



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 8-9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the four institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:

- a. **Move the following institution to active member status, effective September 1, 2020:**

- Savannah State University.

- b. **Move the following institution to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2020:**

- University of Texas at Tyler.

- c. **Move the following institutions to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2020:**

- (1) College of Staten Island; and
- (2) Frostburg State University.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from the discussion and voting on these items.]

2. **Approved the applications of the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2020:**

- a. Allen University; and
- b. D'Youville College.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.]

3. **NCAA Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide class assignment for institution approved for active membership as of September 1, 2020.** The committee assigned the following institution to ISSG Class 3, noting that for Class 3, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2023:
  - Savannah State University.
4. **Paine College Division II membership status.** Staff provided an update that Paine College forfeited its active member status in Division II on May 29, 2020, due to a loss of regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges [see NCAA Division II Constitution 3.3.5.2 (Removal of Accreditation)].
5. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) and Bylaw 20.10.4.1 (five-sport/three-season requirement) for the 2020-21 academic year.** The committee discussed the institutions and conferences that may not be able to participate in fall 2020 sports during the traditional fall sport season due to COVID-19 and the impact it has on the five-sport/three-season requirement for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee determined that it was appropriate to take no action at this time and will discuss this issue again at a later date, if it is necessary. The committee noted that flexibility will continue to be provided to institutions and conferences on a case-by-case basis. The committee encourages institutions and conferences to make decisions that are in the best interest of student-athletes and institutions.
6. **Update regarding reductions to minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update regarding reductions to the minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.
7. **Discussion regarding virtual competition and its impact on intercollegiate contest or date of competition, conference championship competition and sports sponsorship.** The committee discussed whether participating in virtual competition should constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and may be used to satisfy the requirements for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship, even if the event is conducted at separate sites and the results are submitted to a central location for scoring. The committee agreed to maintain the December 11, 2014, staff interpretation, which states "that in order for an event to constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and to satisfy the requirements for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship, the event must be conducted on the same date(s) and at the same site. Therefore, if an event is conducted at separate sites and the results are recorded and submitted to a central location for scoring, the event does not constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and may not be used for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship purposes." Institutions may file a waiver to be

reviewed by the Membership Committee if they would like to participate in virtual competition and count such competition(s) for conference championship competition and/or for minimum sports sponsorship requirements.

- 8. Update regarding changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update from the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee on no change to the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship schedules based on the recommendations from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee, NCAA Division II Legislation Committee and Membership Committee. Specifically, for Division II schools unable to participate in the traditional fall 2020 championship segment, including the NCAA Division II Championship, the Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver that allows schools to adjust schedules during a fall sport's championship segment and nonchampionship segment for the 2020-21 academic year only. The blanket waiver also provides more scheduling freedom for golf and tennis teams that use the alternate playing season format. In addition, the Administrative Committee signaled support for potential revisions to the 2020 fall championship schedules or formats as needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 9. Discussion regarding NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for winter and spring championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update on the current discussions and timing of potential action regarding the 2020-21 playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for winter and spring championship sports and the potential impact of COVID-19.
- 10. Review of action taken on ISSG Class 5 due to COVID-19.** The committee was provided an update regarding its decision during its April 2, 2020, teleconference to extend the deadline for institutions in ISSG Class 5 from June 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021, due to COVID-19. The committee noted that the institutions in ISSG Class 5 will not move to a new class and shall submit their next ISSG by June 1, 2025.
- 11. Update regarding the suspension of sports sponsorship and financial aid audits for the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update on the action taken by the committee during its April 2, 2020, teleconference to suspend random and for-cause sports sponsorship and financial aid audits for the 2020-21 academic year due to budget concerns and the impact of COVID-19.
- 12. Update regarding the suspension of the compliance blueprint program for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.** Staff provided an update on the committee's decision during the April 2, 2020, teleconference to suspend the compliance blueprint program for the upcoming 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years due to COVID-19.
- 13. Update regarding actions approved by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee related to regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19.** Staff provided

an update on the approved actions by the Administrative Committee related to COVID-19 that impact the Division II membership.

14. **Membership Trends.** Staff provided an update on the actions taken and the relief provided in Divisions I and III related to membership issues in response to COVID-19.
15. **Update regarding Division I requirement that provisional institutions spend at least five years in Division II before applying for Division I membership.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussion regarding the Division I membership requirement that a provisional institution must spend at least five years in Division II prior to applying for Division I membership. It was noted that the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee recommended that the Division I Council introduce a legislated pathway to allow institutions to reclassify to Division I without spending at least five years as a Division II member. If the recommendation is adopted in Division I, it would have an effective date of June 1, 2021.
16. **Update regarding institutions seeking reclassification from Division II to Division I.** Staff provided an update on active Division II institutions applying for reclassification to Division I. The committee discussed the reclassification timeline of Bellarmine University, Dixie State University, Tarleton State University and the University of California, San Diego. The committee noted that Augustana University (South Dakota) has not yet been invited to join a Division I member conference but is expected to continue to pursue Division I membership.
17. **Review of the progress reports from institutions located in Puerto Rico.** In November 2017, the committee approved a five-year waiver of membership requirements for institutions in Puerto Rico following devastating hurricanes. The committee reviewed progress reports from University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon; University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez; and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. The institutions' next annual reports are due June 1, 2021.
18. **Review of Requests/Self-Reports Online use by provisional institutions.** The committee received an update on the usage of RSRO by provisional institutions during the 2019-20 academic year.
19. **Review of ISSG Class 1.** The committee reviewed the list of institutions in ISSG Class 1. The institutions must complete the ISSG by 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2021.
20. **Review of Membership Committee policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of its policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.

21. **Approval of the Membership Committee June 1 and June 9, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its June 1 and June 9, 2020, videoconferences.
22. **Review of the April 2020 Management Council and Presidents Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council April 2020 meetings.
23. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update regarding recent initiatives and actions by the Board of Governors.
24. **Election of Division II Membership Committee chair and vice chair.** The committee elected Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, as chair; and Kirby Garry, athletics director, California State University, Monterey Bay, was elected vice chair. The terms for the chair and vice chair are effective September 1, 2020.
25. **Future meeting/teleconference/videoconference schedule.**
  - a. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - b. November 9-10, 2020, videoconference; to be determined.
  - c. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
  - d. April 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
  - e. July 7-8, 2021, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University*

*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 July 8-9, 2020, Videoconference</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.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Amy Mallett, The Compliance Group.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael 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, Corbin McGuire and Stephanie Quigg.	