



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 7-8, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. Blanket waiver of conference student-athlete advisory committee annual in-person meeting requirement for the 2021-22 academic year.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council extend the blanket waiver to provide relief of NCAA Division II Constitution 3.4.4.4.1 (annual meeting), for the 2021-22 academic year. Conferences will still be required to conduct an annual Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting, either in person or virtually.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In response to the impact of COVID-19, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver September 30, 2020, for the 2020-21 academic year to permit conferences to conduct an annual SAAC meeting, either in person or virtually. With the unforeseen impact of COVID-19 moving forward, extending the blanket waiver relief for the 2021-22 academic year will provide conferences with the flexibility in conducting the meeting and assist conferences in navigating health and safety and traveling challenges.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Request for feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Division II Conference Commissioners Association – conference student-athlete advisory committee annual in-person meeting requirement.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council request that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Conference Commissioners Association provide feedback on the following concept for a potential legislative change:

Whether the blanket waiver approved by the Administrative Committee September 30, 2020, that permitted conferences to conduct an annual SAAC meeting, either in person or virtually should be permanent.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In response to the impact of COVID-19, the Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver September 30, 2020, for the 2020-21 academic year to permit conferences to conduct an annual SAAC meeting, either in person or virtually.

The NCAA Division II Membership Committee requested that the Management Council extend the September 30, 2020, blanket waiver relief for the 2021-22 academic year [See Nonlegislative Item No. 2a]; however, the Membership Committee is requesting that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Conference Commissioners Association provide feedback on whether this temporary relief should be permanent legislation.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The membership committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the five institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:
  - a. **Move the following institution to active member status, effective September 1, 2021:**
    - University of Texas at Tyler.
  - b. **Move the following institutions to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2021:**
    - (1) College of Staten Island; and
    - (2) Frostburg State University.

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

- c. **Move the following institution to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2021:**
  - D'Youville College.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused themselves from the discussion and voting on this agenda item.]
- d. **Require the following institution to repeat year one of the provisional period of the membership process, effective September 1, 2021:**
  - Allen University.
2. **Approved the applications of the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2021:**
  - a. Edward Waters College; and
  - b. Emory & Henry College.
3. **NCAA Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide class assignment for institution approved for active membership as of September 1, 2021.** The committee assigned University of Texas at Tyler to ISSG Class 4, noting that for Class 4, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2024.
4. **Review of action taken on ISSG Class 1 due to COVID-19.** The committee was provided an update regarding its decision during its December 2, 2020, videoconference to extend the deadline for institutions in ISSG Class 1 from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, due to COVID-19. The committee noted that the institutions in ISSG Class 1 will not move to a new class and shall submit their next ISSG by June 1, 2026.
5. **Update regarding Division II COVID-19 review.** The committee reviewed the actions taken by the Administrative Committee and the NCAA Division II Presidents Council in response to the impact of COVID-19 and discussed whether to recommend any permanent legislative changes; specifically, actions where decisions are necessary prior to the start of the 2021-22 academic year. The committee recommended that the Management Council extend a blanket waiver in the area of NCAA membership, specifically regarding conference SAAC in-person meetings [See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2a].
6. **Update regarding Division II international institution's access to NCAA Division I men's ice hockey championship.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussion regarding NCAA Division II international institution's access to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. SVPC reviewed potential options and agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

7. **Update regarding Division I requirement that Division III institutions spend at least five years in Division II before applying for Division I membership.** Staff provided an update on the SVPC discussion regarding the Division I membership requirement that a Division III institution must spend at least five years in Division II prior to applying for Division I membership. The NCAA Division I Council adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-13 (division membership -- change of division membership -- Division III to Division I) to permit NCAA Division III member institutions to enter the Division I reclassification process following successful completion of the one-year pre-application period.
8. **2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee participated in a SWOT analysis as part of the initial development of the 2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan.
9. **Update on recent active membership issues.** The committee received an update that New York Institute of Technology resigned NCAA membership following the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year. In addition, the committee received an update that Ohio Valley University will be departing NCAA Division II membership and joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics beginning in the 2021-22 academic year.
10. **Update regarding potential integration involving six active member institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding the potential integration between six institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. During its discussion, the committee agreed to take no action until the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors issues a final decision on the structure of the integration, and accreditation is resolved through a regional accrediting agency.  
  
[NOTE: Bashar Hanna, president, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, recused himself from the discussion.]
11. **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 located 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 waiver will expire following the 2021-22 academic year; therefore, the institutions' next annual reports are due June 1, 2022.
12. **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 2020-21 academic year.

13. **Review of ISSG Class 2.** The committee reviewed the list of institutions in ISSG Class 2. The institutions must complete the ISSG by 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2022.
14. **Review of Membership Committee policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of its policies and procedures for the 2021-22 academic year.
15. **Approval of the Membership Committee April 22, 2021, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its April 22, 2021, videoconference.
16. **Review of the Spring 2021 Management Council and Presidents Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council Spring 2021 meetings.
17. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update regarding recent actions by the Board of Governors.
18. **Future meetings/teleconferences/videoconferences schedule.**
  - a. September 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
  - b. November 9-10, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
  - c. February 8, 2022, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - d. April 2022, teleconference; to be determined.
  - e. July 12-13, 2022, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference*

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

*Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee July 7-8, 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.	
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, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Amy Mallett, The Compliance Group.	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Connor Bran, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones and Stephanie Quigg.	