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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 20-21 Management Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. April 20 and 9:05 a.m. April 21, by the chair, Heather Benning. The chair reviewed the schedule for the day, recognized the new members and had everyone introduce themselves.

April 29 Presidents Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. April 29, by the chair, President Tori Murden McClure. The chair acknowledged the first meeting for Presidents Gilmore, Mankey, Sanchez and Schmidt and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – January 22 and January 25, 2020.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its January 22 and January 25, 2020 meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – January 23, 2020.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its January 23, 2020, meeting.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative reports from January 27, and February 19, 2020. The remaining Administrative Committee reports from February 25, March 26 and April 2, 2020, were action taken on behalf of the Councils regarding COVID-19 and ratified by the Council. [NOTE: The March 13, 2020 Administrative Committee report was not reviewed by the Management Council.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee reports from the January 27, February 19, February 25, March 13, March 26 and April 2, 2020 teleconferences.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) Review of 2020 Convention Feedback.

Management Council. The Council reviewed feedback from the 2020 Convention membership feedback survey (322 Division III-specific responses). Notable highlights included the following: 95 percent rated the Convention experience as very good or good (slightly higher than in 2019 at 90 percent) and 99 percent said they would recommend attendance at a future Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) 2021 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 2020 Convention survey, as well as prior suggestions:

- COVID-19 Impacts (mental health, recruiting, retention).
- Fundraising.
- Effective use of Virtual Platforms.
- Compliance (e.g., available resources, best practices).
- Social Media Influence and Impact.
- Student-Athlete Career Opportunities/Resources (After the Game, etc.).
- Serving Underprivileged Student-Athletes/Resources.

Staff will survey the membership via the May Monthly Update and the NADIII AA and D3CA listservs. The survey 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, 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.

Staff Liaisons:
Brown,
McCleary,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Benning,
Gilmour,
Mooney,
Mazza, Mankey,
McGuinness,
Paino, Pepper,
Schram

(c) **2021 NCAA Convention - Issues Forum Format/Proposed Discussion Topics.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report regarding the possible topics for the Issues Forum:

- Lenora Billings Harris—a highly recognized national diversity and inclusion speaker.
- COVID-19 roundtable discussion – best practices, contingency plans, what we learned, etc.
- Presidential panel – what are presidents looking for when they hire; using search firms; making the step from assistant/associate athletics director, etc.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

(a) **Spring Nonchampionship Programs.**

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 2, 2c]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

(b) **Conference Strategic Grant – Blanket Waiver.**

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 2, 2c]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

(c) **2019-20 Approved Conference Strategic Grant Rollover Fund – Blanket Waiver**

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 2, 2c]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee's approval in its March 26, 2020, report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

(d) **Division III Budget.**

Management Council. The Council received an update regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the 2019-20 budget. Staff estimates a 70 percent decrease in revenue resulting in an anticipated budget overage of eight to nine million dollars. The overage will be covered by the division's

Staff Liaisons:
Aiken, Dutcher,
Hartung, Kresge,
McCleary, Myers,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Benning, Brown,
Franks, Lindgren,
Mazza, Miller,
Pepper, Shields,
Trachte, Vienna,
Walsh

mandated reserve and surplus above and beyond the mandated reserve. Staff and the Championships Committee will propose budget cuts for FY21 to assist in replenishing the mandated reserve through the end of the current CBS/Turner contract (2023-24). The Council will review the proposed budget cuts during its July meeting and forward its recommendations to the Presidents Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Division III Proposed 2020-21 Initiatives.

- Nonchampionships Budget Initiatives.

Management Council. Staff reviewed the approved 2020-21 nonchampionships initiatives that were approved at the start of the 2019-21 budget cycle. The committee remains supportive of the reclassification request for the assistant director of governance communications from three-quarter to full-time; however, the request must be approved through the national office budget process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- Championships Committee February 2020 Report.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee tabled a recommendation from the Championships Committee to expand the field hockey bracket by two teams (from 24 to 26) and the men's lacrosse bracket by two teams (from 36 to 38). The approximate cost would be \$110,000. Staff noted that bracket sizes need to be set prior to the new academic year; however, due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of sports sponsorship and the budget, SPFC asked the Championships Committee to revisit these requests during its next teleconference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- Championships Budget Initiatives.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee previously approved 2020-21 championships expenses, noting increases in the following: (1) Committee composition increases due to sport regionalization; (2) Per diem increase to \$100 and increase for hosts of non-predetermined preliminary rounds; (3) Reinstatement of host honorarium for non-predetermined preliminary rounds hosts; and (4) Bracket expansion for several championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers,
Regan

