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Division III Management Council October 15-16, 2018 Indianapolis, IN	Division III Presidents Council October 23-24 Indianapolis, IN
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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.

October 15-16 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. October 15 and 8:31 a.m. October 16, by the chair, Shantey Hill.

October 23-24 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. October 23 and 9:09 a.m. October 24, by the chair, President Jeff Docking.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – July 16-17, 2018.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 15-16, 2018, meetings.

Presidents Council. No action necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – August 7-8, 2018.

Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 7-8, 2018, meeting.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the August 30, 2018, Administrative Committee report.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the August 30, 2018, Administrative Committee reports.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

Staff Liaisons:
Brown,
McCleary

Council Reps:
Benning,
Franks, Hill,
Mazza, Schram,
Trachte

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) Educational Session Topic Ideas.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report regarding potential educational session topics. It endorsed the following recommendations:

- Sexual Violence Prevention: Promoting a Safe Culture on Division III Campuses. This session will provide a panel discussion of the NCAA Board of Governors sexual violence prevention policy, specifically focusing on its impact and implementation on Division III campuses. The panel will share resources and best practices.
- Fundraising: A Roadmap to Success. This session will explore the essentials of fundraising, stakeholder engagement, and fundraising models to assist athletics departments in fulfilling institutional/department goals. Content areas will include strategic facility fundraising; athletics annual operational fundraising; electronic fundraising; and collaboration best practices between athletics and campus development offices.
- The Athletics Program in Transition: Adding and Dropping Sports and Other Changes (NADIIIAA). Athletics programs are becoming more entwined with the institution's strategic planning processes. For many tuition-driven institutions, it can mean being a part of campus growth plans by attracting a specific cohort of prospective students. For some, it may mean assuming a significant role in retrenchment efforts or the redirection of campus resources to meet changing priorities or financial challenges. In addition, the division is evolving toward more full-time head and assistant coaches, with administrative or teaching duties, with the landscape changing and impacting institutional and departmental visions. This panel will address strategic approaches to these decision-making and planning challenges, drawing upon the experiences of experts in the field and administrators who have met challenges – such as adding or dropping sports, growing or contracting staff, redirecting the mission of their program – head-on within their own institutions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Issues Forum – Friday, January 25.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee confirmed the Issues Forum format will include brief presentations with 15- to 20-minute roundtable discussions followed by Q & A. The subcommittee will finalize the discussion topics on its November teleconference. While the roundtable topics will focus on the 2018 Division III Membership Survey results, the subcommittee needs to select two topics from the following:

- Student-athlete health and safety.
- Leveraging athletics enrollment and impact on budgeting.
- Reconciliation of an affirmation that the Division III budget allocation stay at 75/25 but a strong desire to increase “enhancements” of the championship experience within a finite revenue source.
- Permissive/restrictive legislative approach.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Business Session – Saturday, January 26.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee endorsed the following format for the Business Session:

8 to 8:15 a.m.	Welcome.
8:15 to 8:30 a.m.	Division III Identity Video.
8:30 to 11 a.m.	Voting on 2019 Legislative Proposals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the division’s 2017-18 final budget report and the 2018-19 budget-to-actual. The division finished the 2017-18 year with an \$815,000 overage in championships due mainly to charter flights and airfare, with a surplus of \$341,000 in nonchampionships. The total overage of \$625,000 will be taken from the surplus above and beyond the mandated reserve.

The Councils also reviewed the future budget projections through 2023-24 noting no overages in any year and an intentional spend down of the surplus above and beyond the mandated reserve during the same period of time.

The Council noted this is a budget planning year and for the next biennial budget (2019-2021). The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will review the budget during its March in-person meeting and make budget recommendations to the Councils.

Staff Liaisons:

**Dutcher,
McCleary,
Myers**

Council Reps:

**Cooper,
Docking, Davis,
Fritz, Hill,
Kimball,
Millerick, Shields**

Staff Liaisons:
Berg,
Purcell

Council Reps:
Baker-Watson,
Fein, Mazza,
Roy,
Tompson-Wolfe
Udelhofen,

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Markey,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Bankston, Burns,
Davis, Mooney,
Schram, Vienna,
Walsh

Staff Liaison:
Peterson-
Myllinski,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Bankston, Hill
Vienna

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report for its July 24, 2018, teleconference. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

