



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review September report.** The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed and approved the report from its September 24-25 in-person meeting.
2. **Appeal of RSRO Case No. 1067630.** The committee reviewed whether an institution may award funds from donor endowments that support the financial aid budget if the endowments reference some aspect of athletics, but the assignment of endowments to specific students does not occur until months after such financial aid awards are made. As part of its examination of the issue, the committee reviewed the Official Interpretation dated 3/24/08 titled, "Institutional Financial Aid with Language Preferential to Student-Athletes (III)" as well as a precedent case from 2010 decided by the committee. The committee confirmed staff's position that institutional endowments that support the financial aid budget and reference athletics as a consideration for the award are contrary to Article 15 (See Bylaws 15.01.2, 15.01.3, 15.01.4, 15.01.5, and 15.4.1) regardless of the process or timing for granting financial aid.
3. **Convention Proposal Q & A.** The committee was provided with an initial draft of portion of the 2020 Convention question and answer document. The committee was asked to review the document and provide the staff with feedback via email.
4. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.
5. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 1 p.m. Eastern time October 17, 2019.

*Committee Chair:*

*Angie Morenz, Blackburn College*

*Staff Liaisons:*

*Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Bill Regan, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee October 17, 2019, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Amy J. Backus, Case Western Reserve University.	
Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Annabelle Feist, Williams College (student-athlete).	
Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference.	
Allie Littlefox, Mills College.	
Angie Morenz, Blackburn College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Mila C. Su, Plattsburgh State University of New York.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Tiffany Alford, Anyssa Barbosa, Corey Berg and Louise McCleary.	