# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE OCTOBER 21, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

## ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review September report. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the report from its September 22, 2020, videoconference.
- 2. Season-of-participation waiver request. The committee reviewed the NCAA Division III Management Council's recommendation regarding a blanket waiver to allow all NCAA Division III student-athletes to participate in the maximum number of contest/dates of competition in the 2020-21 academic year without being charged a season of participation or a term of attendance for any term in which the student-athlete was eligible for competition. The committee supports the council's recommendation.

The committee further supports the council's position that intercollegiate athletics involve students competing against students. The blanket waiver should not be construed as rationale for a change to the legislated requirements for a student-athlete's future eligibility. Specifically, a student-athlete would be expected to enroll as a full-time student in order to participate in any additional terms/seasons of participation that result from this blanket waiver.

- 3. Graduate student participation in an academic consortium. The committee reviewed the application of NCAA Division III Bylaw 14.1.9 for a student who wants to participate as a graduate student in an academic consortium that includes one or more athletics consortiums. The committee asked the NCAA staff to provide additional information regarding the composition of the athletics consortiums and the status of the graduate institutions within the consortium for the committee's future consideration of the issue.
- **4. Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and videoconferences.
- **Other business.** The committee received an update regarding the convention legislation question and answer document.
- **6. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 1:05 p.m. Eastern time.

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Staff Liaisons: Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs

Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs Bill Regan, Academic and Membership Affairs

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#### **Attendees:**

Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University.

Matt Hill, University of Northwestern – St. Paul.

Allie Littlefox, Mills College.

Angie Morenz, Blackburn College.

Joseph Pavlow, Rosemont College.

Mila C. Su, Plattsburgh State University of New York.

Patrick B. Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference

Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

#### **Absentees:**

Kaitlyn Purcell.

## NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.

### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Lauren Frost.