

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10-11, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introduction.** The NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee commenced business at 9 a.m., February 10.
2. **Review of November report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of its November 12, 2025, meeting.
3. **Level II reviews.** The committee reviewed 16 cases. On review, the committee took the following actions:
 - a. Voted to take no action on the following 11 cases:
 - (1) 2005-3-19;
 - (2) 2005-4-06;
 - (3) 2006-1-22;
 - (4) 2007-2-05;
 - (5) 2007-4-01;
 - (6) 2010-2-02;
 - (7) 2015-1-09;
 - (8) 2024-1-04;
 - (9) 2025-1-02;
 - (10) 2025-1-06; and
 - (11) 2025-4-01.
 - b. Voted to refer the following five cases to NCAA Enforcement:
 - (1) 2006-1-15;
 - (2) 2006-3-06;
 - (3) 2008-1-07;
 - (4) 2025-1-04; and
 - (5) 2025-1-08.
4. **Review of the University of Lynchburg major violations case.** The committee reviewed the case digest, case summary and negotiated resolution for the University of Lynchburg Bylaw 15 financial aid major violations case.
5. **Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program Summary.** The committee received an overview of the Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program, which outlines conditions for

Level I and II reviews of institutional gift aid data, expedited processes, and referral to NCAA Enforcement for potential Bylaw 15 violations.

- 6. Consideration of Bylaw 15 amendments and interpretations.** The committee considered a recommendation from a member institution to amend Bylaw 15 to create an exception where donor contributions to student financial aid would be permissible in cases of documented financial hardship. The committee declined to take action, noting the circumstances where such an exception would be applied are highly case-specific, and an amendment to the division's bylaws would not be the appropriate way to address such situations. In the committee's response to the institution, they noted that individual institutions are best equipped to address the socioeconomic realities of their students first, and if there is the need for flexibility with Division III bylaws, the existing waiver process is designed to account for the wide range of factors each case would present. Furthermore, if the institution wishes to pursue a legislative change, the committee encourages collaboration with the institution's conference or other Division III institutions.

- 7. Consideration of a change to the Division III Financial Aid Committee composition.** A member institution requested the Division III Nominating Committee recommend a change to the composition of the Financial Aid Committee "to include at least one representative from a high Pell Grant-serving institution, a minority-serving institution, and/or an institution with a high percentage of first-generation college students." The institution stated, "The inclusion of such perspectives is critical to ensuring equitable and context informed interpretations of financial aid bylaws."

The Financial Aid Committee reviewed the request to provide feedback to the Nominating Committee. While the Financial Aid Committee agreed with the values outlined in the request, it disagreed that amending the compositional requirements is necessary to uphold those values. Specifically, the current compositional requirements and the methods of fulfilling those requirements fundamentally satisfy what the institution requested.

The committee found that the current composition requirements reflect the representation of the division's participating student-athletes and their institutions. The committee noted the variety of institutional missions represented, the experience of the athletics and financial aid professionals represented in its current membership, and the values they share to serve all students equitably. Additionally, the financial aid professionals on the committee work at public and private institutions where they serve a wide variety of students, including those who fall within the categories noted in the request.

- 8. Division III governance update.** The committee received an update on Division III and Association-wide current key topics.
- 9. Future meetings.** The next meeting will be held virtually November 2026.

10. Other business. There was no additional business.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m., February 11.

Committee Chair: Perry Rettig, Piedmont University, USA South Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance and Member Services
 Jeff Myers, Division III Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:
Rodrick Andrews, State University of New York at Oswego, State University of New York Athletic Conference.
Taylor Bischoff, Eastern Connecticut State University, Little East Conference.
Christopher Hanlon, Lebanon Valley College, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
Danielle Lynch, Haverford College, Centennial Conference.
Shea McKenna, McDaniel University, Centennial Conference.
Perry Rettig, Piedmont University, USA South Athletic Conference.
Andrea Savage, New England Small College Athletic Conference.
Megan Wilson, Luther College, American Rivers Conference.
Jen Windmiller, Bethany College (West Virginia), Presidents Athletic Conference.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Liaison in Attendance:
Eric Hartung and Jeff Myers.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.