

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 10-11, 2020 MEETING**

**KEY ITEM.**

- **Level II reviews.** The committee reviewed 17 cases and voted to refer three to NCAA Enforcement. In one of the three cases, the committee recommended the institution self-report an apparent consideration of athletics participation and leadership in the awarding of a scholarship. In the other two cases, the committee recommended NCAA Enforcement investigate to fully learn the extent to which an identified distinguishable pattern of financial aid awarding that provided an advantage for student-athletes is a potential recruiting and competitive advantage.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Introduction.** New members, Ashley Bianchi (Williams College), Joyce Farmer (DeSales University), Eric Stacey (St. Catherine University) and Melissa Stephens (Western Connecticut State University), were welcomed.
2. **Review November 2019 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 11-12, 2019 meeting.
3. **Level II reviews.** The committee reviewed 17 cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with the committee's conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:
  - a. **Voted to take no action on the following 12 cases:**
    - (1) 2005-1-01;
    - (2) 2005-1-04;
    - (3) 2005-1-13;
    - (4) 2005-3-07;
    - (5) 2005-4-06;
    - (6) 2008-1-06;
    - (7) 2009-1-08;
    - (8) 2009-3-03;
    - (9) 2013-2-02;
    - (10) 2019-1-01;
    - (11) 2019-4-01; and
    - (12) 2019-4-02.



Bylaw 15.4.5 (Athletics Staff Involvement) was the most commonly cited within the requests.

**8. Launch of the 2020-21 Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program.** Staff informed the committee the reporting cycle will begin June 1, 2020 and close September 14, 2020.

**9. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned 11:30 a.m. Eastern time, February 11, 2020.

*Committee Chair: Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference*

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

| <b>NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee<br/>February 10-11, 2020 Meeting</b>                |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Ashley Bianchi, Williams College, New England Small Colleges Athletic Conference.                |
| Joyce Farmer, DeSales University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.                                   |
| Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. |
| Paula Lehrberger, Widener University, Middle Atlantic Conferences                                |
| Ron Noborikawa, Pacific Lutheran University; Northwest Conference.                               |
| Larry Scheiderer, Denison University; North Coast Conference.                                    |
| Kandis Schram, Maryville College; USA South.   |
| Eric Stacey, St. Catherine University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.            |
| Melissa Stephens, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Conference.                  |
| Jeffrey Stoudt, Franklin & Marshall College; Centennial Conference.                              |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |
| Steve Taylor, Concordia University (WI); Northern Athletics Conference.                          |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>   |
| Eric Hartung and Tiffany Alford.   |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |
| Louise McCleary and Jeff Myers.  |