



# **NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SUMMARY OF SPRING 2019 QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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<b>Division III Management Council</b> <b>April 15-16, 2019</b> <b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>Division III Presidents Council</b> <b>April 30-May 1, 2019</b> <b>Indianapolis, IN</b>
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[Note: This summary reflects only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities. The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group.]

**1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

April 15-16 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 7:54 a.m. April 15 and 8:02 a.m. April 16, by the chair, Stevie Baker-Watson. With seven new Council members, the chair had everyone introduce themselves.

April 30 and May 1 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m., April 30, and 8:57 a.m. May 1, by the chair, President Su Henderson. The chair acknowledged the first meeting for Presidents Dunsworth, Hammond and Tsutsui and the final meeting for President Dorsey, who will be retiring at the end of the academic year.

**2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

**a. Management Council Meetings – January 23 and January 26, 2019.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its January 23 and January 26, 2019 meetings, with two edits.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b. Presidents Council Meeting – January 24, 2019.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its January 24, 2019, meeting.

**c. Administrative Committee Actions.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation from the Administrative Committee’s February 27, 2019, report to voluntarily include Division III student-athletes in the NCAA Transfer Portal beginning with the 2019-20 academic year. Division III coaches and administrators currently have read-only access to the portal, which includes student-athletes from only Divisions I and II. It is used as a compliance tool that provides academic and athletics information relevant to the transfer process. The Division

III self-release legislation will remain intact. Student-athletes requesting a transfer may also request their compliance office input relevant transfer information into the portal. A benefit to using the portal is that it will create a standardized transfer tracer for compliance officers. At its July meeting, the Council will discuss if use of the Transfer Portal should be mandatory. The Interpretations and Legislation Committee will provide feedback, and staff will solicit feedback during the Regional Rules Seminars and Division III Commissioners Association meeting.

The Management Council ratified the March 20, 2019, Administrative Committee report.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation from the Administrative Committee to permit the division's student-athletes to use the current Transfer Portal beginning in the 2019-20 academic year.

The Council also ratified the March 20, 2019, Administrative Committee report.

### **3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

#### **a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

##### **(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

###### **(a) Review of 2019 Convention Feedback.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed feedback from the 2019 Convention membership survey noting the following: 90 percent rated the Convention experience as very good or good (slightly lower than 2018 at 93 percent) and 97 percent said they would recommend attendance at a future Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

###### **(b) 2020 NCAA Convention – Educational Session Topics.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report regarding potential future educational session topics. It noted the following recommendations from the 2019 Convention survey, as well as prior suggestions:

- Student-athlete wellness – mental health [sessions in 2018 and 2019].
- Fundraising [session in 2019].
- Leadership and mentoring (e.g., associate to director of athletics, mentoring new coaches).
- Esports.
- Compliance (e.g., available resources, best practices) [session in 2018].

Staff Liaisons:  
Brown,  
McCleary

Council Reps:  
Baker-Watson,  
Franks, Mazza,  
Mooney,  
McGuinness,  
Pepper, Schram,  
Tsutsui

- Diversity (e.g., disability, LGBTQ, international, SWA).
- Game management and sportsmanship.
- Crisis management.
- Presidential Panel – Insights on athletics and expectations.

Staff will survey the membership via the May Monthly Update and the NADIIIAA and D3CA listservs. The surveys will highlight the subcommittee's recommended educational sessions; indicate a 60- or 90-minute time preference; and denote the preference for the session to be a workshop, a Division III educational session, an Issues Forum topic or an Association-wide session. During the subcommittee's next teleconference, it will narrow the list of session topics to three.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.**

**Staff Liaisons:**  
Dutcher, Hartung,  
Jones, Kresge,  
McCleary, Myers,  
West

**Council Reps:**  
Baker-Watson,  
Benning, Dorsey  
Drugovich,  
Murden-McClure,  
Pepper, Roy,  
Shields, Trachte,  
Vienna, Walsh

**(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.9.6.2 and Figure 21.1 – Committee Membership.**

Management Council. The Council sent back to the Championships Committee a recommendation to revise sports regions to encourage a more focused review by sport committees.

