

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 12, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Review of Agenda.** Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Chair Julie Ruppert welcomed the group and previewed the meeting agenda.
2. **Review of Previous Reports.** The committee approved the report from its June 20 videoconference as presented.
3. **Streaming Platform.** The committee discussed the creation of a national platform for hosting livestreams of preliminary rounds for team championships. The committee will continue its discussions at a future meeting.
4. **Division II Budget.**
 - a. **Budget Guidelines and Principles.** The committee reviewed the updated budget guidelines and principles approved by the Division II Executive Board August 7 that reflect the additional exception according to which budget allocations may be considered outside of the championships triennial budget process (i.e., the establishment of a Division II championship when sponsorship meets the newly adopted 35-institution threshold in a given sport).
 - b. **Long-Range Budget.** Staff updated the committee on the division's long-range budget, including the revenue allocation for FY25 and the current amount in Division II reserves. The committee also began discussing whether to recommend increasing the current 60 percent allocation of the Division II budget to the division's championships program, as well as the pros and cons of reducing the current championships triennial budget process to a biennial budget process. These topics likely will be discussed during the Division II Think Tank sessions in September just prior to the SPFC's next meeting. The Championships Committee also is reviewing these issues. The SPFC will use feedback from those discussions to help inform recommendations at future committee meetings.
5. **Division II Conference Strategic Priorities Fund.**
 - a. **Guidelines and Principles.** The committee received an overview of the guidelines and principles for the Conference Strategic Priorities Fund that directs how staff is to evaluate each conference's report.
 - b. **2023-24 Conference Strategic Priorities Fund Reports.** The committee reviewed summaries of the 23 conference reports. The committee also was provided an update that no carryover dollars were requested by any conference. After reviewing the staff's recommendations, the committee approved all 23 reports.

- c. **Fines for Late Submissions.** The committee noted that all 23 conferences submitted their reports by the deadline. No action was necessary.
- d. **Special Recognition for 2022-23.** The committee approved dividing the \$10,000 allocation available to recognize exemplary programming equally among four conferences (\$2,500 per conference). (Note: Committee members from the conferences selected recused themselves during the voting process.)

Conference (Strategic Positioning Outcome Area)	Initiative/Program Recognized
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Game Day and National Championships)	Partnership with the city of Baltimore to support high school students experiencing homelessness, and events in conjunction with Samaritan's Feet.
Great Lakes Valley Conference (Diversity and Inclusion)	International Student-Athlete Week.
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Diversity and Inclusion)	Congressional engagement initiatives.
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (Academics and Life Skills)	Online training program to assist when encountering individuals in mental health distress, particularly in a suicidal situation.

6. **Affiliate Organization Reports.** The committee received summaries of the reports from the seven affiliate organizations. After discussion, the committee approved a \$75,000 grant to each of the following organizations: Division II Athletics Directors Association; Division II Conference Commissioners Association; College Sports Communicators; Division II Faculty Athletics Representatives Association; National Association of Athletics Compliance; and Women Leaders in Sports. The committee noted that staff had requested additional information from the Minority Opportunities Athletics Association and that the committee will review that organization's report in September.

[Note: Following the meeting, the chair approved the amended affiliate organization grant report that included the rationale for unused dollars, as submitted by the Minority Opportunities Athletics Association.]

7. **Future meetings and videoconferences.**

- a. September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- b. December 11 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).

Committee Chair: Julie Ruppert, Commissioner, Northeast-10 Conference

Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance

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Cara Hubert, Administrative Services
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance
Andrea Worlock, Administrative Services

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Attendees:	
Joseph Arnold, Clark Atlanta University.	
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College (<i>ex officio</i>).	
Brandi Laurita, University of Findlay.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (<i>ex officio</i>).	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference	
David Wilmes, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.	
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin.	
Frank Wu, Queens College (New York).	
Absentees:	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Cara Hubert, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Andrea Worlock.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, Brooke Dixon, Brian Higgins, Karen Kirsch, Angela Red, Mikaela Topper and Jill Waddell.	