(a) Review 2019 NCAA Convention Legislation.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee's recommendation to take no position on NCAA Division III Proposal No. 6 – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period. [See Page No. 19, 4a (1)]

Presidents Council. [See Page No. 19, 4a (1)]

(b) Update on Review of Captain's Practice Legislation.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee reviewed a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee to the Management Council to sponsor noncontroversial legislation that would revise the definition of a captain's practice in NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.02.1.1-(g) by eliminating the provision that a captain's practice is "confined primarily to members of that team." The subcommittee supported the proposal and noted the proposal will provide clarity to the membership regarding the application of the captain's practice legislation and will assist the membership in better monitoring student-athlete participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Secondary Criteria – Non-Division III Strength-of-Schedule.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's

recommendation to amend NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.2. to delete non-Division III strength-of-schedule.

Non-Division III strength-of-schedule was added to secondary criteria in 2013 at the point when secondary criteria changed from “out-of-region” Division III opponents to “non-Division III.” However, the metric has not been included in the data to this point and, if it were, is not considered a relevant metric due to the small sample size of non-Division III opponents. As such, the Championships Committee supports eliminating the language from the legislated criteria. The effective date will be January 2019.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Joint Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championship.

Management Council. The Council supported the committee’s recommendation to hold one Division III Men’s Basketball Championship and one Division III Women’s Basketball Championship in conjunction with the Division I Men’s Final Four and the Division I Women’s Final Four, respectively, during the remaining period of the current NCAA broadcast agreement (through 2023-2024).

The Division I, II and III Men’s and Women’s Basketball Committees recommended two joint championships for each gender over the next 10 years. The Division III committees highlighted that participation provides a heightened platform to promote the Division III identity for the entire basketball season (approximately six months). The media attention related to the Division I Final Fours is extensive, and it presents a unique opportunity to positively impact Division III branding efforts. The Division III coaches’ associations support this proposal. The Division III Championships Committee believes it is prudent, given the financial implications, to conduct one joint championship for each gender during the remaining years of the current broadcast agreement before re-evaluating additional commitments.

The budget impact will be approximately \$250,000 per gender for each joint championship. The Division III Championships Committee and Management Council also recommend the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee consider committing dollars from the Division III identity initiatives budget to assist with expenses, given the overall marketing and exposure benefits from the joint championships for the division.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the committee’s recommendation to hold one Division III Men’s Basketball Championship and one Division III Women’s Basketball Championship in conjunction with the Division I Men’s Final Four and the Division I Women’s Final Four, respectively, during the remaining period of the current NCAA broadcast agreement (through 2024).

(c) Championships Budget Recap and Future Planning.

Management Council. The Council noted that staff reviewed a budget-to-actual report by sport (committee expense, game expense, team per diem, and team travel) for 2017-18 with the Division III sport championships committee chairs. Reoccurring themes from the chairs included increasing access to the bench area for team sports; expanding brackets in team sports per access ratios; adding a day of rest between rounds at the finals site for team sports; and increasing per diem beyond the scheduled increase to \$100 in 2020-21 for all sports. The Championships Committee will discuss and prioritize these budget requests at its February in-person meeting and forward a recommendation to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Sport Region Alignment Project.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee received an update on the commissioners group project proposing new regional alignments in most sports. This project has focused on a more consistent approach to balancing sport regions considering like sports and sport sponsorship as the main factors. Some of the challenges a project of this magnitude face includes regions where sponsorship is limited (e.g., the West region typically spanning from Texas to Washington state) and sports such as cross country and wrestling where regional alignment has a potential to impact qualifying to the national championships as it is based on regional finish.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Bench Size Survey.

Management Council. The Council noted feedback from the committee report regarding increased bench size as a priority in several sports. The Championships Committee asked staff to survey directors of athletics at Division III institutions regarding interest in expanding the bench size to accommodate the average roster size in given team sports provided the institution covers the expenses for the additional bench personnel to attend the championship finals. The committee noted that the travel party and squad size limits would remain the same, but that there is interest in accommodating sport committee requests to provide more student-athlete access to the championship experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Conference Requirements for Automatic Qualification Eligibility.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee voted to form a working group composed of Championships Committee members and conference commissioners to take a deeper look at the concept of

establishing conference competitive requirements to be eligible for automatic qualification to NCAA championships. The 2018 Division III membership survey indicated membership support on this concept. The committee would also like for sport committees to provide feedback to aid in the discussion.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Cooper, Elworth
Kleppel

Council Rep:
Cummings-Danson

(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.