The noncontroversial legislation seeks to amend Figure 21.1 as incorporated by Bylaw 21.9.6.2, to adjust sport committee rosters to coincide with a proposed new regional alignment. The Championships Committee supported a proposal from the Division III Commissioners Association to create a scale for regional alignment based on sports sponsorship (e.g., sports with sponsorship from 40-149 would have two regions; 150-374, 5-8 regions; 375+, 9-10 regions) and other key principles, including: (1) Maintaining conference members in same regions; (2) Importance of geographic proximity in regional placement; and (3) Balancing the number of institutions across all regions (optimally, close to 40 per region). The new model provides flexibility based on the number of schools sponsoring the sport in the division (allowing for growth with a prescribed solution for sports that change over time) and recognizing that the "one size fits all" philosophy may not work for regional alignment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Nonchampionship Budget Initiatives.**

Management Council. The Council approved the nonchampionships budget priority initiatives for the 2019-21 budget cycle [See Attachment A].

Key changes include increases to the Conference Grant Program (5%); an increase to the Women & Minority Internship Program (funding 23 internships annually for two years); and more funding for the learning management system “Division III University.”

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also approved the budget recommendation.

**(c) Championships Budget Initiatives.**

Management Council. The Council approved changes in bracket sizes and incorporated the championship’s budget priority initiatives for the 2019-21 budget cycle [See Attachment B].

The Council noted that these recommendations will enhance the championship experience for student-athletes and improve championship administration.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also approved the budget recommendation.

**(d) 2018-19 Division III Budget.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the 2018-19 budget-to-actual summary as of March 2019. Currently, staff anticipates spending all championships funding, with nonchampionships having a surplus of approximately \$225,000.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(e) Strategic Positioning Platform Review.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the current existing Division III strategic positioning platform and recommended the creation of a working group to review and make recommendations for updates. To align with the current update of the NCAA Association-wide strategic plan, the working group will begin its work after the October 2019 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(f) Update on NCAA Audit Process.**

Management Council. The Council noted that following the fall review of the Conference Grant Impact Forms, the Conference Grant Review Subcommittee submitted three conferences for a Level Two review (i.e., two for-cause and one randomly selected). NCAA internal audit staff are conducting the audits this spring.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The subcommittee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Management Council Subcommittees.**

(1) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

(a) **Amended Waiver Criteria - Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief - Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Eligibility.**

Management Council. The Council approved the amended graduate student/postbaccalaureate waiver criteria:

a. The student-athlete graduated with an undergraduate degree ~~*ahead of schedule (i.e., in less than four academic years)*~~ **within four academic years**. Such documentation shall be in the form of the student-athlete's academic transcript and/or a written statement from an appropriate academic official from the previous institution (e.g., registrar);

b. **The student-athlete has seasons of participation remaining. A season of participation shall be determined based on Division III Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (Minimum Amount of Participation), regardless where (e.g., other NCAA division, NAIA) the participation occurs.**

~~b.c.~~ The student-athlete continued/maintained his or her education as a full-time student rather than having "breaks" (e.g., part time) in enrollment for no reason/circumstances beyond his or her control; and

~~e.d.~~ The student-athlete possesses a minimum 3.000 cumulative grade-point average.

The membership's desire to create greater graduate/postbaccalaureate student opportunities was demonstrated as recently as 2018 when legislation passed to allow for participation after graduation from any Division III institution. By relaxing the graduation timeline standard to not more than four years, and by adding the requirement that the student-athlete not have used four seasons of participation per Division III legislation, the revised directive promotes the Division III philosophy of increasing opportunities for participation. The amended directive also provides an alternative solution to historical concerns of "redshirted" student-athletes participating as graduate/postbaccalaureate students at Division III institutions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

Staff Liaisons:

Berg,  
Purcell

Council Reps:

Fein, Mazza,  
McGuinness,  
Roy,  
Udelhofen,  
Vienna

**(b) Review of Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Guidelines and policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The subcommittee reviewed its guidelines and policies and procedures and approved edits reflecting gender neutral language.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) Continuous Full-Time Enrollment Waivers Asserting Education-Impacting Disability.**

Management Council. The subcommittee reviewed the current staff position on providing conditioned approvals for waivers of Bylaw 14.1.8.1 (full-time enrollment – requirement for practice or competition), in which the student-athlete has a documented education-impacting disability and is receiving the accommodation of less-than-full-time enrollment from their institution. The subcommittee determined that waivers of this type may be granted in perpetuity, provided: (1) The student-athlete continues to receive the less-than-full-time enrollment accommodation from their institution; and (2) The institution maintains documentation of the student-athlete's accommodation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

