



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15-16, 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, November 15, at 8:35 a.m.
2. **Review of the February 13, 2023, report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its February 13, 2023, meeting.
3. **Review of Level I review process.** The committee reviewed 30 cases and took the following actions:
 - a. **Voted to take no action on the following 15 cases:**
 - (1) 2005-1-03
 - (2) 2005-2-13;
 - (3) 2006-2-13;
 - (4) 2006-2-14;
 - (5) 2009-1-02;
 - (6) 2015-2-01;
 - (7) 2022-1-01;
 - (8) 2022-1-03;
 - (9) 2023-1-02;
 - (10) 2023-1-03;
 - (11) 2023-1-04;
 - (12) 2023-1-06;
 - (13) 2023-1-07;
 - (14) 2023-1-09; and
 - (15) 2023-1-10.
 - b. **Voted to move the following 15 cases to Level II review:**
 - (1) 2005-2-06;
 - (2) 2006-3-09;

- (3) 2007-1-06;
- (4) 2007-1-14;
- (5) 2012-1-03;
- (6) 2012-3-02;
- (7) 2018-1-08;
- (8) 2019-1-06;
- (9) 2020-1-07;
- (10) 2022-1-07;
- (11) 2023-1-01;
- (12) 2023-1-05;
- (13) 2023-1-08;
- (14) 2023-4-01; and
- (15) 2023-4-02.

4. **The 2024-25 Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program.** The committee discussed potential changes to the definitions of data elements and the Level I Review triggers. Staff was directed to develop concepts for review at the February meeting.
5. **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 February 1, 2023.
6. **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 28 to 77 between 2019-20 and 2022-23. Approximately 18% of Division III institutions reported the enrollment of at least one graduate/post-baccalaureate transfer student-athlete for the 2022-23 academic year.
- The number of student-athletes reported increased from 48 to 331 between 2019-20 and 2022-23. The number of Division III graduate/post-baccalaureate transfer student-athletes that enrolled at Division III institutions in 2022-23 (331) comprised 0.2% of the total Division III student-athletes (202,230) in that year.
- Men's basketball student-athletes comprised the largest proportion of student-athletes reported across the four years (12% or 79).
- Nearly all Division III sports are represented across the four years.

- Across the four years, 43% of student-athletes reported receiving institutional gift aid averaging \$14,252; 57% of student-athletes did not receive institutional gift aid.
7. **Division III fulltime first-time enrollment findings.** The committee was provided a review of the Division III first-time enrollment findings. This information is reported as part of the Division III financial aid reporting program.
- Between academic year 2018-19 and 2022-23:
- The average first-time enrollment at Division III institutions decreased by 100 students, falling from 866 to 766.
 - 37 percent of institutions (156) experienced a 20% or greater decrease in enrollment.
 - The average first-time enrollment of student-athletes remained steady – 139 in 2018, and 137 in 2022.
 - The proportion of student-athletes within the first-time enrollment population increased from 25% to 29%.
8. **Election of committee chair.** The committee voted and elected Mark Becker, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as the new committee chair.
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 virtually February 2024.
11. **Other business.** There was no other business.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned November 16, 2023, 11:13 a.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

NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee February 15-16, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Mark Becker, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Jack Follis, University of St. Thomas (TX), Southern Collegiate Athletic 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	
William McGinley, Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio Athletic Conference	
Muthu Meenakshisundaram, University of Minnesota – Morris, Upper Midwest 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	
Absentees:	
Ashley Bianchi, Williams College, New England Small College Athletic Conference.	
Michael Brophy, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Kate Corcoran, Cabrini University, Atlantic East Conference.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung and Brittany Higgins.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jeff Myers and Bill Regan	