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

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:
Fein

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Approval of Official Interpretation – Student-Athlete Participation in an Institutionally Sponsored Recreation League.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Student-Athlete Participation in an Institutionally Sponsored Recreation League. The committee determined that student-athletes may participate in a recreation league specific to their sport that is sponsored by their institution provided the institution conducts the league wholly outside of the athletics department and the league does not benefit the athletics department.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Athletically Related Activities – NCAA Bylaw 17.02.1.1.

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial

legislation to revise the definition of a captain's practice in NCAA Bylaw 17.02.1.1-(g) by eliminating the provision that a captain's practice is "confined primarily to members of that team."

The membership has regularly indicated that the legislation regulating when and how student-athletes engage in sport-specific activities outside the season with their teammates is confusing, difficult to monitor and not practical. It is understood that student-athletes are going to engage in sport-specific activities with their teammates outside the season. Consequently, the membership, including the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, advocated for greater latitude to allow these interactions to occur, but, to maintain prohibitions on athletics staff involvement and making the activities mandatory. Under the current legislation the element that is most concerning is that the activity must be open and cannot be limited to members of a team. The Interpretations and Legislation Committee indicated the focus should not be on who engages in the activity, but is the activity required for participation. The legislative amendment would clarify that student-athletes could participate in an activity limited to members of that team provided there is no coach involvement and the activity is voluntary.

Presidents Council. No action is necessary.

(c) Approve Official Interpretation – Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Notice to Transfer in NCAA Transfer Portal (III).

Management Council. The Council approved an official interpretation to clarify that the notification of transfer within the NCAA Transfer Portal equates to a permission to contact; thereby allowing Division III coaches to contact student-athletes that are in the NCAA Transfer Portal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Amend Official Interpretation – Offers and Inducements – Providing a Digital Photograph to a Prospective Student-Athlete (III).

Management Council – The Council approved an amendment of the official interpretation [Reference: 2/23/18, Item No. 2a] to remove "unaltered" from the description of the type of digital photograph an institution may provide a student-athlete after a campus visit.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Review of Prospective Student-Athlete Seating Arrangement on Official/Unofficial Visits.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed whether to recommend a legislative amendment to allow prospective student-athletes to sit on the team's bench during an intercollegiate contest. Currently, while on an official or unofficial visit, institutions may provide student-athletes complimentary admission to an athletics event but

may only provide seating in the general seating area. The committee agreed that the rationale underlying that legislation (which was to provide the prospective student-athlete the same experience as a general student) remains relevant. Therefore, the committee decided not to recommend a legislative change.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Letters of Recommendation for Student-Athletes from Institutional Athletics Staff.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed whether institutional athletics staff providing a letter of recommendation on behalf of a student-athlete constituted an extra benefit. Further, the committee reviewed whether that recommendation could be for a benefit that constituted financial aid as athletics staff members may not be involved in influencing the financial aid decision, nor may athletics be considered in the awarding process. The committee agreed that an institutional staff member may provide a letter of recommendation for a student-athlete but requested further discussion at a future meeting regarding the financial aid implications.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Review of Division II Coaches' Education Initiative.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the Division II educational program, Division II University, that provides educational modules for coaches and discussed the cost of the initiative with NCAA Division III governance staff. [See Page No. 25 Item No. i]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Impact of Association-Wide Vote on Division III Membership Policy Related to Convention Vote Requirement.

Management Council. The Council noted staff informed the committee of an Association-wide legislative vote that will occur at the 2019 NCAA Convention. The vote will occur immediately following the Convention plenary session. Because members can cast a legislative vote during that session, there is a possibility that the institution might believe it can depart the Convention prior to the Division III Business Session, and still meet the requirements of Bylaw 3.2.4.15 (Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance). The committee noted that the legislation states the vote must be done "at the NCAA Convention Division III Business Session" and reiterated the intent that the vote be recorded during the Saturday morning Division III Business Session. The committee asked staff to

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Berg,
Jones

Council Rep:
Mooney

include this information in the 2019 Convention Question and Answer document. The committee agreed to discuss the language of the legislation during its February meeting to see if it needed amendment and further clarification.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Update on Membership Status of Benedictine College (Illinois).