Council Reps:
Benning, Briggs,
Cooper,
Feyerherm,
Hammond,
Murden McClure
Millerick, Shields

(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) **Convention Legislation – Establish a Service Exception to the Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment Legislation [Division III Bylaw 14.2.4.4].**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor Convention legislation to establish a service exception to the organized competition legislation that permits a prospective student-athlete to participate in organized competition while serving on active duty in the U.S. armed services (or comparable armed service of another country), on official religious missions or on missions with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government. This proposed legislation would recognize the significance of these activities, afford prospective student-athletes engaged in service appropriate time to make an informed decision about collegiate enrollment while continuing to engage in competition, and promote equitable participation opportunities across all three divisions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Increase Composition of NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief from Six to Eight Members.**

Management Council. The Council approved increasing the composition of the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief from six to eight members. An increase in the number of members will ensure member institution and conference legislative relief waivers are afforded the best appellate and direct review opportunities by increasing the quorum from three to four members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Berg,
Purcell

Council Reps:
Aaron, Fein,
Mazza,
McGuinness,
Udelhofen,
Vienna

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Peterson-
Mylinski,
Romash

Council Reps:
Feyerherm,
Lanigan,
Mooney,
Schram, Vienna,

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

Staff Liaison:
Peterson-Myliniski,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Benning,
Fein, Morgan

(a) Administrative Regulation: 31.3.3.1.1 – Automatic Qualification Waiting Period – Provisional and Reclassifying Members.

Management Council. The Council approved an amendment of Bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 to only permit institutions in year three of the provisional or reclassifying process to count toward the automatic qualification waiting period. The adoption of two legislative proposals (Nos. 2020-2 and 2020-3) at the 2020 NCAA Convention eliminated the fourth year of the membership process. Amending the bylaw clarifies that only institutions in year three of the provisional or reclassifying process can count toward the automatic qualification waiting period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Figure 21.1 as incorporated by Bylaw 21.9.6.2 to adjust sport committee rosters to coincide with the new regional alignment. Staff is finalizing the rankings protocol with feedback from the sport committees, including whether to apply a fixed percentage or a fixed number of teams to rank per region. The information will be provided to the membership this summer with the new regional alignment and changes to sport committee rosters to take effect the 2021-22 year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Bracket Expansion in Field Hockey and Men's Lacrosse.

Management Council. The Council noted this was referred back to the Championships Committee by Strategic Planning and Finance Committee. [See Page No. 6, 3 a (2) (e)] No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

Staff Liaisons:
Cooper, Elworth
Kleppel

Council Rep:
Feyerherm

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) Level II Reviews.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed 17 cases and voted to refer three to NCAA Enforcement. In one of the three cases, the committee recommended the institution self-report an apparent consideration of athletics participation and leadership in the awarding of a scholarship. In the other two cases, the committee recommended NCAA Enforcement investigate to fully learn the extent to which an identified distinguishable pattern of financial aid awarding that provided an advantage for student-athletes is a potential recruiting and competitive advantage.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Interpretative Appeal to the Division III Management Council Regarding Financial Aid Endowments.

Management Council. The committee reviewed the case materials considered by the Division III Management Council at its January 2020 meeting related to an appeal regarding financial aid endowments. At the November 2019 meeting, the committee had reviewed and concurred with the decision of the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee to uphold the original staff decision concerning the interpretation of Division III Bylaw 15.4.1(a). The committee also concurred with the Management Council decision to uphold the Interpretations and Legislation Committee decision and noted the importance of adherence to the foundational principle of Division III where athletics participation, leadership, ability or performance cannot be considered in the determination of financial aid regardless of the financial aid packaging policy employed.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Walters

Council Reps:
Dunsworth,
Millerick

(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:
Hill

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Convention Legislation – To Permit Monetary Donations to Nonathletic Bona Fide Youth Organizations and Eliminate the Geographic Restrictions for Monetary and Equipment Donations [Division III Bylaw 13.14.1.5.1].

