



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding application of the requirement for institutions in provisional year one of the membership process to visit an active member institution in NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.2.2.3.1-(a)-(6) (assessment program – year one).** The committee discussed Bylaw 20.2.2.3.1-(a)-(6) (assessment program), which specifies that institutions in provisional year one of the membership process shall visit an active NCAA Division II member institution's campus. The committee agreed that for the 2020-21 academic year, institutions in provisional year one of the membership process may conduct these visits virtually in spring 2021 due to the continued impact of COVID-19.
2. **Update regarding COVID-19.** NCAA staff provided an update on the recent actions taken by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee related to COVID-19 that impact the Division II membership for the 2020-21 academic year.
3. **Review of 2021 NCAA Convention Division II legislative proposals.** Staff provided an overview of the three legislative proposals that will be voted on during the virtual Convention.
4. **Review of Convention meeting with provisional institutions.** Staff provided the committee with an overview of the agenda and programming for the January 14, 2021, provisional member institution videoconference, which will occur during the 2021 Convention.
5. **Update on University of Alaska Anchorage and University of Alaska Fairbanks regarding sports sponsorship.** Staff provided an update on a potential sports sponsorship issue regarding the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Specifically, both institutions have publicly announced they plan to discontinue women's gymnastics, men's ice hockey and men's and women's skiing following the 2020-21 academic year, reducing the number of sports sponsored from 13 to nine. If this occurs, the institutions will not meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements outlined in Bylaw 20.10.3 (sports sponsorship) following the 2021-22 academic year. Sports sponsorship waiver requests are normally reviewed following the academic year when noncompliance with sports sponsorship requirements is discovered. However, in this instance, the institutions are requesting whether proactive relief may be provided given the unique circumstances. The committee agreed to continue its discussion and consider potential options during its February 2021 videoconference.

6. **Update regarding potential merger involving six institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.** Staff provided an update regarding potential membership changes regarding the status of six institutions in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. California University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania have discussed merging into one institution. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania have also discussed merging into one institution. Staff will continue to track on future discussions related to potential changes in the status of these member institutions.
7. **Update on institutions in the membership process.** Staff provided an update on the five institutions currently in the membership process.
8. **Review of membership waiver chart.** Staff provided an update on membership waivers that have been submitted by institutions and conferences since 1991.
9. **Review and approval of September 18, 2020, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its September 18 teleconference report, as presented.
10. **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.
11. **Review of 2020-21 Division II Priorities.** Staff provided an update on the priorities of the division in the 2020-21 academic year.
12. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** Staff provided an update on items from the October Board of Governors videoconference. It was noted that the Board reaffirmed its expanded Association-wide campus sexual violence policy and established the 2022-23 academic year as the new effective date for institutions to confirm that they are following the expanded policy. In establishing the updated deadline, the board noted the new Title IX regulations implemented by the Department of Education in August, as well as the evolving impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for campuses across the country.
13. **Update from the October Division II Conference Commissioners Association and Athletics Directors Association meetings.** Staff provided an update on the October videoconferences of the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association.
14. **Future scheduled meetings/teleconferences/videoconferences.**
  - a. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

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- b. April 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
- c. July 7-8, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
- d. September 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
- e. November 9-10, 2021, to be determined.

*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 November 9, 2020, 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.
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
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>
None.
<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 Michael Woo.