Management Council. The Council noted staff informed the committee that Benedictine College (Illinois) has decided to remain in Division III after having applied to begin the Division II membership process. The staff is working with the institution to determine if any violations of Division III rules occurred as the institution was exploring reclassification.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) Committee Term Extension.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee term extension:

- Nominating Committee – Andrea Belis, senior woman administrator, Becker College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Governance Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Council approved the following governance committee appointments:

i. Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (11 vacancies):

- American Rivers Conference – Braly Keller, Nebraska Wesleyan University.
- American Southwest Conference – Isiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas.
- City University of New York Athletic Conference (immediate vacancy) – Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Commonwealth Coast Conference – Arcel Kabongo Ngoy, Western New England University.
- Landmark Conference (immediate vacancy) – Catherine Lanigan, Juniata College.
- New England Collegiate Conference – Michael McMahon, Becker College.

Staff Liaison:
Tufano

Council Rep:
Mazza

- New Jersey Athletic Conference – Christine Mayorga, Montclair State University.
- North Eastern Athletic Conference – Michael Litz, Penn State University, Abington.
- Ohio Athletic Conference – Hannah Durst, Baldwin Wallace University.
- Upper Midwest Athletic Conference – Charlotte Ellis, Crown College (Minnesota).
- Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (immediate vacancy) – Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

ii. Division III Management Council (five vacancies):

- Stephen Briggs, president, Berry College, Southern Athletic Association.
- Charles Brown, faculty athletics representative, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
- Steve Cantrell, director of athletics, Delaware Valley University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
- Sarah Feyerherm, vice president for student affairs/athletics direct report, Washington College (Maryland), Centennial Conference.
- Michelle Morgan, director of athletics, John Carroll University, Ohio Athletic Conference.

iii. Division III Championships Committee (two vacancies):

- Penny Siqueiros, director of athletics, Wesleyan College (Georgia), USA South Athletic Conference (immediate vacancy).
- Brian Jamros, director of athletics, The College of St. Scholastica, Upper Midwest Conference.

iv. Division III Financial Aid Committee (two vacancies):

- Marybeth Lamb, director of athletics, Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts State Collegiate Conference.
- James Schmidt, chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

v. Division III Membership Committee (two vacancies):

- Charles Jacobs, faculty athletics representative, St. Norbert College, Midwest Conference.
- Megan Valentine, director of athletics, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

vi. Division III Nominating Committee (two vacancies):

- Robert Davis, Jr., chief of staff/athletics direct report, University of Scranton, Landmark Conference.
- Josh Merchant, president, Buena Vista University, American Rivers Conference.

The Council approved a new policy that if a vacancy on a sports committee has been posted a least one time (in addition to the original posting of annual committee vacancies) and no eligible nominations have been received, the conference that has not had representation for the longest period will be required to submit an individual to be appointed to the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart,
Berg, Jones,

Council Reps:
Burns, Cain

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Grace,
Romash

Council Rep:
Benning

d. **Association-Wide Committees.**

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

(a) **Concussion Protocol Review Process.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee was briefed on the 2018 Division I concussion protocol review process, which at the time of the meeting, was still underway. In 2018, 262 non-autonomy protocols were submitted, which is a slight decrease from the 275 submitted in 2017. The committee also received an update on the status of the Divisions II and III concussion protocol template initiatives. Both divisions have approved noncontroversial legislation that requires an institution to have a concussion management plan that adheres to the process prescribed by the NCAA Board of Governors. In addition, the new legislation requires annual review of the concussion management plan by the institution's athletics health care administrator. At the time of the meeting, the template was in final production phase, and membership communication was being readied.

Staff Liaisons:
Parsons,

Council Rep:
Baker-Watson

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Independent Medical Care – Update from the IMC Working Group.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed a report from the Independent Medical Care Working Group. The working group confirmed that the independent medical care legislation does apply to situations where visiting teams travel without primary athletics health care providers. However, the committee noted that gaps exist around its understanding of the implementation of health care provisions to visiting teams. Due to these gaps, and to the potential medicolegal issues related to these situations the committee agreed that additional guidance should be provided to the membership. To that end, the working group, in collaboration with appropriate NCAA staff, will continue the development of a white paper to address relevant issues surrounding host and visitor care provisions, independent medical care, risk management and other pertinent concerns.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Operationalizing Drug Testing Policy for WADA Alignment.

