



NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SUMMARY OF FALL 2019 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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Division III Management Council October 21-22, 2019 Indianapolis, IN	Division III Presidents Council October 29-30, 2019 Atlanta, GA
ATTENDEES	ATTENDEES
<p>Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University, chair Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference Heather Benning, Midwest Conference, vice chair Steve Briggs, Berry College Chuck Brown, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Jason Fein, Bates College Sarah Feyerherm, Washington College (Maryland) Sammy Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University, SAAC representative Lori Mazza, Western Connecticut State University Scott McGuinness, Washington and Jefferson College Tim Millerick, Austin College Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University Colby Pepper, Covenant College, SAAC representative Kate Roy, North Atlantic Conference Kandis Schram, Maryville College (Tennessee) Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville Denise Udelhofen, Loras College Michael Vienna, Emory University</p>	<p>Teresa Amott, Knox College Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University, MC chair Heather Benning, Midwest Conference, MC vice chair Kate Conway-Turner, Buffalo State, State University of New York Mary Beth Cooper, Springfield College Margaret Drugovich, Hartwick College Richard Dunsworth, University of the Ozarks Tiffany Franks, Averett University William Fritz, College of Staten Island Troy Hammond, North Central College Sue Henderson, New Jersey City University, chair Robert Lindgren, Randolph-Macon College Fayneese Miller, Hamline University Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University, vice chair Elsa Nunez, Eastern Connecticut State University Troy Paino, University of Mary Washington Kent Trachte, Lycoming College Bill Tsutsui, Hendrix College</p>
ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES
<p>Joe Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, participated via teleconference</p>	<p>Javier Cevallos, Framingham State University Kathleen Murray, Whitman College</p>
OTHER PARTICIPANTS	OTHER PARTICIPANTS
<p>Deborah Atkinson, NCAA Scott Bearby, NCAA Brian Burnsed, NCAA Dan Calandro, NCAA Sarah Dehring, Alma College, Pathway Participant Dan Dutcher, NCAA Mark Emmert, NCAA president Kevin Fenstermacher, Presidents' Athletic Conference, Pathway Participant Brian Hainline, NCAA Anthony Holman, NCAA Louise McCleary, NCAA</p>	<p>Scott Bearby, NCAA Brian Burnsed, NCAA Dan Dutcher, NCAA Mark Emmert, NCAA president Brian Hainline, NCAA Eric Hartung, NCAA Louise McCleary, NCAA Jeff Myers, NCAA John Parsons, NCAA Bill Regan, NCAA Donald Remy, NCAA Cari Van Sensus, NCAA</p>

OTHER PARTICIPANTS, continued... Miriam Merrill, Hamilton College, Pathway Participant Jeff Myers, NCAA Hannah Orbach-Mandel, NCAA postgrad intern John Parsons, NCAA Laura Peterson, NCAA Bill Regan, NCAA Ashley Reid, The College of Wooster, Pathway Participant Michael Schulist, Carroll University (Wisconsin), Pathway Participant Ali Spungen, NCAA Cari Van Senus, NCAA Kiana Verdugo, NCAA intern Caryl West, NCAA Sarah Wilhelmi, Director of Collegiate Partnerships; United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee	
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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 21-22 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m., October 21 and 7:46 a.m., October 22, by the chair, Stevie Baker-Watson.

October 29-30 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m., October 29, and 9:15 a.m. October 30, by the chair, President Sue Henderson.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – July 22-23, 2019.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 22 and July 23, 2019, meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – August 6-7, 2019.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 6 and August 7, 2019, meeting.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the August 12, August 15, August 29 and September 18, 2019, Administrative Committee reports.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the August 12, August 15, August 29 and September 18, 2019, Administrative Committee reports.

The Council discussed the denial of an appeal of a denial waiver request from Trine University of the graduate/postbaccalaureate student eligibility legislation. The student-athlete's family reached out to Council members to request they overturn the action of the Administrative Committee that upheld the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief's decision to deny the waiver. The Council directed staff to send a letter to the family with its decision to uphold the Administrative Committee's action.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) 2020 NCAA Convention Educational Session Topics.