**(a) Review of NCAA Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes.**

Management Council. The subcommittee reviewed the NCAA interassociation recommendations related to transitioning periods and strength and conditioning sessions relative to Division III legislative provisions. The subcommittee stressed the importance of education for the membership to foster successful implementation of the recommendations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Review of NCAA Division III Proposal 2019-3 – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period.**

Management Council. The proposal was referred back to the Council and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) for further review. The subcommittee noted there is value in the proposal; however, the subcommittee recommended CSMAS review the issue of acclimatization for all fall sports, including defining the appropriate number of days and practice limitations. The subcommittee will review that feedback during its July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Alford, Peterson,  
Romash

Council Reps:  
Bankston,  
Kastner, Mooney,  
Morgan, Schram,  
Vienna, Walsh



**(c) Review of 2019 Convention Issues Forum Feedback – Starting and Ending Dates for Sports Seasons.**

Management Council. Feedback from the 2019 Convention Issues Forum indicated support for further research and development on the concept of adjusting the beginning and ending dates of the playing seasons. The subcommittee determined that it would revisit the issue after CSMAS's review of fall sport acclimatization.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. Division III Committees.**

Staff Liaison:  
Peterson-  
Mylinski,  
Suscha

Council Reps:  
Baker-Watson,  
Bankston,  
Fein

**(1) Championships Committee.**

**(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.9.6.2 and Figure 21.1 – Committee Membership.**

Management Council. [See Page No. 5, (2) (a) – Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Report].

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Administrative Regulation – NCAA Bylaw 31.1.6 – Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Playing Rules – Non-NCAA Rules.**

Management Council. The Council adopted an administrative regulation to amend Bylaw 31.1.6 (executive regulations – administration of NCAA championships – playing rules – non-NCAA rules) to specify that rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among divisions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) Bracket Size and Championship Administrative Changes.**

Management Council. [See Page No. 6, (2) (c) – Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Report.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

**(d) Bench Size Policies.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed results of a survey sent to athletics directors to gauge interest in expanding bench size policies to accommodate additional student-athletes (at the institution's expense, and without corresponding increases to the travel party size). The survey results indicate support for expansion and include

reaction to ideas of how to manage it (e.g., place limits, allow schools to decide, etc.). While the survey targeted broad-based application, the committee acknowledged that recommendations for change may require sport-specific consideration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(e) Men's and Women's Golf Date Formula Survey.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved a draft survey that the Division III Men's and Women's Golf Committees want to send to their memberships regarding whether institutions would prefer to have the date formulas structured so that the men's and women's championships fall on different weeks.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Cooper, Elworth  
Kleppel

Council Rep:  
Feyerherm

**(2) Committee on Infractions.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Alford, Hartung,

Council Rep:  
Schram

**(3) Financial Aid Committee.**

**(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – Financial Aid – Elements of Financial Aid – Government Grants – NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to replace the current government grants legislation in Bylaw 15.2.2 and the list of exempted governments grants in Bylaw 15.2.2.1 with legislation entitled "Estimated Financial Assistance," which will utilize the Department of Education definition of "overaward" for purposes of determining whether financial aid has exceeded the student-athlete's cost of attendance.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Approval of the Revised Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program Users' Manual – Graduate Transfer Student-Athletes.**

Management Council. The Council approved the Financial Aid Reporting Program Users' Manual as revised.

The committee determined with the adoption of Bylaw 14.1.9 (Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation) in January 2018, institutions would be required to report student financial aid information for graduate/postbaccalaureate student-athletes as part of the Financial Aid Reporting Program beginning in 2019. These student-athletes meet the definition

for inclusion in the required cohort as they are full-time student-athletes enrolling at the Division III institution for the first time. The committee noted the unique financial aid packaging for graduate/postbaccalaureate students. In order to properly capture the financial aid information for these student-athletes, the committee developed a parallel data collection procedure.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Level II Reviews.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed 33 Level II financial aid reporting cases; four cases were referred to enforcement and one case to the Membership Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Walters

Council Reps:  
Fritz, Roy

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Myers, Purcell,  
Regan

Council Rep:  
Morgan

(5) **Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).**

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.29.1.9.1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Institutionally Certified Foreign Tours – Increase Incidental Expense Per Diem to \$30.**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation increasing, from \$20 to \$30, the amount an institution may provide a student-athlete per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with an institutional foreign tour.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.1.4.1 – Contact Restrictions at Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution – Elimination of Required Permission from Institution’s Executive Officer.**