Management Council. The Council noted that at the committee's December 2017 meeting, it recommended legislation to amend all legislated references to NCAA banned-drug classes to align with the World Anti-Doping Agency list of prohibited classes, with the exception of the glucocorticoid class. To identify and address potential issues with these pending changes, the committee agreed to create a working group to operationalize impacted drug testing policy.

In addition, the committee agreed to maintain NCAA policy on a number of substances within the banned drug classes. Specifically, the committee agreed to continue to include caffeine as a banned substance and agreed to continue to exclude insulin and Synthroid as banned substances. Finally, the committee agreed to maintain the current threshold for an NCAA positive test for THC at 15 ng/mL.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(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:
Brownlee,
Huber,
Roxbury

Council Rep:
Tompson-Wolfe

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry, Wilson

Council Rep:
Udelhofen

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Tufano

Council Rep:
Benning

(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,
Crawford,
Robinson

Council Rep:
Bryant

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Smith,
Suscha

Council Rep:
Walsh

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Calandro,
Halpin

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Cummings-Danson

(8) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting it reviewed 83 spring sport nominations (37 men and 46 women). It also awarded 29 postgraduate scholarships for men's sports and 29 postgraduate scholarships for women's sports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roxbury

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:
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 2019 CONVENTION.

a. Review of 2019 Convention Legislation.

- (1) 2019 Division III Convention Proposal Positions.** The Councils reviewed responsibilities associated with Convention proposal speaking assignments and took formal positions on the membership-sponsored proposal as presented below:

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of the Management Council and opposed the membership-sponsored proposal to establish a three-day acclimatization in soccer and field hockey.

Management Council. The Council recommended that the Presidents Council oppose the membership-sponsored proposal to establish a three-day acclimatization in soccer and field hockey. The Council based its recommendation of opposition on the following: (1) The proposal does not have existing data to support it; (2) It doesn't take into consideration all fall sports; (3) It could disadvantage financially challenged institutions; and (4) It could negatively impact student-athlete summer work and internship opportunities.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommends a position of "No Position." While recognizing there is value in the proposal, there should be broader discussion regarding acclimatization periods for all fall sports.

Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. The committee opposes this proposal. The proposal is in conflict with existing legislation and interassociation recommendations that define the acclimatization period as five days. The health and safety benefits of a three-day acclimatization period are also not supported by scientific literature.

- (2) 2019 NCAA Convention Proposal – Football Preseason – Amendment to Amendment.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation to sponsor an amendment-to-amendment to the 2019 Convention

proposal that establishes the football preseason start date at 23 days before the institution's first contest.

Management Council. The Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor an amendment-to-amendment to the 2019 Convention proposal that establishes the football preseason start date at 23 days before the institution's first contest. Specifically, the Council recommended that if an institution's first contest is on Thursday, the preseason start would be 23 days from the following Friday.

(3) Amateurism – Pre-Enrollment Educational Expenses – Blanket Waiver.

Management Council. In its review of the pre-enrollment educational expenses proposal that permits individuals to accept educational expenses prior to collegiate enrollment, the Council learned that institutions were already contacting NCAA staff with questions and waiver requests regarding current student-athletes who may have received pre-enrollment educational expenses. Based on this information, the Council approved a blanket waiver for all current student-athletes who may have received educational expenses for secondary education that are not allowed under the current legislation but would be permitted under the proposal. If the proposal is not adopted at the 2019 Convention, then those student-athletes that received impermissible secondary educational expenses would have to be declared ineligible and apply for reinstatement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Convention Proposal Groupings and Voting Order.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of the Management Council regarding the 2019 Convention proposal groupings and voting order. The Council also approved roll-call voting for all proposals.

Management Council. The Council recommended the following proposal grouping and voting order for the 2019 Convention as well as designating roll-call voting for all proposals.

Board of Governors Grouping:

Organization – Board of Governors – Independent Members.

Presidents Grouping:

Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Establishing Preseason Start Date 23 days Before the Institution's First Actual Contest.

Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period.

Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Student-Athlete Graduation Rate Reporting.

General Grouping:

Amateurism – Pre-Enrollment Educational Expenses

Eligibility – Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement.

Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions and Publicity – Comments Before Acceptance – Social Media.

c. Review of Administrative Legislation for 2019 NCAA Convention.

(1) Executive Regulation – Championship Misconduct – Parameters of the Misconduct Period.

Management Council. The Council approved administrative legislation to clarify throughout the championship's legislation the parameters of the championships misconduct period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Administration of NCAA Championships – Availability of Alcoholic Beverages – Exception for Joint Championships.