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

- Collaborative Approaches – When Mental Health Intersects with Student-Athlete Identities. This session will provide a panel discussion on mental health issues facing Division III student-athletes. The panel will examine where mental health intersects with LGBTQ-A+ and disability identities. The presentation will share resources and collaborative best practices.
- Crisis Management: Being Your Best During Your Institution's Worst Days. Crisis is a "when" not an "if" and it will hit colleges and universities of all shapes and sizes. The question this session will address is, how ready are you to respond when the unthinkable happens? This interactive presentation will ask the audience to consider their institution's readiness for a crisis. The session will include real-life examples of how and how not to handle a crisis. Attendees will be provided with tools to help them understand the importance of protecting a brand, student-athletes, the campus community, administrative staff and others. Attendees also will learn best practices for developing a crisis communication plan, a crisis communication team, social media readiness and examples of effective crisis leadership.

Staff Liaisons:

**Brown,
McCleary**

Council Reps:

**Baker-Watson,
Franks, Mazza,
Mooney,
McGuinness,
Pepper, Schram,
Tsutsui**

- NADIIIAA: Growing Our Next Generation of Leaders through Mentorship and Opportunity. As leaders, we have a responsibility to our profession and the institutions we serve to identify and facilitate the growth of the next generation of leaders in intercollegiate athletics. Active mentorship is a key element in achieving this goal. Providing opportunities that will challenge emerging leaders and help them develop is equally important. This panel of veteran and emerging leaders will speak to their experiences in both providing and finding sound mentorship as well as opportunities to enable the development of our next generation of leaders.

(b) Issues Forum – Friday, January 24.

Management Council. The Council received the subcommittee's recommendation for the following discussion topics during the Issues Forum: (1) Haydn Shaw's presentation on generational gaps; (2) Update from the Board of Governor's Federal and State Legislative Working Group (Name, Image and Likeness); and (3) Convention legislation proposals Q&A/Open Forum.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Business Session – Saturday, January 25.

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 SAAC Mental Health Video.
8:30 to 11 a.m.	Voting on 2020 Legislative Proposals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Convention Management Updates.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report noting the following:

- Hotel property. Division III meeting space and sleeping rooms will be at the Anaheim Marriott. The room rate is \$204 a night plus taxes.
- Transportation. John Wayne, Orange County is the closest airport. The NCAA will only provide complimentary airport shuttles to John Wayne Airport, Orange County, upon conclusion of the Business Session Saturday, January 25.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Presidents and Chancellors Programming.

Management Council. The Council noted the following programming for presidents and chancellors:

- Presidents and Chancellors Engagement Program. This session is open to all chancellors and presidents and will take place Thursday, January 23, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- Division III Presidents and Chancellors Forum and Luncheon. This session is open to all Division III presidents and chancellors and will take place Thursday, January 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Association-wide Education Session. The NCAA's Office of Legal Affairs, in conjunction with President Emmert's office, will conduct a session on Thursday, January 23, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. that will focus on Name, Image and Likeness.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the division's 2018-2019 final budget report and the 2019-2020 budget-to-actual. The division finished the 2018-19 year with a surplus of \$1.5 million in championships due mainly to fewer charter flights and less expensive airfare and with a surplus of \$300,000 in nonchampionships. The total surplus will be added to the mandated reserve.

The Councils also reviewed the future budget projections through 2023-24, noting an intentional spend down of the surplus above and beyond the mandated reserve by the end of the current broadcast agreement in 2023-24.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report from its July 29, 2019, teleconference. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – Eligibility 14.5.4.1 – Transfer Regulations – Two-Year College Transfers – Exceptions.

Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee's recommendation to approve noncontroversial legislation to expand the exception of Bylaw 14.5.4.1-(c) and permit immediate eligibility for a student-athlete who successfully completes the required two full-time semesters

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

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

Staff Liaisons:
Dutcher,
McCleary, Myers,
Regan

Council Reps:
Baker-Watson,
Briggs, Cooper,
Feyerherm, Fritz,
Henderson,
Millerick, Shields

Staff Liaisons:
Berg,
Purcell

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

and 24-semester hours of transferrable-degree credit (or quarter equivalent) by enrolling one semester at a two-year institution and the other at the certifying Division III institution while not competing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approval of Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Guidelines.

Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee's recommendation to revise the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief guidelines. Specifically, the subcommittee approved making the currently required chief executive officer letter optional in cases involving transfer waivers. This change is consistent with the standards for other waivers, where staff has the discretion to determine if the actions in the case are egregious enough to warrant a letter, or whether institutional education and one-time approval conditions are sufficient.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Peterson,
Romash

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

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

Staff Liaison:
Peterson-Myliniski,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Baker-Watson,
Bankston, Fein

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Championships Committee Chair.