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor Convention

legislation that allows member institutions to provide monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations and eliminate the geographic restrictions for equipment donations. This proposal would permit member institutions and its student-athletes to raise and donate funds to support initiatives through the work of organizations with a mission to help youth that are unrelated to athletics. Finally, by eliminating the current mileage restriction, it will provide institutions with greater flexibility to donate their resources to organizations that align with their philanthropic interests.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Convention Legislation – To Permit Student-Athletes Enrolled in the Final Term of Their Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program to Practice or Compete While Enrolled Less Than Full Time [Division III Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6.1].

Management Council. The Council amended and approved this proposal as noncontroversial legislation, effective immediately, to expand the current final semester/quarter exception to student-athletes enrolled in the final term of their minor or undergraduate certificate program (designated before the applicable term). Currently, a student-athlete who has completed all degree requirements and does not meet an exception for being enrolled in less than full time must enroll full time to practice and compete in a subsequent term. Expanding the current final-term exception to include a minor or undergraduate certificate designated prior to the beginning of the final term will provide greater flexibility to a student-athlete who has achieved the goal of completing the requirements of a baccalaureate degree and is continuing to prepare for their future. This exception may only be used on one occasion during a student-athletes intercollegiate career.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council members felt this proposal was especially relevant, as more and more student-athletes have completed their degrees but have a season of eligibility remaining. This proposal allows them to come back and complete a minor or undergraduate certificate program, while attending school less than full time.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Noncontroversial Legislation – To Expand the List of Competition Events for Which the Institution May Provide Expenses to Include Elite-Level Regional and Junior Competition. Bylaw 16.8.1.3.

Management Council. The Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation that adds national and international junior-level and international regional events to the list of permissible events for which an institution may provide its student-athletes with actual and necessary expenses.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Approve Official Interpretation – Outside Competition During Permissible Break Periods.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation, effective immediately, clarifying that a student-athlete may participate in outside competition during any week that is not part of the institution's defined playing season or part of preparation for a post-season championship (e.g., NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Name, Image and Likeness.

Management Council. The Council discussed and provided feedback regarding the Interpretations and Legislation Committee's initial concepts to amend legislation related to the use of a Division III student-athlete's name, image and likeness. The concepts propose allowing the use of student-athlete status in the following settings:

- The promotion of various academic and other endeavors involving their work product (e.g., research, book publishing, class projects, tutoring, personal business, creative endeavors, media activities, private lessons).
- Participation in promotions and other endorsements (e.g., brand ambassador, commercials, appearances/autographs, modeling) provided payment is commensurate with the going rate, the institution is not involved in securing the promotion and these opportunities are not part of the recruiting process.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed and supported the concepts during its recent meeting. The Council also reviewed a draft form to be distributed to the Division III membership in May to garner additional feedback prior to the Council's July meeting.

Staff reported that the Association-wide Federal and State Legislative Working Group will provide its final report to the Board of Governors (BOG) at its April meeting. The BOG will formally act on the report. However, each division will determine the specific legislative provisions for membership consideration.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the two NIL concepts proposed by ILC and supported by SAAC and the Management Council.

The Council expressed support for the concepts. It also noted the importance of educating student-athletes on NIL and possibly prohibiting inappropriate endorsements such as sports wagering and alcohol. The division also must ensure the monitoring and reporting process doesn't place too large a burden on institutions.

With the Board of Governors' support to allow student-athletes to receive compensation for third-party endorsements both related and separate from athletics, each division will now work to craft federated legislation for membership consideration during the 2021 NCAA Convention.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Berg,
Hartung

Council Rep:
Mooney

(6) Membership Committee.