Management Council. The Council approved administrative legislation to allow alcohol sales at future joint NCAA championships that include Division I, provided the required parameters for alcohol sales are met and the championships are held in the same facility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation for the 2019 NCAA Convention.

(1) Infractions Program – Penalties – Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations – Review of Penalty – New Information or Prejudicial Error – Institution or Conference Discipline as New Information.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to require that parties to an infractions case submit any new information directly related to the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions' findings or conclusions in the case no later than one year following the issuance of the committee decision to the parties, or for a party that appeals a decision, the issuance of the Infractions Appeals Committee decision to the appealing party; further, to specify that disciplinary measures prescribed by the institution or its conference after an infractions decision may not be considered new information.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Recruiting – Recruiting Advertisements – Location of Advertisement.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that an institution is permitted to produce any athletically related recruiting advertisements, provided the advertisements are not placed at athletics events featuring prospective student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Meals Missed Due to Practice.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that an institution may provide meals missed due to participation in institutional practice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – De Minimis Violations.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that violations of Bylaw 13.1 and its subsections shall be considered “de minimis” and do not impact a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Recruiting – Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches – De Minimis Violations.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that violations of Bylaws 13.8.1 and 13.8.2 shall be considered “de minimis” and do not impact a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Executive Regulations – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Banned Drugs – Alignment of NCAA Banned Drug Classes with World Anti-Doping Agency’s List of Prohibited Drug Classes.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend all legislated references of NCAA banned drug classes to align with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes with the exception of the glucocorticoid class, as specified.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Committees – Association-Wide Committees – General Committees – Walter Byers Scholarship Committee – Composition – Student-Athlete Representation.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to increase the size of the Walter Byers Scholarship Committee from six to seven members; further, to specify one position shall be allocated for a former student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the following: (1) Mandatory student-athlete graduation rate reporting legislative proposal, and in particular, if there are specific membership discussions related to the proposal; (2) 2019 Student Immersion Program has selected 40 candidates, 22 male and 18 female, noting that each will be given an administrative and early career mentor; and (3) Ways to reengage the membership around the Presidential Pledge.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed and endorsed the FAR best practices resource. The Division III Faculty Athletics Representation Association executive committee will provide feedback in November and staff anticipates the resource will be finalized and an electronic version will be made available to the membership in December. All 2019 Convention delegates will receive a hardcopy in January.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The LGBTQ Working Group distributed the LGBTQ nondiscrimination policy guide, as well as an LGBTQ identity kit, to every institution and conference office. The working group is currently developing the parameters for a facilitator training for head coaches slated for June 2019.

The Council directed staff to discuss ways to make Division III committee reports, policies, resources, applications and committee nominating processes gender neutral as well as Association-wide resources (e.g., NCAA Convention registration). Staff noted it has scheduled a preliminary meeting with the office of inclusion to discuss next steps.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. 2018 Graduation Rate Report.

Management Council. The Council noted that it is the ninth year of the voluntary collection of student-athlete graduation rates for Division III, with approximately 280 institutions participating. Some of the findings are: (1) Student-athletes continue to graduate at a higher rate than the student-body; (2) Nearly 90% of student-athletes are graduating or separating from their school prior to graduation in good academic standing; (3) Male African-American students and student-athletes graduate at a lower rate than any other race/ethnicity group; (4) African-American men are overrepresented in football and basketball; (5) Half of football student-athletes do not graduate from the school they started at; (6) Nearly one out of five football student-athletes leave in bad academic standing, with one out of three for African-Americans; (7) Approximately two-thirds of African-American football student-athletes do not graduate from the school they started at; and (8) The larger the football recruiting class, the lower the Federal Graduation Rate.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. International Ice Hockey Pilot.

Management Council. Staff provided an update on the international ice hockey pilot. During 2018-19 academic year, at the request of the membership, staff created a pilot for all Division III schools that sponsor men's and women's ice hockey. The pilot parameters include the NCAA Eligibility Center reviewing the participation history of all international first year ice hockey players. As of early October, 72 percent of the division had participated in the pilot by either submitting a roster to the EC or declaring that it had no first-year international players. Staff also noted that participation numbers have exceeded preliminary estimates, likely creating a budget overage. At the conclusion of the ice hockey season, staff will conduct a survey to assess the pilot.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. 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, new Division III Identity Initiative video and Division III Week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from various conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. “Division III University”.