Management Council. The Council noted that Kiki Jacobs, director of athletics at Roger Williams University, will serve as chair of the Championships Committee, succeeding Bill Stiles.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Alcohol Sales at the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

Management Council. The Council, per a recommendation from the Championships Committee, approved a waiver of Bylaw 31.1.13 to permit alcohol sales at the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship. The decision was made in accordance with recently adopted legislation that permits alcohol sales at Division III championships held in conjunction with Division I in the same venue.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also approved the recommendation.

(c) **Dates for 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship Preliminary Rounds.**

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation from the Championships Committee to adjust the 2020 men's basketball championship preliminary round format to accommodate for this year's joint basketball championship. The adjustment has a potential budget impact of approximately \$48,000, which accounts for additional flights that may be needed for teams at the quarterfinal round site.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Exception to Bracketing Policies for the Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Championships.**

Management Council. The Council approved a request to allow men's and women's ice hockey championships to pair teams outside of the 500-mile travel radius (i.e., create a flight) in the quarterfinal round when the bracketing principles would otherwise require two teams to face one another for a third consecutive year (and the quarterfinal round is the bracket entry point for the teams). The effective date is the 2021 national championship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) **Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Council approved, at the recommendation of the Championships Committee, the creation of an eight-member Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee (from within the existing Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees) to oversee the playing rules modifications for all three divisions effective January 1, 2020.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) **Conference Requirements for AQ Eligibility.**

Management Council. The Council noted the Championships Committee reviewed and discussed whether to establish regular-season-competition requirements for a conference to be eligible to earn an automatic qualification to Division III championships. The committee acknowledged that there is insufficient momentum currently within the committee and the membership to recommend changes despite reviewing some initial concepts. As such, it took no formal action but agreed to ask the Division III Commissioners Association whether it was interested in formulating a proposal in the future.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Sport Region Realignment Project.

Management Council. The Council heard an update on the Championships Committee's review of a 10-region alignment model proposed by the Division III Commissioners Association. The latest request for sport committee input focused on the proposal's effect on competitive equity, which several sport committees cited as a significant concern. Accordingly, the committee sought feedback on a model that retains the three original guiding principles but also accounts for competitive equity as each sport committee sees fit. After reviewing the sport committee feedback, the Champs Committee endorsed the 10-region model, as amended by sport committees, and will forward it to the Division III commissioners for feedback.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Championship Bench Size Policy.

Management Council. The Council received feedback on the Championships Committee's review of increased bench sizes during national championships, which would occur at the expense of the participating institutions. The membership, via a survey, and sport committees, expressed a consistent desire to increase the bench size. The committee also discussed practice limitations and determined that practice will be open to all student-athletes who are at the competition site at any round of the championship, provided it still fits within a given sport's playing rules. The bench size increases will be implemented for the 2020-21 championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Championship Alcohol Advertising Restrictions.

Management Council. The Council considered a Board of Governors recommendation to eliminate legislative restrictions on alcohol advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships, and establish that topic as a policy responsibility of the BOG. The Council approved, in concept, an administrative regulation to accomplish that goal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a report detailing the trend analysis of major infraction cases. Key takeaways included:

- Most common infraction type is exceeding financial aid.
- The number of major infractions, an average of four per year, continues to increase.

Staff Liaisons:
Cooper, Elworth
Kleppel

Council Rep:
Feyerherm

- Probation is the most common penalty.

The Council recommended the Committee on Infractions review this report and share it with the Division III membership.

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:
Morgan

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Length of Playing Season – Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field.

Management Council. The Council approved the incorporation of the following official interpretation into legislation:

Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Playing Season Parameters (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field may not divide the playing season into segments (i.e., traditional and nontraditional). The weeks of the playing season shall be conducted consecutively unless the institution does not practice or compete during any full week that includes a published vacation, holiday or exam period, which shall not be counted as part of the playing season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Sports Camps and Clinic and Other Athletics Events – Limitations on Participation.

Management Council. The Council approved the incorporation into legislation the portion of the following official interpretation that indicates that a camp, clinic and other athletics events may be limited by gender and grade level:

Permissible Limitations for Participation in Camps, Clinics and Other Athletics Events (III). The 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.

