



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update on Savannah State University compliance blueprint visit.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee received an update on Savannah State University's fall 2019 compliance blueprint visit. A compliance blueprint is required in provisional year two for any institution reclassifying from Division I to Division II.
2. **Discussion regarding requirement that institutions spend at least five years in Division II before applying for Division I membership.** NCAA staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussion regarding the requirement that an institution must spend at least five years in Division II before applying for Division I membership. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee agreed that an alternative avenue for a Division III institution to pursue Division I membership may be appropriate, but additional discussion is needed to determine the associated timeline and requirements. In the discussion, it was noted that it is essential to create a process that ensures that an institution seeking to reclassify to Division I is prepared to uphold the Division I philosophy and is able to devote appropriate financial resources to student-athletes and sport programs. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee will review the legislation and consider the avenue and potential options at its January 2020 in-person meeting.
3. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey.** Staff provided an update regarding the NCAA Division II Championships Committee discussion around the possibility of establishing NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey championships. Specifically, staff noted that the Championships Committee is exploring whether the addition of these championships is feasible and appropriate for the division. The Championships Committee began its discussion based on membership feedback and noted that adding the championships may attract new Division II member institutions and enhance the student-athlete experience. The Championships Committee will continue its discussions at its February 2020 in-person meeting.
4. **Discussion regarding independent members and minimum-contest requirements.** Staff provided an update in regards to its attempts to contact select independent member institutions to gather additional information about the institutions' scheduling efforts and any attempts the institutions have made to join a member conference. The Membership Committee agreed to continue its discussions about whether the sports sponsorship

legislation should be amended to require member institutions to participate in a minimum number of contests versus Division II opponents at a future meeting.

5. **Review of 2020 NCAA Convention Division II legislative proposals.** Staff provided an overview of the legislative proposals that will be voted on at the Convention.
6. **Review of Convention meeting with provisional institutions.** Staff provided an overview of the agenda for the provisional member meeting that will occur during the Convention.
7. **Review of Convention assignments.** The Membership Committee discussed its role and assigned responsibilities during the Convention for credentialing and vote counting during the business session.
8. **Update on Convention Division II education session on risk management.** The Membership Committee received an update on a Division II educational session regarding risk management that will occur during the Convention. The session will include a panel discussion about managing risks and effective insurance practices.
9. **Update on recent membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding potential membership changes, such as those related to the status of the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks as Division II members. The institutions have discussed merging under one accreditation, but recently announced they will continue to operate separate athletics departments for the 2020-21 academic year. Staff will continue to track on future discussions related to potential changes in the status of either of those member institutions.
10. **Update on institutions in the membership process.** Staff provided an update on institutions currently in the membership process.
11. **Update on institutions on probation or in restricted status for the 2019-20 academic year.** Staff provided an update on the list of schools that are currently or have been on probation or in restricted status since 2007.
12. **Review of membership waiver chart.** Staff provided an update on membership waivers that have been submitted by institutions and conferences since 1991.
13. **Review and approval of September 6, 2019, teleconference report.** The Membership Committee reviewed and approved its September 6 teleconference report, as presented.
14. **Update from the October NCAA Division II Presidents Council and Management Council meetings.** Staff provided an update on key items from the October Presidents Council and Management Council meetings.

15. **Review of 2019-20 Division II priorities.** Staff provided an update on the priorities that will be the focus of the division in 2019-20.
16. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** Staff provided an update on items from the October Board of Governors meeting. It was noted that the Board agreed to permit student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the collegiate model. Each of the three divisions have been directed to explore potential legislative changes within a framework of principles and guidelines approved by the Board. In Division II, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee will primarily oversee this review, which will include feedback from various membership associations and committees. Legislative proposals will be voted on by the Division II membership no later than the 2021 NCAA Convention.
17. **Update from the October Division II Conference Commissioners Association and Athletics Directors Association meetings.** Staff provided an update on the October meetings of the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and Athletics Directors Association.
18. **Future scheduled meetings.**
  - a. February 11-12, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - b. April 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - c. July 8-9, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - d. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - e. November 9-10, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

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Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee November 12, 2019, Teleconference</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 Greene Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Mike Bazemore, Amanda Conklin and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Stephanie Quigg and Michael Woo.	