



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Update regarding progress of institutions in the provisional membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee received updates regarding five institutions in the provisional membership process. The following institutions were discussed:
  - a. Allen University (South Carolina);
  - b. College of Staten Island;
  - c. D'Youville College;
  - d. Frostburg State University; and
  - e. The University of Texas at Tyler.
  
- 2. Overview of institutions that submitted applications for NCAA Division II membership in 2021.** The committee received an overview of the two institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2021-22 academic year:
  - a. Edward Waters College; and
  - b. Emory and Henry College.
  
- 3. Update regarding the NCAA Division I membership requirement that an 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. In addition, staff noted that there is one NCAA Division III institution that was granted a waiver of this requirement to allow the institution to submit its Division I membership application. Finally, staff noted that the NCAA Division I Council is still exploring a legislated pathway to allow Division III institutions to reclassify to Division I without spending at least five years in Division II, which will be discussed at its April 2021 meeting.
  
- 4. Update on recent active membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding Concordia University (New York) ceasing operations at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year. Additionally, the committee received an update on the potential integration between six

institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC). Finally, staff provided the committee with an overview of the merger evaluation process.

[NOTE: Bashar Hanna, president, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, recused himself from the discussion on the merger of six institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.]

5. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II Presidents Council legislative authority.** The committee discussed the current legislative authority of the Division II Presidents Council, specifically NCAA Division II Constitution 5.3.1.1.2 (emergency legislation), Constitution 5.3.5 (submission deadline) and Constitution 5.4.2 (resolutions), and provided feedback regarding possible legislative changes which would assist in expanding legislative options for the Presidents Council when immediate changes to divisional legislation is necessary. The committee was in support of the possible legislative changes. Staff noted that any changes to the legislative process would likely move forward as Convention legislation to allow debate of the membership on the topic.
6. **2021 NCAA Convention recap.** The committee discussed and provided feedback on the provisional member meeting conducted at 2021 NCAA Convention.
7. **Approval of November 9 and December 2, 2020, videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 9 and December 2, 2020, videoconference reports, as presented.
8. **Update from the winter 2021 meetings of the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council.** Staff provided an update from the winter 2021 Management Council and Presidents Council meetings.
9. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update on items from the January 2021 Board of Governors meeting.
10. **Future scheduled meetings/teleconferences/videoconferences.**
  - a. April 22, 2021, videoconference; 1 to 3 p.m. Eastern time.
  - b. July 7-8, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
  - c. September 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
  - d. November 9-10, 2021, to be determined.
  - e. February 8, 2022, to be determined.

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*Committee Chair: Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference*

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

*Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee February 9, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University.	
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Greene Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Will Prewitt, Great American Conference.	
Debbie Snell, Holy Names University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Mike Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Dana Conner, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Stephanie Quigg and Karen Wolf.	