Management Council. One institution, Manor College (PA) was approved for an exploratory year beginning in September 2020. Bob Jones University and Warren Wilson College will begin the provisional membership process this fall. On a recent teleconference, the committee discussed the impact of the coronavirus on the division (e.g., institutions closing, virtual learning) in addition the impact to NCAA legislated timelines (e.g., ISSG). To date, the graduation rate reporting deadline (June 1) and the Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form (August 1) will remain in place.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
McGuinness

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) NCAA Division III Nominating Committee Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to change the time frame of eligible nominees to be maintained for committee service from two-years to 12-months. Changing the time frame to a 12-month period will allow candidates to reaffirm their commitment to serve and assist in the accuracy of the nomination forms (e.g., institution and conference affiliation).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Governance Committee Appointment.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointment, effective September 1, 2020:

- Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee – Stuart Robinson, director of athletics, State University of New York at New Paltz, State University of New York Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

(a) Division III SAAC Working Groups.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the following SAAC working groups: (1) Mental Health Social Media Campaign; (2) Inclusion; (3) Sustainability; (4) Special Olympics; and (5) Social Media.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart,
Berg, Malin,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Bryant, Lani-
gan,
Pepper,
Udelhofen

At the conclusion of the recent Division III Week celebration, national SAAC detailed its inaugural mental health social media campaign, which will occur May 4-7. The hashtag, #BreakTheStigma, will accompany messages sent across the membership on social media.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Name, Image and Likeness Discussion.

Management Council. The Council noted SAAC's overall feedback and priorities regarding NIL:

- Key decision makers must consider all student-athlete voices.
- Student-athletes should be consulted throughout the process to ensure their best interests are considered.
- Any decision should reflect the Division III Philosophy Statement.
- Strive for as much clarity as possible to prevent manipulation of student-athletes.
- Changes in NIL legislation will not contribute to recruiting inequality.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Grace,
Romash

Council Rep:
Hill

(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.

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

Staff Liaisons:
Durden, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
M. Walsh

- **Playing Rules Recommendation – Baseball and Softball – Concussion Evaluation.**

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to the NCAA Baseball and Softball Rules Committees to create and/or modify its rules to allow for all baseball and softball players to be removed from competition for the purpose of concussion evaluation without being disqualified from the game.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brownlee,
Roxbury,
Ziegler

Council Rep:
Morgan

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry,
Fasbender,
Wilson

Council Rep:
Udelhofen

(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.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
Brown

(4) Honors Committee

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Abdur-Rashid,
Blair, Crawford,

Council Rep:
Aaron

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Smith,
Suscha, Walters

Council Rep:
Morgan

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Calandro,
Halpin

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Management Council. The Council noted staff implemented a playing rules subcommittee for tennis to work with the International Tennis Association (ITA). PROP also is trying to create a similar subcommittee for field hockey as it does not currently have a playing rules subcommittee.

There are 11 playing rules with a financial impact slated to become effective in 2020-21, but due to the coronavirus impact on institutional budgets, staff sought feedback from the Council on the related implementation timeline. The Council unanimously recommended delaying baseball bat testing, swimming and diving official increases, two visible shot clocks for men's lacrosse and the basketball three-point line.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Aaron

(8) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Bell

Council Rep:
Millerick

(9) 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:
J. Walsh

(10) 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 2021 CONVENTION.

Management Council. The Council already acted on noncontroversial legislation and administrative regulations for the 2021 Convention. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Division III Response to COVID-19.

Management Council. The Council members had an opportunity to discuss the impact of the coronavirus on their campuses and in their conferences. Every Division III institution is impacted uniquely, with the shared need for clear and concise communications at all levels (i.e., campus, conference and national office). The Council expressed interest in further opportunities to discuss this issue.

In addition, the Council reviewed the newly created AMA interpretative Q&A document that addresses legislative actions in response to COVID-19. It is a living document and will be updated, as necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division III Oversight Working Group on Name, Image and Likeness.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Division III Oversight Working Group's report from its April teleconference. [See Page No. 11, 3b (5) (e)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update from the working group regarding the collection of student-athlete graduation rates and an initiative to create a resource to assist the membership with the recruitment and retention of minorities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Advisory Group's report and noted the creation of a FAR webpage on ncaa.org that contains resources and professional development opportunities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Division III LGBTQ OneTeam Recognition Awards Program application process is available on Program Hub until June 1. To date there have been 37 nominations started, with approximately twenty percent completed. Award recipients will be announced at the 2021 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Gameday the DIII Way.

