



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 7, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roster.** The videoconference commenced at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
2. **Review of March 14, 2022, videoconference report.** The Advisory Council reviewed the report and had no changes or edits.
3. **Review of Division III bylaws, policies and initiatives chart.** The chairs of each sub-group provided a report of their recent meetings. The outcomes of those meetings are captured in the bylaws, policies and initiatives chart. [Attachment] Sub-group reports included reference to the work being done by various governance committees on the same issues detailed in the chart. An open line of communication between the Advisory Council and the governance committees was encouraged.
4. **Division III Membership Survey comparison report.** Staff provided an overview of a report comparing survey findings from members institutions and conference offices.
5. **Additional business.** The Advisory Council discussed the logistics of having an in-person meeting in the coming months.
6. **Future meetings.** The chair noted that the Advisory Council's next videoconference is Monday April 25, 2 p.m. Eastern.
7. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:03 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee chair: Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.

Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance

Eric Hartung, Division III Governance

Jeff Myers, Division III Academic and Membership Affairs

Bill Regan, Division III Academic and Membership Affairs

| NCAA Division III Advisory Council April 7, 2022, Videoconference | |
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| Attendees: | |
| Robin Baker, George Fox University. | |
| Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University. | |
| Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference. | |
| Heather Benning, Midwest Conference. | |
| Pete Bothner, Nazareth College. | |
| Chuck Brown, Penn State – Behrend. | |
| Scott Brown, Buena Vista University. | |
| Linda Bruno, Skyline Conference. | |
| Matt Burke, Fitchburg State University. | |
| Sarah Feyerherm, Washington College (MD). | |
| Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland. | |
| Troy Hammond, North Central College. | |
| Tom Hart, USA South Athletic Conference. | |
| Ashley Hodges, Notre Dame of Maryland University. | |
| Angela Marin, University of Texas at Dallas. | |
| Fayneese Miller, Hamline University. | |
| Betsy Mitchell, California Institute of Technology. | |
| Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University. | |
| Lori Runksmeier, Eastern Connecticut State University. | |
| Stephanie Smyrl, Lesley University | |
| Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference. | |
| Absent: | |
| Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. | |
| Jason Fein, Bates College. | |
| Kate Foster, The College of New Jersey. | |
| Megan Koch, Colorado College. | |
| Stuart Robinson, New York University. | |
| Rachael Scoones, SUNY Delhi. | |
| Darryl Sims, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. | |
| NCAA Staff in Attendance | |
| Eric Hartung, Louise McCleary, Bill Regan. | |



Division III Bylaws, Policies and Initiatives - Areas for Review

Division III Advisory Council Charge: At its January 2022 meeting, the Division III Presidents Council endorsed the continuation of the Advisory Council and outlined its charge as an advisory group to the Management and Presidents Councils. The Advisory Council will manage the implementation strategies for the new requirements stemming from the adoption of the new NCAA Constitution and to manage the review of issues identified by the Division III membership. This oversight will include the delegation of identified issues to standing governance committees and the development of strategies for further membership engagement.

| New NCAA Constitution Requirements | | | | |
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| Legislative/Policy Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Organization | Move divisional provisions from the old Constitution to Division III operating bylaws. | Management Council | August 1 | Completed Feb. 16 |
| Organization | Division III Presidents Council Composition. DIII student-athlete(s) representation. <u>National SAAC/Administrative Committee suggestions</u> : 2 representatives from national SAAC, recommendations go to PC Nomination Subcommittee, final approval by PC. | National SAAC Administrative Committee Presidents Council | August 1 | SAAC will finalize process in April. |
| Organization | Division III Presidents Council – BOG Representative. Appointment of Division III Presidents Council member to the BOG. <u>Administrative Committee suggestions</u> : min. of two years of Council service, nomination from DIII PC Nominations Subcommittee to full PC for approval. If term ends on PC while still a BOG representative, become a PC ex-officio member. | Administrative Committee Presidents Council | August 1 | Presidents Council will finalize process in April. |
| Organization | National SAAC to establish process for selecting a student-athlete to serve on the BOG. - <u>National SAAC and Administrative Committee suggestions</u> : graduated NCAA student-athlete, not more than two years prior to appointment; prior national SAAC service, recommendations go to PC Nomination Subcommittee and final approval by the PC. - Serve as ex-officio member of SAAC if not on the committee. | National SAAC Administrative Committee Presidents Council | August 1 | SAAC will finalize process in April. |
| Organization | Establish a consistent finance reporting process per the new Constitution. | DIII Governance Staff Membership Committee Management Council Presidents Council | August 1 | Membership Committee recommendation will be considered by Management Council in April. |

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| Legislative/Policy Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Organization | <u>Administrative Committee suggestion</u> : delineate roles and responsibilities of the Division III vice president and staff. | Management Council Presidents Council | August 1 | Management and Presidents Council will review in April |
| Organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an organizational mapping of Division III, relative to the Association to better inform the DIII membership and increase transparency. - Include a description of the process by which new committees/ councils/working groups/advisory groups can/are formed and how individuals are selected for membership. | DIII Governance Staff Presidents Council Management Council Nominating Committee | August 1 | Management and Presidents Council will discuss in April |
| Organization | Review Association-wide and common committees responsibilities with the new Constitution, including duties and composition. | DIII Governance Staff | August 1 | |
| Organization | Division III Administrative Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review composition and nomination process – focus on diverse representation. - Consider additional positions, including independent members not affiliated with an institution or conference. | Presidents Council Management Council | Close of NCAA Convention | Management and Presidents Councils will discuss in April |
| Organization | Division III Presidents Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review composition and nomination process – focus on diverse representation. - Consider additional positions (e.g., AD, SWA, commissioner, FAR, etc.), including independent members not affiliated with an institution or conference. | Presidents Council | Close of NCAA Convention | Presidents Council will discuss in April |
| Organization | Division III Presidents Council – new duties. Sponsor amendments to the Constitution by two-thirds majority. | Administrative Committee Presidents Council | Close of 2023 NCAA Convention | |
| Organization | Division III Management Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review composition, duties and responsibilities – focus on diverse representation. - Consider additional positions, including independent representation by individuals not affiliated with an institution or conference. - Review process to be nominated for a committee and committee approval process. | Management Council Presidents Council SAAC Nominating Committee | Close of 2023 NCAA Convention | Management and Presidents Council will discuss in April |
| Membership | Consider requirement for active members to be a member of a multi-sport conference | Membership Committee | 2023 NCAA Convention | Membership Committee will address at a future meeting. |
| Membership | Review requirement to vote in-person at the NCAA Convention. | Membership Committee | 2023 NCAA Convention | Membership Committee will address at a future meeting. |

