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Division III Bylaws, Policies and Initiatives - Areas for Review

Division III Advisory Council Charge: At is 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				
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. National SAAC/Administrative Committee suggestions: 2 representatives from national SAAC, each with a vote. One year renewable term if still a member of national SAAC.	National SAAC Administrative Committee Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed April 27** PC passed noncontroversial legislation to increase composition by 2 SAAC members.
Organization	Division III Presidents Council – BOG Representative. Appointment of Division III Presidents Council member to the BOG. Two year renewable appointment. If term on PC ends prior, will remain a PC ex-officio member.	Administrative Committee Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed April 27** All eligible members may indicate interest. Full PC will rank vote to select.
Organization	National SAAC to establish process for selecting a student-athlete to serve on the BOG. - Any Division III graduate student-athlete may submit a nomination. Preference given to past campus, conference and national SAAC experience. - SAAC executive committee will review nominations, share with full SAAC and provide finalists to PC Nominations Subcommittee for final selection. - Two year, renewable appointment. Will serve as ex-officio member of national SAAC.	National SAAC Administrative Committee Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed April 27** PC approved SAAC recommended process.
Organization	Establish a consistent finance reporting process per the new Constitution.	DIII Governance Staff Membership Committee Management Council Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed April 11** Management Council approved new process.

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Organization	Administrative Committee suggestion: delineate roles and responsibilities of the Division III vice president and staff.	Management Council Presidents Council	April 21	**Completed April 2022.** Management and Presidents Councils reviewed.
Organization	- 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	Close of NCAA Convention	**On-going.** NCAA Communications updating the organizational mapping resource. In April, Management Council created a subgroup to review and report back.
Organization	Division III Administrative Committee. - Review composition and nomination process – focus on diverse representation. - Consider additional positions, including independent members not affiliated with an institution or conference.	Management Council Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed July/Aug.** Management and Presidents Councils reviewed and no changes.
Organization	Division III Presidents Council. - 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	2023 NCAA Convention	**Completed July/Aug.** Management and Presidents Councils approved to sponsor legislation.
Organization	Division III Presidents Council – new duties. Sponsor amendments to the Constitution by two-thirds majority.	Administrative Committee Presidents Council	August 1	**Completed.** Effective Aug. 1.
Organization	Division III Management Council. - 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.	Management Council Presidents Council SAAC Nominating Committee	2023 NCAA Convention	**Completed July/Aug. 2022.** Management and Presidents Councils approved to sponsor legislation.
Membership	Has sponsored legislation to require members in the new member process to have received a bona fide offer from a multi-sport conference	Membership Committee	2023 NCAA Convention	**Completed. July 19.** Management Council sponsor legislation.
Membership	Has sponsored legislation to eliminate the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) and Conference Self-Study Guide (CSSG).	Membership Committee	2023 NCAA Convention	**Completed. July 19.** Management Council sponsor legislation to eliminate.

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Membership	Review institutional reporting and attendance requirements. - Review convention attendance requirement. - Review the Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement.	Membership Committee ILC	April 21	**Completed. April 21.** Committee will not recommend change for Convention or RRS attendance.
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	**Completed. July/Aug.** Management and Presidents Council approved SPFC recommendations.
Budget	Review championships experience to ensure gender equity.	Championships	August 1	**Completed. Aug.** Adjusted budgets to ensure gender equity.
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	**Completed. July/Aug.** Management and Presidents Council approved SPFC recommendations.
Championships	Alcohol sales at Division III championships.	Presidents Council	April 27	**Completed April 27** PC will not recommend changes at this time.
Legislative Concepts	Has sponsored social media recruiting regulations.	ILC and SAAC Management Council	2023 NCAA Convention	**Completed. July.** Management Council sponsor legislation.
Legislative Concepts	Has sponsored playing and practice season structure. - Still should be governed at the divisional level and 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	**Completed. July.** Management Council sponsor legislation.
Legislative Concepts	Redshirting and graduate eligibility.	ILC and SAAC Presidents Council	April 27	**Completed April 27** ILC will not propose legislation. PC received update and will not propose legislation.

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.

	Priority 2 Items			
Legislative Area	**Area for Review**	**Committee(s) Assigned**	**Timeline**	**Status**
Organization	Review Association-wide and common committees responsibilities with the new Constitution, including duties and composition.	A-wide Committees Presidents Council Management Council	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Internal staff review has begun.
Championships	Discuss National Collegiate Championships Sports with Division I & II.	Championships Committee	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 Committee will continue discussing.
Championships	Evaluate and create standard expectations for a Division III championship student-athlete experience.	Championships Committee	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Championships Committee will continue discussing.
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. - Different dates, every other year Business Session, publication requirements, etc.	ILC	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	ILC to start review at September meeting.
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.
Membership	Review requirements to maintain Division III member active status. - Review sports sponsorship requirements.	Membership Committee	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Membership Committee will address at a future meeting.
Membership	Review requirements to be an active Division III conference.	Membership Committee	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Membership Committee is reviewing.
Membership	Review penalty structure associated with failure to meet membership requirements.	Membership Committee	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	
Budget	Conduct an audit of Enrichment Fund initiatives and programs. Re-distribute funds if needed.	SPFC DIII Governance Staff	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Anticipate an external review.
Budget	Evaluate new revenue sources and strategies to revisit the guaranteed annual budget allocations.	SPFC Management Council Presidents Council	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Presidents Council has started discussion.

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Budget	Review conference grant distribution (e.g., current allocations, reporting requirements, conference and staff approvals).	SPFC	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Staff collaboration with DIIICA has begun.
Budget	Review all contracts held by the Association to understand impact on Division III.	Association Staff	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Internal staff review has begun.
Budget	Clarify how new revenue sources, earmarked to support Division III, would be allocated among Association members.	Association Staff	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	
Legislative Concepts/Organization	Conduct a comprehensive review of the Division III philosophy.	SPFC Presidents Council Management Council ILC SAAC	Sept. 2022 to Aug. 2023	Presidents Council has tasked a subgroup of SPFC to oversee a review.
Financial Aid	Consideration of athletics leadership.	Financial Aid Committee	2024 NCAA Convention	Financial Aid Committee will continue this review.
BOG policy and Division III Bylaw 9	9.1.1.2.1 With Voting Privileges. Update language to be gender neutral-Specifies that each active member and each member conference with voting privileges shall be entitled to one vote. Institutions and conferences designating both **an individual that identifies as** male and female as voting or alternate delegates may appoint four official delegates **including an individual who does not identify as male or female**. In all other circumstances, institutions are limited to not more than three official delegates. For this reason, each delegate **must indicate their identity**. Any of the aforementioned official delegates have privileges of the floor and right to active participation in the business proceedings of the Convention. Additional delegates without voting or floor privileges may be designated. Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 specifies that a member conference without voting privileges is entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.	CWA MOIC Board of Governors Management Council	Non-controversial	**Completed. Aug. 31.** The Administrative Committee codified the BOG policy.
Constitution	Review NCAA Constitution Article 2(E)(2) and clarify the application of the article regarding the role of Faculty Athletic Representative.	FARA PC	Sept 2022 to August 2023	Internal staff reviewing and FARA will discuss at its November meeting