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation eliminating the requirement that an institutional staff member or any representative of the institution’s athletics interests seeks permission from the executive officer (or designee) of a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution prior to contacting that prospective student-athlete during the portion of the day when classes are being conducted.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Modification of Wording – Bylaw 17.1.1.2 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Clarifying that Winter Sports Do Not Have Segment Limitations.**

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept, a modification of wording clarifying that sports with a winter championship do not have a nontraditional segment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.2.5 – Hardship Waiver – Exempted Exhibitions.**

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation clarifying that participation in an exempted scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice (before or after the first regularly scheduled contest) does not count as a competition when determining the first half of the playing season or whether the student-athlete participated in more than one-third of the standard number of contest/dates of competition for purpose of the hardship waiver analysis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) **Division III Health and Safety Survey Pilot.**

Management Council. The Council approved the administration of the Sport Science Institute health and safety survey as a Division III pilot for 2019-20. At the recommendation of the ILC, the Council believes there is merit in having a better understanding of the care that is provided to student-athletes. Administering the health and safety survey as a pilot would be useful in determining whether the survey instrument was suitable and beneficial for Division III institutions in assessing the medical care they provide to their student-athletes. The Council requested that questions not applicable to Division III be removed from the survey.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) **Division III University.**

Management Council. The Council supported the recommended growth of Division III University, the online learning system, with the creation of new compliance modules and access to more Division III constituent groups (e.g., FARs, athletics trainers, compliance directors), pending budget and personnel requests.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) **Approve Official Interpretation – Prospective Student-Athlete’s Prospect-Aged Sibling Receiving Benefits While Accompanying the Prospective Student-Athlete on an Official Visit.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Prospective Student-Athlete’s Prospect-Aged Sibling Receiving Benefits While Accompanying the Prospective Student-Athlete on an Official Visit. The committee confirmed that it is permissible for an institution to provide all the benefits a sibling is permitted to receive (e.g., meals, lodging, transportation and/or entertainment) during an official visit to a sibling of a prospective student-athlete who is also prospect-aged and/or being recruited by the institution without the visit constituting an official visit for the prospective student-athlete’s sibling, provided no direct recruitment of the sibling occurs during the visit.

(h) **Amend Official Interpretation – Athletics Department Staff Involvement with Financial Aid Offices (III).**

Management Council. The Council approved the amendments to the following official interpretation:

The committee confirmed that institutional athletics staff members (e.g., athletics directors, coaches, senior woman administrators, etc.) are precluded from being involved, in any manner, in the review of the institutional financial aid to be awarded to a student-athlete per Bylaw 15.4.5 (athletics staff involvement) and Bylaw 15.4.6 (matrix-rating system). Specifically, institutional athletics staff shall not influence a student-athlete’s financial aid package (as assembled by the financial aid officer or financial aid committee) directly or indirectly.

Athletics department staff members’ involvement in or interaction with its institution’s financial aid office should be directed by the following:

- The athletics department may communicate with ~~the clerical/support~~ staff in the financial aid office in order to determine whether a particular prospective student-athlete’s financial aid forms have been submitted;
- The athletics department may send a list of names of student-athletes to the financial aid office solely for the purpose of facilitating the annual Division III financial aid reporting process;
- The initial communication of a student-athlete’s financial aid package amount should occur between the student-athlete or his or her parents or guardian and the institution’s financial aid office, **admissions office, or enrollment management services department;**
- Athletics staff shall not serve on a member institution’s financial aid committee;

- A faculty member (e.g., chemistry professor) would not be precluded from serving on both an institutional faculty athletics committee (e.g., faculty athletics representative) and any institutional financial aid committee as long as they are not a coach or athletics department staff member; and
- An athletics department staff member who also works in the financial aid office may continue to work in the financial aid office only if the individual clearly is not involved in the financial aid decision-making process or in the packaging of financial aid for students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(i) Athletics Department Staff Involvement with Admissions Office and Role of Admissions Office with Financial Aid Packaging.**

The committee confirmed that athletics department staff involved in any capacity with the institutional admissions office shall not administer, oversee or otherwise influence any admissions matrix system or other admissions rating formula that directly or indirectly impacts institutional financial aid packaging decisions. For example, an institution that uses an admissions matrix-rating system to evaluate and rank incoming student applicants shall not allow athletics department staff to score, rank, or to otherwise influence any admissions rating of any student, including student-athletes, if the admissions matrix-rating score is used in any way to determine the financial aid package of any student, including student-athletes.

