



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Identify active member host institutions for provisional year one institutions.** Per the NCAA Division II membership process, provisional year one institutions must participate in a visit to an active member institution's campus in year one of the process. The NCAA Division II Membership Committee selected Ashland University as the host institution for Point Park University; California State University, Monterey Bay as the host institution for the University of California, Merced; the University of Mary as the host institution for the University of Jamestown; and West Texas A&M University as the host institution for the University of Texas at Dallas.

[Note: Melanie Brunsdon, senior woman administrator, Winona State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding the University of Jamestown. Troy Dell, director of athletics, Frostburg State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Point Park University. Rob Mallory, director of athletics, Missouri Southern State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding the University of Texas at Dallas. Cindy McKnight, director of athletics, Ursuline College, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Point Park University. James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding the University of Texas at Dallas.]

2. **Active member issues.** The committee received an update on the potential merger between the University of Findlay and Bluffton College (Division III). The committee reviewed additional information provided by the institution. In its review, the committee noted that additional clarification is necessary to make a determination regarding the membership status of the institution. As a result, the committee agreed to table its discussion until additional information is provided and accreditation is resolved through the regional accrediting agency.

The committee also received an update regarding Bloomfield College's sports sponsorship report for the 2023-24 academic year. Specifically, Bloomfield College self-reported that the institution did not meet Division II minimum sports sponsorship requirements for the 2023-24 academic year. It was noted that if the institution fails to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements during the 2024-25 academic year, the institution will be placed in restricted membership status. Additionally, NCAA staff provided the committee with an update that the merger between Bloomfield College and Montclair State University (Division III) has been executed as of July 1, 2024. Staff will request information from the institution and provide an update during the committee's November 2024 videoconference.

Further, the committee received an update that Saint Augustine's University's accreditation has been reinstated. As a result, the institution is in good standing as a Division II member.

Finally, the committee received an update that Ursuline College and Gannon University have announced their intentions to enter into a strategic partnership. More information regarding the strategic partnership will be provided at a future meeting.

[NOTE: Cindy McKnight, director of athletics, Ursuline College, recused themselves from the discussions regarding the University of Findlay's merger with Bluffton University and Ursuline College's strategic partnership with Gannon University.]

3. **Review of the 2024-25 Membership Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of its policies and procedures for the 2024-25 academic year.
4. **Update on the Division II Compliance Blueprint Review Program.** The committee received an update regarding the status of the compliance blueprint review program for the 2024-25 academic year. Specifically, it was noted that the process to request a review opened in Program Hub in late August and 15 reviews will be conducted during the 2024-25 academic year.
5. **Review of the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Report.** The committee reviewed items outlined in the Division I Transformation Committee report that directly impact areas specific to membership. During this review, the committee discussed feedback provided by the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in those areas that are student-athlete focused. The Membership Committee noted that many of the areas included in the Transformation Committee report are more appropriate as best practices for institutions and conferences rather than mandating as a legislative requirement. As a result, the Membership Committee determined that no further action was necessary.
6. **Review of 2025 NCAA Convention Division II proposals.** The committee reviewed the eight legislative proposals that will be voted on by the Division II membership at the 2025 Convention.
7. **Recap of provisional year one orientation videoconference.** Staff provided an update regarding the agenda and programming from the September 5, 2024, provisional year one orientation videoconferences. Staff noted the change in format from previous years as there were separate orientations conducted for an institution in provisional year one of the three-year process and institutions in provisional year one of the expedited process.
8. **Update on 2024-25 campus visit schedule.** Staff provided the committee with an update regarding the provisional year one visits to Point Park University; the University of California, Merced; the University of Jamestown; and the University of Texas at Dallas. Additionally, staff provided an update on post-application visits for institutions that apply for the expedited membership process by the October 1 deadline.

9. **Approval of the July 9-10, 2024, in-person meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its July 9-10, 2024, in-person meeting report.
10. **Review of the 2024-25 Division II Priorities.** The committee received an update on the Division II priorities for the upcoming year.
11. **Update on the work of the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the Board of Governors most recent meeting.
12. **Review of the summer 2024 NCAA Division II Executive Board and Management Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Executive Board and Management Council summer 2024 meetings.
13. **Future scheduled meetings/videoconferences.**
 - a. November 13, 2024, videoconference; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. February 11, 2025, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - c. April 2025, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - d. July 8-9, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Christina Whetsel, Augusta University

Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs

Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs

Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Membership Committee September 23, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Michael Bazemore, Montana State University Billings.	
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference.	
Melanie Brunsdon, Winona State University.	
Troy Dell, Frostburg State University.	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Robert Mallory, Missouri Southern State University.	
Jessica McIntyre, Lee University.	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.	
Thomas Newsom, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
James Reid, Angelo State University.	
Christie Ward, Catawba College.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels, Jordan Lysiak and Katelyn Skarr.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Molly Hansen, Maritza Jones, Angela Red and Jared Tidemann.	