(c) Approve Official Interpretation – Personalizing Recruiting Materials.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

The committee confirmed that it is permissible for institutions to provide prospective student-athletes personalized recruiting materials, provided the materials are on official athletics publications (e.g., institutional letterhead, institutional email and institutional postcard) published or produced by the institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Berg,
Hartung

Council Rep:
Mooney

- **Review of University of Rochester Waiver Request.**

Management Council. The Council upheld the Membership Committee's denial of a waiver regarding Rochester University's late submission of its Institutional Self-Study Guide. As a result, the institution will be placed on a three-year probation effective September 1, 2019.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
Mazza

- **Governance Committee Appointments.**

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

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

- Madiera Alexander, Salisbury University, Capital Athletic Conference.
- Abigail Newkirk, Bluffton University, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
- Paxton Blanchard, Keene State University, Little East Conference.

- Bridgett Finn, Lebanon Valley College, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
- ii. Division III Management Council (three vacancies):
 - Michelle Walsh, director of athletics, Vassar College, Liberty League.
 - Matt Hill, director of athletics, University of Northwestern – St. Paul, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.
 - Cheryl Aaron, director of athletics, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
- iii. Division III Championships Committee (two vacancies):
 - Chuck Mitrano, commissioner, Empire 8.
 - John Neese, director of athletics, Hardin-Simmons University, American Southwest Conference.
- iv. Division III Financial Aid Committee (four vacancies):
 - Michele Kosboth, director of student financial planning, Lasell University, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.
 - Melissa Stephens, director of financial aid and student employment, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Athletic Conference.
 - Eric Stacey, director of athletics, St. Catherine University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - Joyce Farmer, director of financial aid, DeSales University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
- v. Division III Membership Committee (one vacancy):
 - Monique McLean, director of athletics, Trinity Washington University, Independent.
- vi. Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (two vacancies):
 - Joseph Pavlow, director of athletics, Rosemont College, Colonial State Athletic Conference.
 - Patrick Summers, commissioner, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
- vii. Division III Nominating Committee (two vacancies):
 - Teelah Grimes, associate director, University of Valley Forge, American Collegiate Athletic Association.
 - Ashley Hodges, senior woman administrator/assistant athletics director, Rosemont College, Colonial States Athletic Conference.

viii. Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (one vacancy):

- Russell B. Rogers, director of athletics, Stevens Institute of Technology, Middle Atlantic Conferences.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart, Berg,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Kastner,
Pepper

(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.

Staff Liaisons:
Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
Baker-Watson

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

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

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 committee had no formal 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,
Crawford,

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, Walters

Council Rep:
Walsh

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

- **Paralympic Sport References.**

Management Council. The Council approved the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee's recommendation to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes, and the related recommendation that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.

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:
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Brown

(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 Council reviewed the committee's 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 2020 CONVENTION.*

a. *Convention Proposal Groupings and Voting Order.*

Management Council. The Council endorsed the Interpretations and Legislation Committee's recommendation to use electronic voting units, noting the technology permits the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner. Conducting roll-call votes for all proposals (Presidents Council and general grouping) provides transparency for the membership. The Management Council concluded that Proposal No. 6 (Leadership Programming) should remain in the president's grouping but recommended moving Proposal No. 7 (Equestrian) to the general grouping.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of the Management Council regarding the 2020 Convention proposal groupings and voting order. The Council also approved roll-call voting for all proposals.

Presidents Grouping.

- NCAA Membership – Active Membership and Member Conference – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee.
- Division Membership – Application Process – Provisional Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years Plus an Exploratory Year.
- Division Membership – Application Process – Reclassifying Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years.
- Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Snacks and Nutritional Supplements Incidental to Participation.
- Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution For Practice and Competition – Permissible Practice Expenses – Exceptions for Golf and Swimming and Diving.
- Athletically Related Activities – Leadership Programming Out-of-Season Involving Athletics Related Information and Content (General in nature).

General Grouping.

- Division Membership – Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women's Equestrian.
- Division Membership - Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Acrobatics and Tumbling.
- Division Membership – Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women's Wrestling.
- NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Eligibility – Composition of Conference – Provisional Members as Core Members.
- Division Membership – Sport Classified in Division I – Applying Division I Legislation.
- Resolution – Softball/Baseball National Championship Tournament Timing.

- b. **2020 Division III Convention Proposal Positions.** The Councils reviewed responsibilities associated with Convention proposal speaking assignments and took formal positions on the membership-sponsored proposals as presented below.