Permissible involvement of athletics department staff with its institution's admissions office should be directed by the following:

- Enrollment management personnel, including admissions office staff, are permitted to be employed by the athletics department provided those individuals have no role in the administration of financial aid (e.g., need analysis, aid packaging);
- It is permissible for an athletics department staff member who is working in the admissions office to be involved in off-campus admissions programs directed at prospective students in general, provided any contact made with prospective student-athletes prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school is not for the purpose of athletics recruitment (e.g., athletics recruiting presentation);
- An athletics department staff member who also serves as an admissions officer is precluded from having any input regarding the recipients of any institutionally administered grants or scholarships (e.g., presidentail, merit, academic, leadership, etc.); and

- Any factors of athletics ability or participation (e.g., high school athletics participation, outside club MVP awards, all-tournament honor, high school letter winner, all-state/all-conference selection, athletics ability of any kind, etc.) that are considered in the admissions matrix-rating system shall be removed from the rating system prior to the review of the student-athlete's application by the financial aid office.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(j) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Constitution 2.1 – Institutional Control and Responsibility – Constitution 2.8 – Attestation and Certification of Rules Compliance.**

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept and final format, noncontroversial legislation amending Constitution 3.3.4 (conditions and obligation of membership) and Bylaw 31.2.1 (institutional eligibility) clarifying that: (1) An institution's chancellor or president shall attest, annually by October 15, to understanding the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (principle of institutional control and responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (principle of rules compliance); and (2) An institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, that specified conditions for entry of individuals and teams in NCAA championship competition have been satisfied, including an attestation of understanding the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8 and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, and volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(k) Approve Official Interpretation – Definition of Physical Athletically Related Activities.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation, amending the title to read "Definition of Physical Athletically Related Activities for Football Preseason" as it refers specifically to the required two days off during football:

Definition of Physical Athletically Related Activities for Football Preseason. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that physical athletically related activities include (but are not limited to) weight training, strength and conditioning and on-field activities. Leadership programs that include physical activity such as rope course, SEAL training, etc. are also considered physical athletically related activities. Other leadership programming, film review and team

meetings are not considered physical athletically related activities and therefore, may occur any day of the preseason before classes are in session. Medical treatments, including rehabilitative exercises, are permitted.

Furthermore, medical and athletics training staff should exercise professional discretion when determining whether a leadership or team activity would be associated with a typical football practice event and contrary to the intent of facilitating physical and mental rest during that day.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(l) Approve Official Interpretation – Permissible Limitations for Participation in Camps, Clinics and Other Athletics Events.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Permissible Limitations for Participation in Camps, Clinics and Other Athletics Events. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a camp, clinic or other athletics event is considered open to the general public even if participation is limited by number, age, gender and grade level. Participation limited by academic criteria (e.g., grade-point average, standardized test score) is not considered open to the general public.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(m) Approve Official Interpretation – Participation on a Major Junior Ice Hockey Team.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following interpretation:

Participation on a Major Junior Ice Hockey Team. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that an individual that participates in a tryout or minimal practice with a Major Junior ice hockey team prior to collegiate enrollment does not constitute participation on a Major Junior ice hockey team. Participation on a Major Junior ice hockey team prior to collegiate enrollment results in the individual using a season of participation for each calendar year in which the participation occurs. Additionally, the individual would have to fulfill an academic year in residence prior to competing in intercollegiate hockey.

The following constitutes participation on a Major Junior ice hockey team:

- Competing with a Major Junior team, including scrimmages and exhibitions. Intra-squad scrimmages are not competitions.
- Practicing during the regular or post-season in excess of 48-hours.
- Appearing on a team roster at any time during the regular or post season.



The following would not constitute participation on a Major Junior ice hockey team:

- Participating in preseason (i.e., period before first regularly scheduled contest) provided no competition against another team occurs.
- Engaging in a tryout activity not exceeding 48-hours at any time.
- Participating in spring/development minicamps.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

Staff Liaisons:  
Alford, Berg,  
Jones

Council Rep:  
Mooney

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Constitution 3.3.1.2.2 – NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Eligibility – Composition of Conference – Single-Sport Conference.**

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to indicate that in National Collegiate Championship sports, the number of active member institutions needed to be granted single-sport conference status is controlled by the National Collegiate automatic qualification number.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Convention Legislation – Constitution 3.3.1.2 – NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Eligibility – Composition of Conference.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor 2020 Convention legislation to allow the use of provisional institutions in years three and four of the new member process to establish the seven institutions required to comprise a conference. Of the minimum seven institutions necessary to be granted conference status, at least four shall be active Division III member institutions.

