



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 24 and MAY 5, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding impact of COVID-19.** NCAA staff provided the NCAA Division II Membership Committee with an update regarding membership issues in response to COVID-19. In addition, the committee discussed the following items:
  - a. **Update regarding membership requirements for active member institutions and conferences.** Staff provided the committee with an overview of the current membership requirements for active member institutions and conferences outlined in NCAA Division II Constitution 3 (NCAA membership), Constitution 6 (institutional control) and NCAA Division II Bylaw 20 (division membership) that falls within the committee's purview.
  - b. **Discussion regarding minimum contest requirements for Division II sports sponsorship and championship selections, and maximum contest limitations for the 2020 - 21 academic year.** The committee reviewed recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association regarding potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums, championship selection minimums and maximum contest limitations in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee also discussed potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums and maximum contest limitations in NCAA Division II men's ice hockey, National Collegiate Championship sports and emerging sports. Finally, the committee discussed the application of exempted contests, including conference challenge events and the NCAA Division II Tip-Off Classic in basketball, as well as discretionary exemptions in all sports except football. [See Attachment for the committee's recommendations.]
  - c. **Update regarding recommendation of a moratorium on NCAA Division I membership reclassification process.** Staff provided the committee with an update on a recommendation from Division I conferences to place a moratorium on institutions making application to begin the Division I membership reclassification process in the 2020-21 academic year. In addition, staff noted that this would not affect institutions currently in the Division I membership reclassification process, provided the institutions can still satisfy the minimum requirements.

- 2. Update regarding NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey championships.** Staff provided an update regarding the NCAA Division II Championships Committee continued discussion around potentially establishing an NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey championship. Specifically, staff noted that the Championships Committee is focusing solely on men's ice hockey and exploring whether the addition of a championship is feasible and appropriate for the division. The Championships Committee's discussions have centered around current active member institutions men's ice hockey sports sponsorship, a financial analysis for a four-team tournament bracket, increasing sports sponsorship among active member institutions, and the potential for non-Division II institutions that sponsor men's ice hockey to reclassify to Division II. The Championships Committee believes that adding the championship may attract new Division II member institutions and enhance the student-athlete experience. The Championships Committee agreed to table its discussion on the potential of establishing a Division II men's and women's ice hockey championships.
- 3. Update on recent active membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding Notre Dame De Namur University discontinuing athletics at the conclusion of the 2020 spring term. Additionally, staff provided an update that Oakland City University publicly announced its plan to become a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics beginning in the 2020-21 academic year. Finally, staff provided an update regarding Urbana University ceasing operations at the conclusion of the 2020 spring term.
- 4. Approval of April 2, 2020, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the April 2, 2020, teleconference report, as presented.
- 5. Future scheduled teleconferences, videoconferences and meetings.**

  - a. July 8-9, 2020, videoconference, to be determined.
  - b. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - c. November 9-10, 2020, videoconference; to be determined.
  - d. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

*Committee Chair: Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University*

*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 April 24, 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.	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
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>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Roberta Page, Stephanie Quigg and Karen Wolf.	

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee May 5, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
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Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Green Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
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Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
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