

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11-12, 2019 MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation – Financial Aid – Elements of Financial Aid – Government Grants -- NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to replace the current government grants legislation in NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2 and the list of exempted government grants in NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.1 with legislation entitled “Estimated Financial Assistance” which will utilize the Department of Education definition of “overaward” for purposes of determining whether financial aid has exceeded the student-athlete’s cost of attendance.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The financial aid landscape is ever-changing and maintaining an accurate list of what constitutes financial assistance can be cumbersome. While the current legislation accounts for government grants, it does not account for other forms of aid that an institution’s financial aid office factor into a student’s estimated financial assistance. Additionally, the current list of exempted government grants includes some programs that are obsolete or outdated, while ignoring newer government grants that would also qualify for exemption. The NCAA Financial Aid Committee indicated that redefining the bylaw to be consistent with the language used by the Department of Education both in its federal statute and in the financial aid handbook utilized by financial aid professionals would eliminate the need to revise the legislation each time a grant or other form of aid is added or removed. Furthermore, by including a reference to the electronic Code of Federal Regulations, anyone can readily access the most up-to-date version federal statute.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Non-legislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review November report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 12-13, 2018 meeting.
2. **Level II reviews.** The committee reviewed 33 Level II financial aid reporting cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with the NCAA conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:

a. Voted to take no action on the following 28 Level II review cases:

- (1) 2005-1-02;
- (2) 2005-1-14;
- (3) 2005-2-12;
- (4) 2005-2-16;
- (5) 2005-3-13;
- (6) 2006-1-08;
- (7) 2006-1-17;
- (8) 2006-1-23;
- (9) 2008-1-07;
- (10) 2008-2-01;
- (11) 2009-1-05;
- (12) 2009-2-01;
- (13) 2011-3-02;
- (14) 2011-3-04;
- (15) 2013-2-01;
- (16) 2013-4-02;
- (17) 2013-4-03;
- (18) 2013-4-04;
- (19) 2014-2-03;
- (20) 2016-1-05;
- (21) 2016-1-07;
- (22) 2016-4-01;
- (23) 2018-1-01;
- (24) 2018-1-05;
- (25) 2018-1-06;
- (26) 2018-1-09;
- (27) 2018-4-02; and
- (28) 2018-4-03.

b. Voted to refer the following four Level II review cases to NCAA enforcement with recommended actions:

- (1) 2007-2-02;
- (2) 2008-1-04;

- (3) 2013-4-01; and
- (4) 2018-1-04.

c. Voted to refer Level II review case 2018-4-01 to the Division III Membership Committee.

- 3. Update on the review of financial aid interpretive requests.** Staff reported the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee completed their review of revisions to the official interpretation of Bylaw 15.4.5 as requested by the Division III Financial Aid Committee. Revisions to the official interpretation were approved by the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee and action by the Division III Management Council has been requested. The Division III Management Council will take action at their April meeting.

Staff also shared the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee's position related to Division III financial aid regulations and e-sports.

- 4. Data collection model for graduate transfer student-athletes.** The committee reviewed a staff proposal to incorporate the collection on graduate transfer student-athletes. These student-athletes fit the definition of the cohort as established by Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program policy and staff proposed a method to collect the data. The committee proposed a series of revisions and will review the proposal in final format on a teleconference to be held in the coming weeks.
- 5. Review of updates to the financial aid reporting program users' guide.** The committee proposed several edits to the users' guide and will review the guide as amended at a teleconference in the coming weeks. The amended guide will then be forwarded to the Division III Management Council for approval.
- 6. Division III governance update.** Division III governance staff provided an update on several items including the NCAA Transfer Portal, Division III University, e-sports, sports wagering and officiating.
- 7. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned 11:17 a.m. Eastern time, February 12, 2019.

Committee Chair: Angel Mason, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Research
Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee February 11-12, 2019 Meeting	
Attendees:	
Stephanie Alford, Goucher College; Landmark Conference.	
Greg Carroll, Morrisville State College, North Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	
Paula Lehrberger, Widener University, Middle Atlantic Conferences	
Angel Mason, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Todd Moravec, Plattsburgh State University of New York; State University of New York Athletic Conference.	
Ron Noborikawa, Pacific Lutheran University; Northwest Conference.	
Charlyn Robert, Nichols College; Commonwealth Coast Conference.	
Larry Scheiderer, Denison University; North Coast Conference.	
James Schmidt, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Kandis Schram, Maryville College; USA South.	
Steve Taylor, Concordia University (WI); Northern Athletics Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung and Tiffany Alford.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jay Jones.	