Proposal No. 2016-9 modified how provisional schools can be utilized towards earning a conference's automatic qualification bid. That proposal was narrowly focused and did not modify the language related to years three and four provisionals in Constitution 3.3.1.2 (composition of conference). The result is that a provisional/reclass school in year three or four of the new member process can count for the automatic qualification waiting period, but not for the seven core members needed to form a conference from the start. Conference instability may be lessened if provisional schools are able to be used by a conference in meeting its minimum number of member institutions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

(c) **Convention Legislation – Bylaw 20.7.1.1 – Multi-Division Membership – Applying Division I Legislation for Division I Sports.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor 2020 Convention legislation to allow Division III institutions with Division I sports to apply Division I legislation in all areas, except Bylaw 15 (financial aid).

The current legislation requires Division III member institutions with Division I sports to apply the rules of both divisions, or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue. It is often difficult for institutions to distinguish which of the rules is more stringent and tracking the bylaws for two divisions can burden administrative staff. The number of affected schools will not increase, as Division I legislation currently prohibits additional institutions from becoming multidivisional. Currently, 10 Division III institutions sponsor a Division I sport.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Division III Provisional and Reclassifying Membership.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed and approved the following exploratory, provisional and reclassifying membership applications:

Exploratory Membership:

- Bob Jones University (South Carolina);
- Lindenwood University – Belleville (Illinois); and
- Warren Wilson College (North Carolina).

Provisional and Reclassifying Membership:

- St. Thomas University (Texas) – provisional;
- Pratt University (New York) – provisional; and
- Mississippi University for Women – provisional.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) **Two New Single Sport Conferences Approved.**

Management Council. The Council noted that the committee reviewed the applications for the following single-sport conferences and took the following action:

- Northeast Women’s Golf Conference – This conference with ten-member institutions was approved for the Division III Women’s Golf Championship.
- Central Intercollegiate Bowling Conference – This conference with six-member institutions was approved for a National Collegiate Bowling Championship pending a waiver by the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(f) Departing Division III Institutions.**

Management Council. The Council noted that the College of Staten Island and Frostburg State University submitted applications to transition to Division II. If approved, the institutions would begin the Division II membership process in fall 2019. Also noted was that Thomas Moore College announced its departure from the NCAA for the NAIA and that Newbury College will no longer operate an athletics program after this academic year due to institutional closure. As a result, it is anticipated that overall Division III membership will decrease for the 2019-20 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(g) Review Potential Legislative Proposal – Timeline for Reclassifying Schools.**

Management Council. The Council noted as a result of discussions during the committee's February meeting, staff outlined potential legislative options for a year-four waiver for reclassifying schools. The committee reviewed the legislative proposal options and the differences in the reclassification timelines for Divisions I, II and III, and took no action.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(7) Nominating Committee.**

**(a) Governance Committee Reappointment.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee reappointment, effective September 1, 2019, for an additional two-year term:

- Committee on Women's Athletics – Marjorie Hass, president, Rhodes College, Southern Athletic Association (two-year term).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Governance Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointments, effective September 1, 2019:

- Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Dawn Redd – Marquetta Dickens, senior woman administrator/assistant director of athletics/head women's basketball coach, College of Saint Elizabeth, North Eastern Athletic Conference. September 2019 vacancy – Tony Gaskew, faculty athletics representative, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

Staff Liaison:  
Tufano

Council Rep:  
Mazza

- Research Committee. Sashi Gayadeen, faculty athletics representative, Buffalo State, State University of New York, State University of New York Athletic Conference.
- Committee on Women's Athletics – Renee Bostic, director of athletics, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Colonial States Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Barnhart,  
Berg, Jones,  
Peterson,

Council Reps:  
Kastner,  
Pepper

**(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting that at the conclusion of the recent Division III Week celebration, national SAAC distributed mental health cards to 200 participating Division III institutions. The cards for student-athletes include their institution's personalized mental health contact information to assist with a crisis or emergency. A template of the card will be available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