(1) Division Membership – Application Process – Provisional Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years Plus an Exploratory Year.

Presidents Council, Management Council and Membership Committee support this proposal. Allowing prepared institutions to complete the transition to Division III in three years (plus an exploratory year) will provide student-athlete earlier access to NCAA championships, thereby benefitting their overall experience. Furthermore, the membership educational requirements can be effectively delivered during this period while still providing the Membership Committee the discretion to appropriately manage the process, as needed.

Championship Committee opposes this proposal. The proposed modifications potentially compromise an institution's readiness to fully comply with Division III policies and abide by Division III values, and they potentially increase the pressure on the Membership Committee to make decisions based on a shorter timeline (the Championships Committee believes four years is the appropriate timeline to earn active membership). In addition, the current process includes a waiver provision to expedite the process for exemplary institutions.

(2) Division Membership – Application Process – Reclassifying Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years.

Presidents Council, Management Council and Membership Committee support this proposal. The requirements for a reclassifying institution can be effectively delivered and achieved in three years, while still providing the Membership Committee the discretion to appropriately manage the process, as needed. Additionally, a shortened process will allow earlier access to NCAA championships, thereby enhancing the overall student-athlete experience.

Championships Committee opposes this proposal. The proposed modifications potentially compromise an institution's readiness to fully comply with Division III policies and abide by Division III values, and they potentially increase the pressure on the Membership Committee to make decisions based on a shorter timeline (the Championships Committee believes four years is the appropriate timeline to earn active membership). In addition, the current process includes a waiver provision to expedite the process for exemplary institutions.

(3) Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Snacks and Nutritional Supplements Incidental to Participation.

Presidents Council, Management Council, Interpretations and Legislative Committee and Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, support this proposal. The proposal promotes the health and wellness of student-athletes by allowing an institution the flexibility to provide what it deems

appropriate to meet the nutritional needs of its student-athletes. With this flexibility, each institution will have the discretion to determine the scope of the benefit, if any, it chooses to provide to student-athletes, without an increased regulatory burden.

(4) Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Permissible Practice Expenses – Exceptions for Golf and Swimming and Diving.

Presidents Council and Management Council oppose this proposal. While this proposal addresses the unique challenges associated with the sport of golf, the inclusion of swimming and diving, which does not share those challenges, unnecessarily expands the scope of the proposal. Expansion to other sports, should not be reviewed on a sport-by-sport basis, but rather as part of a broader review to determine the extent and impact of allowing practice trips beyond the current parameters.

The Men's Golf Committee, Women's Golf Committee and Swimming and Diving Committee support this proposal. The committees noted student-athletes should have the ability to prepare under the right conditions without having to worry about fulfilling an artificial competition requirement.

The women's golf committee noted that this may provide too many opportunities to play the championships course multiple times during spring break. If the proposal passes, the committee will consider limiting the number of times a team can play or practice on the championship course after January 1.

Interpretations and Legislation Committee and Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee supports this proposal.

(5) Athletically Related Activities – Leadership Programming Out-of-Season Involving Athletics Related Information and Content (General in Nature).

Presidents Council, Management Council and the Interpretations and Legislation Committee oppose this proposal. This proposal creates an environment wherein student-athletes may feel compelled to participate, thereby creating additional time demands for student-athletes. Additionally, current legislation provides sufficient opportunities for student-athletes to be involved in leadership activities outside the declared playing season. Finally, student-athletes should be involved in athletics leadership opportunities, but they should also seek participation in non-athletic based leadership opportunities. This proposal may limit or discourage student-athletes from seeking out those non-athletic opportunities.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee took no position on this proposal. The subcommittee noted there is value in the proposal due to the potential benefits related to student-athlete mental health; however, the subcommittee expressed concern regarding the ambiguity of the language in the proposal regarding the definition of a student-athlete serving in a team leadership position. Further, the subcommittee noted the legislation currently permits sufficient opportunities for out-of-season leadership programming.

(6) Division Membership – Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women’s Equestrian.

Management Council, Committee on Women’s Athletics, and Playing and Practice Subcommittee support this proposal. The proposal provides for more participation opportunities for female student-athletes and more sport-sponsorship options for Division III member institutions.

Championships Committee took no position on this proposal. While the committee is not opposed to supporting equestrian as an emerging sport, it acknowledged that there may be unanswered questions to resolve before membership consideration.

(7) Resolution – Softball/Baseball National Championship Tournament Timing.