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| Legislative/Policy Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Membership | Review requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) and Conference Self-Study Guide (CSSG). | Membership Committee | 2023 NCAA Convention | Membership Committee discussion will continue. |
| Membership | Review institutional reporting and attendance requirements. - Review convention attendance requirement. - Review the Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement. | Membership Committee ILC | 2023 NCAA Convention | Membership Committee - discussion will continue on both requirements. |
| Budget | Examination of budget expense allocation policy (i.e., 75% to championships and 25% to non-championships) and align with budget requests. | SPFC | August 1 | SPFC will continue discussion and make final recommendations in June. |
| Budget | Review championships experience to ensure gender equity. | Championships | August 1 | Championships will continue discussion on Gender Equity, specifically as it relates to budget considerations when planning future allocations. |
| Budget | Review all contracts held by the Association to understand their impact on Division III. | Association Staff | August 1 | |
| Budget | Clarify how new revenue sources, earmarked to support Division III, would be allocated among Association members. | Association Staff | August 1 | |
| Championships | Evaluate student-athlete experience. | Championships | August 2023 | |
| Championships | Evaluate budget priorities (e.g., local ground transportation, no conference opponents in the first round, day of rest, increased per diem, increased travel party). | Championships SPFC MC and PC | August 1 | Championships Committee currently reviewing; surveying sport committees on budget priorities for review during April call. |

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| Legislative/Policy Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Legislative Concepts | Social media recruiting regulations. | ILC and SAAC Management Council | 2023 NCAA Convention | ILC is circulating deregulation concept to various membership groups for feedback. |
| Legislative Concepts | Playing and practice season structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still should be governed the divisional level. - Student-athlete health and safety must be part of the consideration of any changes. - Continued consideration of out-of-season activities. | ILC, SAAC, CSMAS Management Council | 2023 NCAA Convention | ILC is circulating concept to various membership groups for feedback. |
| Legislative Concepts | Redshirting and graduate eligibility. | ILC and SAAC Management Council Presidents Council | 2023 NCAA Convention | ILC discussing at 4/13 meeting. |

Note: A due date/timeline of 2023 NCAA Convention, anticipates a legislative proposal. Therefore, these items must be in final format by the July Council meetings.

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| Legislative Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Organization | Division III governance committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review composition – focus on diverse representation. - Review duties and responsibilities. - Student-athlete representation. - Independent representation by individuals not affiliated with an institution or conference. - Review process to be nominated for a committee and committee approval process. - Review appropriateness/relevance of current committees and determine if they are functional to the overall objectives of the Division. - Consider what, if any, new committees should be established (e.g., DIII Revenue Committee). | Select governance committees Management Council Presidents Council SAAC Nominating Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Championships | Discuss National Collegiate Championships Sports with Division I & II. | Championships Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Championships | Alcohol sales at Division III championships. | Presidents Council | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Championships | Evaluate selection criteria in relation to access ratios and automatic qualification process. | Championships Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Championships | Standard expectations for a Division III championship student-athlete experience. | Championships Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Championships | Review and evaluate administrative oversight of the Division III championships at the Association level. | Championships Committee | Sept. 2022 to 2023 | |
| Legislative Authority and Process | DIII legislative and amendment process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different dates, every other year Business Session, publication requirements, etc. - Interpretation review (e.g., number of times an interpretation can be appealed). | ILC | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Membership | Track membership discussions (e.g., including requirements, new divisions or subdivisions) by Division I and DII. | Membership Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | Ongoing |
| Membership | Review multi-division classification/membership and track Division I and II discussions and actions. | Membership Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | The Membership Committee will continue to track DI and DII discussions and actions. |

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| Legislative Area | Area for Review | Committee(s) Assigned | Timeline | Status |
| Membership | Review requirements to maintain Division III member active status. - Review sports sponsorship requirements. | Membership Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | Membership Committee recommends move to Priority 2. |
| Membership | Review requirements to be an active Division III conference. | Membership Committee | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | Membership Committee will address at a future meeting |
| Budget | Review conference grant distribution (e.g., current allocations, reporting requirements, conference and staff approvals). | SPFC | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Budget | Conduct an audit of non-championships initiatives and programs. Re-distribute funds if needed. | SPFC DIII Governance Staff | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Budget | Evaluate new revenue sources and strategies to revisit the guaranteed annual budget allocations. | SPFC Management Council Presidents Council | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Legislative Concepts/Organization | Conduct a comprehensive review of the Division III philosophy. | Presidents Council Management Council ILC SAAC | Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023 | |
| Financial Aid | Consideration of athletics leadership. | Financial Aid Committee | 2024 NCAA Convention | Financial Aid Committee will continue this review through 2022 and into 2023. |