent inequities of the test itself. Further, staff noted that an internal working group was identified to review the research and gather feedback from the membership to determine if a change to current legislation is necessary. Staff will provide an update to the committee during its February 2021 videoconference.

5. **Update regarding actions taken by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee related to academic regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year.** The committee received an update on the actions taken by the Administrative Committee on issues related to academic regulations and policies.
6. **Review of 2021 NCAA Convention Division II proposals and Question and Answer Guide.** Staff provided a review of the three proposals that will be presented for a membership vote at the upcoming Convention. Additionally, the committee reviewed and provided feedback to staff on the question and answer guide that will accompany the two academic-related proposals.
7. **Preview of Federal Graduation Rate and NCAA Division II Academic Success Rate data.** The committee received a preview of the Federal Graduation Rate and Academic Success Rate data that will be released to the public in mid-October. NCAA research staff presented data on trends in the FGR and ASR.
8. **Update on Division II educational initiatives.** Staff provided an update on the 2020-21 educational initiatives that includes resources available on NCAA.org to assist institutions in navigating COVID-19 related changes, as well as a reminder that the 2021 Regional Rules Seminar will be held virtually.
9. **Review of 2020-21 Division II priorities.** Staff provided an update on the 2020-21 Division II priorities.
10. **Review of the June and August 2020 Academic Requirements Committee videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its June and August 2020 videoconference reports.
11. **Review of the July/August 2020 NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council summary of actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the July and August 2020 meetings of the Management Council and the Presidents Council.
12. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee affirmed February 8, 2021, as the date for its winter 2021 videoconference and September 15-16, 2021, for its fall 2021 in-person

meeting. Staff will review and communicate available dates for its June 2021 videoconference.

- 13. Other business.** The committee appointed David Haase, associate athletics director at the University of West Georgia, to serve as the chair of the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers.

*Committee Chair: Jessica Swiney, King University*

*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Markie Cook, Research*

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee September 16, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos.	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Karen Hjerpe, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Cheryl Lovell, Adams State University.	
Kelli Peterson, Cameron University.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University .	
Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
<b>CAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Susan Britsch and Markie Cook.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Greg Dana, Roxann Frankel, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Nick Sproull and Karen Wolf.	