

REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and introduction.** The NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee commenced business, February 13, at 10:03 a.m.
- 2. Review of the November 14-15, 2022, report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 14-15, 2022, meeting.
- 3. Level II reviews.** The committee reviewed 16 cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:
  - a. Voted to take no action on the following 10 cases:**
    - (1) 2005-1-02;
    - (2) 2005-1-08;
    - (3) 2008-2-01;
    - (4) 2009-3-03;
    - (5) 2010-1-06;
    - (6) 2011-3-03;
    - (7) 2013-2-01;
    - (8) 2022-1-04;
    - (9) 2022-1-06; and
    - (10) 2022-1-10.
  - b. Voted to refer case 2022-2-01 to the Division III Membership Committee.**
  - c. Voted to refer the following five cases to NCAA enforcement:**
    - (1) 2005-1-03;
    - (2) 2005-2-13;
    - (3) 2009-1-02;
    - (4) 2022-1-01; and

(5) 2022-1-03.

4. **Division III Requests/Self-Reports Online Bylaw 15 interpretations.** The committee was provided an overview of Bylaw 15 interpretation requests submitted by the membership since October 29, 2022.
5. **Consideration of athletics leadership in Division III Bylaw 15.** The committee engaged in discussion on the appropriateness of prohibiting athletics leadership as a consideration for financial aid. The committee decided to hold on further discussion until the potential revisions to the Division III Philosophy Statement have been completed.
6. **The 2023-24 Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program.** The committee discussed potential changes to the Level I Review triggers, concluding the current review triggers are effective and will remain in place for the 2023-24 reporting cycle. The Division III Financial Aid Annual Reporting Process User's Manual and program logistics were reviewed and confirmed.
7. **Review of the graduate/post-Baccalaureate transfer student-athlete report.** The committee was provided a report on the cohort of graduate/post-baccalaureate student-athletes that enrolled at Division III institutions after receiving an undergraduate degree from another institution. This information is reported as part of the Division III financial aid reporting program.

Report highlights included:

- The number of institutions reporting increased from 27 to 61 between 2018-19 and 2021-22. Approximately 14% of Division III institutions reported the enrollment of at least one graduate/post-baccalaureate transfer student-athlete for the 2021-22 academic year.
- The number of student-athletes reported increased from 46 to 220 between 2018-19 and 2021-22. The number of Division III graduate/post-baccalaureate transfer student-athletes that enrolled at Division III institutions in 2021-22 (220) comprised 0.1% of the total Division III student-athletes (201,387) in that year.
- Baseball student-athletes comprised the largest proportion of student-athletes reported across the four years (14%).
- Nearly all Division III sports are represented across the four years.
- Across the four years, 47% of student-athletes reported receiving institutional gift aid averaging \$13,800; 53% of student-athletes did not receive institutional gift aid.

8. **Changes to the Division III Financial Aid Committee composition.** The committee was provided a review of the adopted Division III legislative proposal 2023-5, effective August 1, 2023, which alters the composition of the committee.
9. **Division III governance update.** The committee received an update on current key topics within the Division III governance structure.
10. **Future meetings.** The committee confirmed its next meeting will be held in person November 15-16, 2023, in Indianapolis.
11. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned February 13, 2023, 3:44 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* Melissa Stephens, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Eric Hartung, Division III Governance  
 Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee February 13, 2023, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Ashley Bianchi, Williams College, New England Small Colleges Athletic Conference.
Michael Brophy, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
Kathleen Brown, St. Mary’s College (Indiana), Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Mark Becker, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Catherine Corcoran, Cabrini University, Atlantic East Conference.
Dana L. Harmon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference.
Christopher Hanlon, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Colonial States Athletic Conference
Erin Pomykala, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.
Perry Rettig, Piedmont University, USA South Athletic Conference
Eric Stacey, St. Catherine University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Melissa Stephens, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Conference.
Jen Windmiller, Bethany College, Presidents Athletic Conference
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Liaison in Attendance:</b>
Eric Hartung and Brittany Higgins.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Bill Regan.