Management Council. The Council received an update noting that Gameday language will be added to the championship manuals (host operations, participant, pre-championship, site-representative and sport committee) and a request for predetermined host event management staff to watch the Gameday module.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. 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/D3DSIDA recognition award, social media, Special Olympics and Division III Week, which was conducted virtually this year due to COVID-19.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the work of the Technology Users Group noting it continues to work with NCAA IT staff to make enhancements to resources and databases located on ncaa.org.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. International Ice Hockey Pilot.

Management Council. The Council reviewed feedback received from institutions and conference offices that participated in the second year of the pilot to certify the amateurism of international ice hockey student-athletes. Even though prospective student-athletes initially had to pay for their certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center (EC), with a 50 percent reimbursement after the review, the feedback was still positive regarding the process. There were some concerns noted regarding the certification fee. While the Council will not sponsor a third year of the pilot, staff will share the survey feedback with institutions and conference offices in case the membership wants to sponsor legislation to require all, or some, international student-athletes be certified by the EC. Staff also is discussing with the EC a possible reduced fee structure for amateurism certification only.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Health and Safety Survey.

Management Council. The Council received the results of this year's health and safety pilot survey. Participants in a follow-up survey noted the health and safety survey was a beneficial experience. The data also has been added to the NCAA Institutional Performance Program so participating institutions may benchmark their results against other institutions. The Council approved conducting the survey annually, on a voluntary basis, beginning in 2020-21.

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) Impact of COVID-19; (2) Federal and State Legislation Working Group on Name, Image and Likeness; (3) NCAA Strategic Plan; (4) Sexual Violence prevention; (4) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity & Equity Report; and (5) Governmental Relations report.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on the following SSI initiatives:

- (1) COVID-19 Impacts. The NCAA national office has a COVID-19 Action Team that includes senior staff. The team meets daily. Dr. Hainline also engages regularly with an Advisory Team that includes national medical experts, the CSMAS chair and a student-athlete representative from each division. The national office recently created the COVID-19 Playing and Practice Seasons Working Group. This internal, cross-department staff working group is looking at all coronavirus issues related to summer conditioning, preseason, fall practices and competition. The working group is not a decision-making body, but it will forward research, data and recommendations to the COVID Action Team and the governance structure. The Council noted that it is critical for the NCAA to provide timely updates on actions related to preseason and fall practices and competitions.

The Advisory Panel is developing sport resocialization principles that align with recent federal guidelines. There are three key principles/phases:

- Two-week reduction in infection rate.
- Return to normalcy for the medical care system (e.g., access to hospital care).
- Readily available immunity testing and rapid diagnostic testing for coronavirus.

- (2) Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events. The Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport is producing a document to remind each institution of its legislative responsibility and obligation to provide medical care and coverage for its own student-athletes who are participating in sanctioned athletic activities, regardless of whether the events are occurring on campus or at another location. In particular, an institution should not assume that a host institution will agree to take on those responsibilities for its visiting student-athletes. Rather, it should carefully consider all its obligations related to the provision of medical care at away events, and proactively assess the alternatives through which it might satisfy those responsibilities. The document is an educational resource and intended to provide guidance to the membership on the institutional obligations, related to the provision of medical care and coverage for NCAA student-athletes who are participating in school-sponsored practice and competition at locations other than their home institutional facilities. The Council provided feedback on the document, which will be relayed to CSMAS to review during its June meeting.
- (3) Arrington Settlement. The one-time concussion certification is due to a third-party legal representative no later than May 18. Per the settlement, the NCAA also is developing a concussion reporting system. In 2020-21, institutions will be required to report the number of concussions as well as the related number of resolved cases.

c. Officiating Update.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the Association's efforts to review and address issues related to officiating. Staff will send an officiating survey to the membership in the coming weeks. Division III commissioners are committed to continuing their study with the Pictor Group. A draft report will be available in May, with the final report submitted to the commissioners in June.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Litigation Update.

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

7. *PRESIDENTS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.*

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the subcommittee's report to fill the immediate vacancy for Bill Tsutsui. Staff noted that while all Presidents Council representational requirements (e.g., geography, gender, race, institutional size) are met through January 2022, the subcommittee will consider priorities for 2021-22. The subcommittee identified for consideration several presidents that currently serve on the Division III President's Advisory Group. Staff will vet the candidates with the goal of filling the vacancy by the August Presidents Council meeting.

8. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. Monday, April 20 and 11:52 a.m. Tuesday, April 21.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.