



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020, IN-PERSON MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 – Division II Membership – Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements – Men’s and Women’s Wrestling.**
  - (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) to reduce the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship in men's and women's wrestling from 13 contests with seven participants to nine contests with six participants.
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. Based on sport committee reviews of minimum sports sponsorship requirements and championships selection criteria, most sports adopted a policy that specifies that an institution that meets minimum sports sponsorship requirements will also meet minimum requirements for championships selection. Currently, men's and women's wrestling do not have selection criteria for institutions or student-athletes to qualify for championships. However, the Division II Wrestling Committee determined that the current minimum contests and participants requirements in men's and women's wrestling are very rigorous compared with other individual sports. This change will ensure consistency when the men's and women's wrestling sport committees are considering the establishment of selection criteria to qualify for championships.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update regarding progress of institutions in provisional years one and two of the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee received updates regarding institutions in provisional years one and two of the membership process. The following institutions were discussed:
  - a. College of Staten Island;
  - b. Frostburg State University;
  - c. Savannah State University; and
  - d. The University of Texas at Tyler.
  
2. **Savannah State University progress report.** NCAA staff provided an update on the progress the institution has made in relation to specific areas of focus identified by the committee following the institution's advancement to year two of the provisional membership process in July 2019. Specifically, the committee reviewed and discussed the institution's strategic plan, recommendations from the vendor set forth in the fall 2019 compliance blueprint review, the institution's actions and enhancements based on the vendor recommendations, and recent updates to the institution's policies and procedures manuals to reflect NCAA Division II rules. It was noted that a campus visit to the institution will occur in March.
  
3. **Overview of institutions that submitted applications for Division II membership in 2020.** The committee received an overview of the following institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2020-21 academic year:
  - a. Allen University located in South Carolina; and
  - b. D'Youville College located in New York.

[NOTE: Robert Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from the discussion on D'Youville College.]
  
4. **Update regarding the Division I membership requirement that a Division III institution interested in reclassifying to Division I shall have been an active member of Division II for the preceding five years.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee's discussion regarding the Division I membership requirement that an institution reclassifying to Division I shall have been an active member of Division II for the preceding five years. Staff noted that the SVPC will revisit this issue during its April meeting and further information will be provided as it becomes available.

5. **Update regarding a Division I conference expansion to form multisport conferences.** Staff provided an update on the recent news regarding a Division I conference's discussion/exploration of forming two multisport Division I conferences by expanding its current membership, and noted that it will continue to monitor the issue and report, as needed.
6. **Update on recent active membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding the most recent merger discussions between the University of Alaska Anchorage and University of Alaska Fairbanks. It was noted that the institutions are expected to continue to operate as two separate institutions through the 2021-22 academic year. Additionally, staff provided an update regarding recent news related to Concordia University Portland ceasing operations at the conclusion of the 2020 spring term.
7. **Update from October 2019 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association and NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association joint meeting regarding membership landscape.** Staff provided an update on the highlights and takeaways from the October 2019 CCA and ADA joint meeting discussions regarding the membership landscape.
8. **Update regarding name, image and likeness.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Board of Governors name, image and likeness directive to review divisional legislation for modernization purposes in this area. The committee discussed and provided feedback on different concepts shared by staff. Staff also noted the timeline and next steps on this issue.
9. **2020 NCAA Convention recap.** The committee discussed and provided feedback on the provisional member meeting conducted at 2020 NCAA Convention.
10. **Update on the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in college study data.** NCAA research staff provided an update on the NCAA GOALS study data.
11. **Approval of November 2019 teleconference meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 2019 teleconference meeting report, as presented.
12. **Update from the January 2020 meetings of the Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council.** Staff provided an update from the January 2020 Management Council and Presidents Council meetings.
13. **Update from the Board of Governors.** The committee received an update on items from the January 2020 Board of Governors meeting.

**14. Future meeting dates.**

- a. April 24 teleconference; 2 to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. July 8-9 in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
- c. September teleconference; to be determined.
- d. November 9-10 in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
- e. February 9, 2021; in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University*

*Staff Liaisons: Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee February 11, 2020, In-Person Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.	
Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Green Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Kelsey Gurganus, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Stephanie Quigg (via teleconference), and Karen Wolf.	