

REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 2, 2026, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - None.
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
  - None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome.** President Camille welcomed the Administrative Committee to the campus of Albertus Magnus College, convening the meeting at 8 a.m. Eastern. The committee reviewed its primary functions which include: (a) To help identify issues of interest to the governance structure during the upcoming year; (b) To act on any emergency issues that arise between council meetings; and (c) To decide issues best acted on between the regular quarterly meetings of the councils.
2. **Leadership expectations.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents for both Management and the Presidents Councils, the meeting schedule for 2026-27, and committee responsibilities. During their summer meetings, the councils will select new council leadership effective with the close of the 2027 NCAA Convention. President Troha is the Division III representative on the NCAA Board of Governors through the close of the 2027 NCAA Convention in January. In October, the Presidents Council will select a new board representative to begin a two-year term with the close of the 2027 NCAA Convention. The committee also indicated that it wasn't necessary to expand council subcommittee rosters to ensure that all presidents/chancellors had a secondary assignment.
3. **Key discussion topics.**
  - a. **Division III analysis.** The committee reviewed the initial process and timeline that the Presidents Council endorsed during its Jan. 29 meeting. It also provided feedback on the executive summary of the joint council and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee breakfast and Issues Forum discussions held during the 2026 NCAA Convention that officially launched the Division III analysis.

The committee reviewed the working group roster approved by the Presidents Council and noted that the Presidents Council Futures Subcommittee has drafted a charge for the working group that builds off the identified objectives endorsed by the Presidents Council during its Jan. 29 meeting. The subcommittee will send the charge to the Presidents Council for visibility and feedback before the first working group videoconference that will be held in mid to late March.

Staff also shared a proposal from Deloitte to serve as a third-party contractor to assist the working group and the councils with the analysis. If approved, Deloitte will support the working group meetings, provide research and data, and oversee stakeholder engagement sessions. The committee supported the proposal and will act to approve if the Presidents Council supports it.

- b. **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee in-person meeting.** The committee reviewed the agenda for the March in-person meeting and discussed the budget planning process as the division builds its new budget cycle for FY27 and FY28 effective Sept. 1. The division is currently in the final year of a two-year budget process. The committee highlighted budget priorities that include supporting institutional constituents such as athletic trainers and athletics communication directors, championships and initiatives to amplify the division's brand. The committee noted the success of this fall's championships live streaming (e.g., a 70% increase in minutes watched) and its direct correlation to increasing the division's brand. It also noted its support for and the importance of using the division's public service announcements during regular season, conference, and NCAA championship live streams to promote the division's brand and the division's plan to create new PSAs.

The committee also discussed the division's recent financial contribution to the Ray settlement and the impact on the division's reserve. It noted that the contribution will not impact the operating budget to support Division III championships and the enrichment fund programs, grants, and initiatives. It also discussed the recent Association-wide survey that sought membership feedback on NCAA programs and services. In its efforts to reduce costs, the national office will use the feedback to evaluate current NCAA programs and services to make budget cuts.

- c. **Name, image and likeness.** Over the past several years, the division has monitored the impact of name, image and likeness and updated its NIL legislation, as warranted. During the 2026 NCAA Convention, the membership voted for a resolution regarding NIL that charges the Division III Presidents Council with recognizing the importance of concerns with NIL. The resolution also charges the governance structure with monitoring the changing landscape around Division I NIL and its impact on Division III and developing strategies, policies and if warranted, propose legislative changes that would protect valid NIL opportunities consistent with the Division III philosophy.

Staff noted that the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee has started discussions regarding review options, and it will forward a recommendation for the councils to review during their April meetings.

- d. **Championships updates.** The committee received an update on the recent Championships Committee discussions that focused on budget recommendations, the review of the NPI, and ticket prices for NCAA Division III championships.
- e. **National collegiate championships.** The committee discussed the recent approval of stunt and acrobatics and tumbling as national collegiate championships effective in 2027, a Division III specific women's wrestling championship slated for spring of 2028 and women's flag football as an emerging sport. Future national collegiate championship votes will be for women's flag football (anticipated at the 2027 Convention) and triathlon (anticipated at the 2028 Convention). The committee discussed the need to forecast budget impacts when a Division III specific



Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is examining options to assist student-athletes with gambling issues and addiction.

**f. Sport Science Institute strategic initiatives.**

- (1) Harm reduction strategies. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) has formed a new advisory group to develop evidence- and consensus-based recommendations on harm reduction strategies for substance related and addictive behaviors in college athletics.
- (2) Sleep best practices. As part of its agenda for future topics, CSMAS will continue the work it started in 2017 with the Interassociation Task Force on Sleep and Wellness.
- (3) Female health and nutrition. CSMAS has identified female health as an area of interest for future review. Topics will include relative energy deficiency, body image, body composition assessment, knee injuries, return to play and safety equipment.
- (4) Wearable technologies. The Sport Science Institute has released its performance technologies recommendations designed to assist NCAA member schools with the responsible use of performance technologies, ensuring the consideration of student-athlete health, safety, and performance in related decisions. The guidance provides evidence- and consensus-based recommendations to member schools on the responsible use of performance technologies in collegiate athletics in the form of non-binding foundational statements, recommendation statements and strategy statements.

**6. Communication and feedback initiatives.**

- a. **Division III Presidents Advisory Group.** The advisory group consists of presidential representatives from conferences not serving on the Presidents Council. These members engage with the council on key priorities and strategies and report out to their conference colleagues. Staff noted it has expanded its engagement to include an orientation and June videoconference in addition to the October and January in-person opportunities.
- b. **Governance scorecard.** The governance scorecard is a formal process to allow governance and sport committee members an opportunity to provide feedback on their committee experience and work of the committee liaisons. Staff will distribute the scorecard to governance committees this spring and the sport committee scorecard will be sent this summer. Feedback will be shared with the councils at their summer meeting.

7. **Additional business.** The committee supported staff seeking reclassifications to enhance customer service and find efficiencies with the merger of the governance and academic and membership affairs departments in creating a new governance and member services department.
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Eastern.

*Committee Chair: Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College*

*Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance and Member Services  
Jeff Myers, Division III Governance and Member Services  
Bill Regan, Division III Governance and Member Services*

<b>NCAA Division III Administrative Committee March 2, 2026, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Melissa Baumann, Ohio Northern University.	
Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College.	
Suzanne Davis, Greenville University.	
Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
<b>Absentee:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Bill Regan, and Lisa Rogers.	