SAAC's initiatives for the coming year (2019-20) are sustainability, inclusion and continued promotion of the Special Olympics partnership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Grace,  
Romash

Council Rep:  
Benning

**(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Association-Wide Committees.**

Staff Liaisons:  
Parsons,  
Rohlman

Council Rep:  
Baker-Watson

**(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).**

**(a) Playing Rules.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed three playing rules changes recommended by the committee: (1) Require hydration breaks at a set time during each half of soccer competition in extreme heat; (2) Require chest protectors in lacrosse and baseball be certified at the current NOCSAE standards; and (3) Create a formal exception for the athletics healthcare administrator to be exempted from the football sideline maximum of 60 people.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Student-Athlete Mental Health Services and Resources.**

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation requiring an institution to make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. The Council noted some concerns with the proposal's intent statement and related process. It recommended edits to the language to make it more Division III focused while maintaining the conceptual intent of the proposal. The Council will review the proposal in final format during its July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) Independent Medical Care - Health Care for Visiting Teams.**

Management Council. The Council noted that CSMAS recently reviewed and provided feedback on a white paper regarding the provision of health care to visiting teams traveling without primary athletics health care providers or athletics trainers. The concerns relate to who is in charge of athletics injuries during a home contest (e.g., the home athletics trainer, visiting athletics trainer, team physician) and athletics trainer licensure coverage with visiting teams. The Sports Science Institute will request the Board of Governors endorse a further study of this issue.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA).**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(4) Honors Committee**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Brownlee,  
Roxbury,  
Ziegler

Council Rep:  
Morgan

Staff Liaisons:  
Gentry,  
Fasbender,  
Wilson

Council Rep:  
Udelhofen

Staff Liaison:  
Tufano

Council Rep:  
Benning

Staff Liaisons:  
Abdur-Rashid,  
Crawford,

Council Rep:  
Bryant

**(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).**

• **Diversity and Inclusion Athletics Designation.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor 2020 Convention legislation to amend Constitution 3.3.4 (Conditions and Obligations of Membership) to specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

The designation symbolically and practically represents the Association's recognition of inclusion as a core value. It supports the 2016 Board of Governors Presidential Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. It also is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity as acknowledged in Constitution 2.2.2 (Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity). While the NCAA national office provides valuable resources and programming to support the membership's efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments, a constant complaint received is that institution and conference personnel are not aware of available resources or opportunities. This proposal seeks to create a network of colleagues who will serve as the conduit for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, the athletics departments and the NCAA. The proposal suggests that the designation be given to an existing staff member who, at minimum, would be responsible for receiving periodic informational digests and sharing the information with the necessary parties within the athletics department, the campus or conference office. The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department, as determined by the president/chancellor/commissioner or their proxy. Specifically, this recommendation requests that the contact information for the designated staff member be entered on each member's NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation to sponsor 2020 Convention legislation.

Staff Liaisons:  
Tufano

Council Rep:  
Brown

**(6) Honors Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Smith,  
Suscha, Walters

Council Rep:  
Walsh

**(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(8) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Calandro,  
Halpin

Staff Liaisons:  
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:  
Brown

**(9) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Bell

Council Rep:  
Millerick

**(10) Research Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Thomas

Council Rep:  
Walsh

**(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2020 CONVENTION.**

- Review of Noncontroversial Legislation for 2020 NCAA Convention.**

**(1) Committee Membership – Women's Lacrosse – Increase from Five to Seven Members.**

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to increase the composition of the women's lacrosse committee from five to seven. The additional committee members will represent each of the two new sport regions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Amateurism – Employment – Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes - Restitution.**

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.1 to designate violations as restitution violations, which do not affect eligibility if the value of the benefit is \$200 or less, provided the student-athlete makes restitution to a charity of their choice prior to competing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Executive Regulations – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions – Tampering with and Manipulation of Urine Samples.**

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that tampering with an NCAA drug-test sample includes urine substitution and related methods; further, to clarify that manipulation of urine samples includes the use of substances and methods that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(4) Membership and Championship – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Eligibility for Championships – Attestation and Certification of Compliance Obligations.**

Management Council. [See Page No. 15, Item c (5) (j) – Interpretations and Legislative Committee report]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**5. *DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.***

**a. *Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.***

Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group's report noting its efforts leading up to the adoption of legislation to mandate student-athlete graduation rate reporting at the 2019 NCAA Convention. Institutions will be required to report their student-athlete data beginning in the 2020 reporting cycle, which runs from March 1 to June 2020. Staff strongly encourages institutions not currently reporting to use the 2019 reporting cycle (March 1 and closes June 1, 2019) as a test-run. Numerous educational resources will be available.