Management Council. Similar to Division II, the Council endorsed a recommendation to create a “Division III University”, an on-line learning management system for Division III head coaches and other administrators. The Division III rollout would be limited in scope with its initial existing educational modules released in January 2019. While there is no cost to develop the modules, there is a cost for Division III head coaches and administrators to access the modules. The cost is approximately two to three dollars per license. With close to 8,000 head coaches and 1,000 administrators (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators and commissioners), staff estimates the initial cost to be \$25-30,000. The Management Council recommended the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approve the funding by either paying for this expense from the Injury Surveillance Program budget of \$104,000 (which appears to be excessive) in 2018-19 or from the division’s surplus above and beyond the mandated reserve.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Injury Surveillance Program.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the Injury Surveillance Program (ISP) noting a continual educational and communication effort with the membership. A webinar will be scheduled to help athletics trainers better understand the program’s benefits. Staff also will request that commissioners discuss the ISP with their conference members and encourage participation in the program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.

(1) College Basketball Reform – Board of Governors Composition.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on the legislative proposal to add five (5) public independent members to the Association’s Board of Governors and shared feedback. The proposal was part of a series of recommendations forwarded to the governors in April by the Commission on College Basketball (chaired by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice) and approved unanimously by the NCAA Board of Governors.

It was noted that the vote on the proposal will occur during a joint business session of the entire Association on Thursday, January 24, at 5:45 p.m. in Grand Ballroom 7-8 at the Orlando World Center Marriott, immediately following the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports.

(2) Sports Wagering Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received an update noting the goal is to both support the well-being of NCAA student-athletes and protect the integrity of NCAA competition within the environment of increased legalized

sports wagering. Strategic areas that are being addressed are: (1) Education; (2) Competition integrity; (3) NCAA legislation and policy; (4) Information/data management; (5) Officiating; and (6) Political landscape (state and federal legislation).

The Presidents Council noted that the Board of Governors will appoint an Association-wide Ad Hoc Committee to address this issue.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management and Presidents Council. The SSI staff shared an update on the guidelines to prevent catastrophic injury and death in college student-athletes. SSI will send the guidelines to medical organizations for review and final endorsement. At its January meeting, the Council will review the interassociation guidelines and receive an update regarding any legislative impacts. SSI anticipates the guidelines to be officially endorsed and adopted at the Board of Governors' spring meeting. SSI also anticipates hosting a Sports Wagering Summit in the coming months.

c. Litigation Update.

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

d. Strategic Planning Session.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils met with representatives from Attain, a strategic planning agency, to provide feedback related to the NCAA's current Association-wide strategic planning process.

e. Transfer Portal.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a new Association-wide initiative that officially opened October 15. Divisions I and II institutions will use the NCAA Transfer Portal to initiate student-athlete entries. Although Division III will not use the Transfer Portal to enter transferring student-athletes, institutions will have access to the portal to view Division I and II student-athlete information. The Transfer Portal shows the student-athlete's notification of transfer (Division I) and permission to contact (Division II) in addition to the student-athletes' transfer tracer.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. NCAA Student-Athlete Welcome Packet.

Management Council. The Council noted that welcome packets were sent to 26,500 incoming student-athletes in Divisions I, II and III as part of the Pathway to Opportunity initiative. The packet included a congratulatory letter from NCAA President Mark Emmert, and a welcome card that encouraged them to follow the NCAA's Instagram account to check out a series of stories created by current student-athletes with advice for incoming freshmen. In addition, the recipients were asked to opt in to receive periodic

texts with additional tips and resources, and those who opted in to the text program were asked to provide additional contact information to receive a free water bottle.

Since Division III student-athletes do not go through the initial eligibility certification process, staff worked with the Management Council to identify first-year student-athletes at their institutions to be part of the pilot effort.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Management and Presidents Councils Policies and Procedures.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils noted that language committed to diversity and inclusion has been added to both Council's policies and procedures. The language offers a range of accommodations including – but not limited to – physical accessibilities, food allergies and dietary restrictions, gender neutral bathrooms, and private lactation spaces. The Management Council encouraged staff to provide similar, gender neutral language in all NCAA communications. Governance staff will consult with the Diversity and Inclusion staff in this regard.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. Monday, October 15 and 11:52 a.m. Tuesday, October 16.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 and 11:33 a.m. Wednesday, October 24.