



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
APRIL 2, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. NCAA Conference Grant Program. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Council, approved the following, effective immediately, with regard to the 2019-20 Conference Grant Program due to the effects of COVID-19:
 - (1) Affirm that any conference grant spending must meet current policies and procedures; expenditures beyond any pre-approved items must have prior approval by the conference grant administrator.
 - (2) Provide one-time flexibility within Tier One (i.e., allow conferences to use unspent funds allocated for one constituent group such as SIDs on any other pre-approved constituent group such as SWAs, FARs, ADRs, etc.).
 - (3) Affirm that Tier One funds must remain in Tier One and cannot be used in another tier as these funds are designed to support professional development for individuals across various constituent groups.
 - (4) Provide one-time flexibility between Tier Two and Tier Three funds (e.g., unspent Tier Two funds may be spent on pre-approved items in Tier Three and vice versa). For instance, if a conference has spent all its Tier Three funds, for this year only, conferences may use Tier Two funds for Tier Three, or vice versa, provided the funds are spent in a manner consistent with grant policies and practices.
- b. Governance Committee Appointments. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Council, approved the recommendation of the following immediate committee appointments:
 - (1) NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee (immediate vacancy replacing James Schmidt) – Michael Brophy, president, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
 - (2) NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Marylou Ram's nomination due to conference duplication) – Dwight Watson, chancellor, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - (3) NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee (former recipient vacancy) Natalie Knowles, researcher.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The call commenced at 11:09 p.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
2. **AMA Question and Answer Resource.** AMA is releasing a Q&A document later today to assist member institutions in navigating NCAA compliance issues. Additionally, this document will be updated as new questions arise or additional compliance-related actions taken by the governance structure.

Currently the Administrative Committee has taken the following actions:

- Issued a blanket waiver providing relief to all Division III member institutions from failing to satisfy sports sponsorship requirements due to actions taken in response to COVID-19.
- Issued a blanket waiver for all spring sport student-athletes that participation would not result in the use of a season for the 2019-20 academic year nor would the 2020 spring semester count towards their overall semester limits.
- Directed that institutions be provided flexibility as may be necessary to support the best interest of their student-athletes with respect to reasonable extra benefits that may be offered under Bylaw 16 to address unforeseen needs of the student-athletes, including those related to equipment, travel, academic and other support services arising or resulting from the impact of COVID-19.
- Directed that institutions be provided flexibility as may be necessary to support the best interest of their student-athletes with respect to the type, frequency and timing of athletically related and other activities that occur under Bylaw 17 through the end of the academic year. On March 26, the Administrative Committee clarified this directive and stated that at this time and in all sports (regardless of season), this flexibility is extended into the summer period.
- The biggest concerns currently are student-athlete well-being, including mental and physical health and the ability to maintain strong connections between and among student-athletes and their respective institutions. As such, reasonable activities under Bylaws 16 and 17 that are designed to improve connectivity and help student-athletes in these areas should be permitted; provided the activities otherwise comply with applicable laws, institutional requirements and other school obligations under NCAA policies and legislation, including those related to health and safety.

The committee also discussed a recent waiver received by the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee from an institution's seven wrestling student-athletes seeking to regain their seasons of eligibility. This is the first waiver received for the winter season and unfortunately doesn't meet review criteria for approval.

3. **Division III Governance Operations Budget.** The NCAA national office is undertaking a comprehensive budget review focusing on the next 18 to 24 months to determine a more financially efficient way to conduct business. Recommendations are being made to change the current governance meeting process by reducing the number of in-person meetings per year and conducting more virtual meetings. Staff also is reducing its travel budget.
4. **Name, Image and Likeness.** Staff provided an update on the webinar held Wednesday, April 1. Over 375 from the membership joined as staff highlighted proposed concepts from the Interpretations and Legislative Committee and SAAC meetings. The NCAA Washington D.C. staff also provided updates regarding the state and federal legislative landscapes. A link to the PowerPoint was included in the April Monthly Update.
5. **Management and Presidents Council April Meeting Format.** Staff, with endorsement from Council leadership, informed the Administrative Committee, that both the Management and Presidents Council meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. An email explaining how Microsoft Teams works will be sent to Management Council next week, along with a meeting maker to join. The Management Council's schedule will be Monday, April 20, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, April 21, 9 a.m. to noon. The Presidents Council schedule will be Wednesday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At this time, staff is unsure if there will be a virtual presidential breakfast.
6. **Other Business.** Staff informed the committee that there will be a webinar on COVID-19 impacts on Tuesday, April 7 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Currently there are over 400 participants expected.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Committee Chair: Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance
Debbie Kresge, Division III Governance
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
Ali Spungen, Division III Governance

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April 2, 2020, Teleconference
Attendees:
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.
Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.
Not on Call:
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University
Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
Staff:
Dan Dutcher, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs and Ali Spungen.