

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III ADVISORY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 1, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### ACTION ITEMS.

None

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Welcome and roster.** The videoconference commenced at 11 a.m. Eastern time. The chair welcomed the advisory council and reviewed the roster.
- **2. Review of January 10, 2022, videoconference report.** The advisory council reviewed the report and had no changes or edits.
- **3.** Advisory Council role, charge and composition. Staff provided an update on the Presidents Council discussion and subsequent actions at their January 20 meeting regarding the role, charge and composition of the Advisory Council.

The Presidents Council endorsed the continuation of the advisory council positioned in an advisory role to the Management and Presidents Councils. To that end, the Presidents Council tasked the Advisory Council to 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.

The Presidents Council reviewed the request from the Division III Commissioners Association (DIIICA) regarding the composition of the Advisory Council and agreed that to the extent possible that each conference should have representation on at least one of the three councils – Presidents, Management and Advisory. The Council also supported securing representatives from conferences that are not currently on the three councils. The Presidents Council did not support the request to ensure each conference is represented on the Advisory Council citing the lack of precedence on other standing committees and councils, and the inherent challenges with managing a committee with 40 or more members. The Presidents Council charged the Division III Administrative Committee to consider and approve the changes in the Advisory Council composition with an immediate effective date.

**4. Division III Membership Survey timeline.** Staff provided the Advisory Council an update on the survey development, logistics for the survey launch and plan for the distribution of survey findings. The institution and conference surveys will launch Monday, February 7 with a response deadline of Monday, February 28. Survey findings will be distributed to

the following committees and councils for review at their March meetings: Advisory Council, Strategic Planning and Finance, Championships, Membership, Financial Aid, Interpretations and Legislation, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committees.

- **5. Division III Issues Forum feedback.** Staff provided the Advisory Council an update on the straw poll results and table discussion feedback from the Division III Issues Forum held Friday, January 21. An executive summary is in development and will be reviewed at the February 22 meeting of the Advisory Council.
- **6. Future meetings.** The chair noted that the Advisory Council's next videoconference is Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. Eastern.
- **7. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at noon 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

Ali Spungen, Division III Governance

# NCAA Division III Constitution Advisory Council February 1, 2022, Videoconference

### **Attendees:**

Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.

Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.

Steve Briggs, Berry College.

Chuck Brown, Penn State - Behrend.

Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Rich Dunsworth, University of the Ozarks.

Jason Fein, Bates College.

Sarah Feyerherm, Washington College (MD).

Troy Hammond, North Central College.

Tom Hart, USA South Athletic Conference.

Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.

Betsy Mitchell, California Institute of Technology.

Colby Pepper, Covenant College.

Stuart Robinson, New York University.

Lori Runksmeier, Eastern Connecticut State University.

Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

Darryl Sims, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

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Absent:
Robin Baker, George Fox University.
Kate Foster, The College of New Jersey.
Megan Koch, Colorado College.
Angela Marin, University of Texas at Dallas.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.
Talia Williams, Carleton College.
NCAA Staff in Attendance
Eric Hartung, Jeff Myers, Bill Regan.