In addition, the Council noted the overwhelmingly positive survey results from the Division III Student Immersion Program in January, and that twenty-four participants will attend the Next Steps Program in early June in Indianapolis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.



**b. Faculty Athletics Representative Engagement Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council approved the creation of a Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group. The advisory group will help guide the development of relevant education models and resources, engagement opportunities and potential Division III legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. LGBTQ Working Group.**

Management Council. Staff noted that LGBTQ national experts, Dr. Pat Griffin and Nevin Caple, have been hired to create the LGBTQ facilitator training program as well as the One Team Program for campuses and conference offices. The inaugural facilitator training will occur in late May in Indianapolis. Approximately 32 individuals will participate in the training.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Gameday the DIII Way.**

Management Council. Currently over 3,500 individuals have received the sportsmanship and game environment training. During the next two years, four Ambassador Training sessions, two each year, will occur throughout the country. These trainings will focus on regional-based ambassador training for senior athletics administrators and ‘super facilitator’ training for the most active existing Division III facilitators.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**e. Division III Identity Initiative.**

Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, DIII/D3SIDA recognition award, social media, Special Olympics, Division III Week and website content, which continues to provide Division III with additional opportunities to use its home page to share stories portraying its unique student-athlete experiences.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**f. Technology Users Group.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the work of the Technology Users Group noting updates to single-source sign on, Division III University, program hub functionality and the compliance database.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**g. 360 Proof.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the continued work of 360 Proof noting the creation of “smaller paths,” which allow institutions using 360 Proof without committing to all the steps in the program. In addition, the steering committee has corresponded with the Sports Science Institute (SSI) to discuss the potential benefits of SSI managing 360 Proof.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**h. International Ice Hockey – Eligibility Certification Pilot.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the feedback from institutions and conference offices that participated in this year’s pilot. The Council approved continuing the pilot for the 2019-20 academic year with the following modifications: (1) Sharing the \$150 Eligibility Center’s (EC) fee with student-athletes; and (2) Following the EC’s current Division I and II certification process. The Council noted it did not intend to approve another pilot beyond 2019-20.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**i. Injury Surveillance Program (ISP).**

Management Council. Staff provided an overview of the ISP usage numbers noting that this academic year, participation has risen from nine percent to 20%. Further, an additional 11% have signed up to participate. Submission of injury surveillance data will remain a priority for the division.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**j. Division III Commissioner Business Management Resource Subgroup.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed a draft resource document for Division III Commissioners entitled “Conference Office Business Management Resource.” This document should be available by June 2019.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**k. Strategic Communications Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the updated Guide to Strategic Athletics Communication on Campus for sports information and athletics communication directors and noted it will be available at the CoSIDA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**I. Division III University.**

Management Council. [See Page No. 12, (5) (f).]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.**

**a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received an update on the BOG initiatives including: (1) Adding five independent members to BOG; (2) Sports Wagering Working Group; (3) Esports; (4) NCAA strategic plan; (5) Coaches credentialing; (6) Student-Athlete Engagement Committee; and (7) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity & Equity.

**b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.**

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on current SSI initiatives. Key updates included the following: (1) Catastrophic Injury and Death Prevention Interassociation Guideline; (2) Sports Wagering and Well-Being Summit; and (3) Football Concussion Data Taskforce.

The Presidents Council noted the BOG adopted the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death during its recent meeting. The guidelines include six areas: sportsmanship, protective equipment, acclimatization and conditioning, emergency action plans, responsibilities of athletics personnel and education and training.

**c. Women's Basketball Strategic Plan.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed the NCAA women's basketball strategic plan that develops a roadmap for the future of the sport. The vision is to unify and grow the women's basketball community; empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential; celebrate and elevate the game and create an inspiring experience. The strategic plan also includes five key pillars that highlights goals and action items.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Litigation Update.**

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.

**7. *OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM.***

- **Departing Division III Staff Member.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils acknowledged and thanked Jay Jones, associate director for Division III, for his service to the NCAA and Division III governance and wished him luck as the next Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference commissioner.

**8. *ADJOURNMENT.***

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Monday, April 15 and 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, April 16.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 and 11:24 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.