Management Council. Referred the resolution to the Softball, Baseball and Championships Committees for recommendations to be reviewed by the Management and Presidents Councils at their January Convention meetings.

The intent is that the Division III Softball and Baseball Committees collaborate on a plan with the Division III Championships Committee, with emphasis on examining the timing of the tournament schedules, to address concerns related to the compression of the seasons due to weather issues resulting in increased missed games and class time, and an effective date for future implementation no later than the Spring 2023 season. Additionally, that the Championships Committee incorporate such changes as may be agreed upon into the bid process for the 2023-26 bid cycle.

Presidents Council – no action was necessary.

c. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation for the 2020 NCAA Convention.

(1) Eligibility – Seasons of Participation – 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – Use of Additional Semester(s) or Quarter(s).

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that if a 10-semester/15-quarter rule waiver is approved, the semesters/quarters associated with the waiver must be used during consecutive regular terms at the certifying institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Amateurism – Employment – Fee-for-Lesson – Restitution Violations.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that violations of Bylaw 12.4.4 shall be considered restitution violations

which do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility provided the value of the benefit is \$200 or less and the student-athlete makes restitution to a charity prior to competing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. *DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.*

a. Graduation Rates Report.

Management Council. The Council noted that it is the tenth year of the voluntary collection of student-athlete graduation rates for Division III, with 264 institutions participating. Some of the findings are: (1) Student-athletes continue to graduate at a higher rate than the student body; (2) After accounting for student-athletes that leave in good academic standing, nearly 90 percent graduate; (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; and (5) The larger the football recruiting class, the lower the Federal Graduation Rate.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the reports noting the following: (1) Addition of Kurt Beron to an at-large position; and (2) Review of the Division III Presidents and Management Councils Quarterly Meeting Summary will be a standing agenda item for the Advisory Group.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the reports noting the following: (1) Update on the December OneTeam Facilitator Training; (2) Creation of an OneTeam awards program; (3) Division III LGBTQ OneTeam events scheduled during the 2020 NCAA Convention and (4) OneTeam Program analytics.

A OneTeam Program will be held Thursday, January 23 and a OneTeam Reception will be held January 25. During the reception, the 2021 OneTeam Awards Program will be unveiled.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Management Council. The Council reviewed the reports noting: (1) 60 percent of the membership submitted the voluntary student-athlete graduation rate data; (2) Student Immersion Program received 81 applications, with 40 being selected for the 2020 cohort; and (3) The office of inclusion hired a contractor to analyze the NCAA committee appointment and training processes relative to its ability to produce diverse and representative committees and help committee members feel prepared to understand their responsibilities.

The Council noted that since mandatory student-athlete graduation rate reporting will be due June 1, 2020, staff is preparing to provide resources and education in the spring to assist institutions. The working group continues to emphasize the importance of studying the data and developing best practices.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the purchasing website, Division III/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics, ncaa.org content and Division III Week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. International Ice Hockey Pilot.

Management Council. Staff provided an update on the second year of the international ice hockey pilot. The pilot parameters include the NCAA Eligibility Center reviewing the participation history of all international first year ice hockey players.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Injury Surveillance Program.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the program's communication efforts noting that since the campaign began, Division III ISP participation has increased significantly.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Division III University.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a summary of course use for Division III University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on BOG initiatives including: (1) Federal and State Legislation Working Group (Name, Image and Likeness) [NIL]; (2) Sports Wagering Working Group; (3) Alcohol advertising restrictions; (4) NCAA strategic plan; (5) Student-Athlete Engagement Committee; (6) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity & Equity; and (7) Government Relations report. Presidents Council members encouraged greater support for member schools and conferences located in states that are actively considering NIL legislation.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

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

- The Concussion Safety Advisory Group had its inaugural meeting in July. The group reviews existing and emerging science, best practices and policy. The concussion safety protocol checklist remains the basis of concussion safety legislation. The group made no substantive changes to the checklist.
- The Task Force on Sleep and Wellness provided the first round of deliverables to the membership in September. The resources include an educational handout and narrative review article.
- A Mental Health Waiver Think Tank is slated for mid-November. The think tank includes sport psychologists, disability consultants and NCAA staff who work with waivers to review NCAA guidelines, directives and information standards to help better define a mental health disability.
- SSI created an internal task force to review issues arising from scenarios where the visiting team does not travel with a primary athletics health care provider. SSI anticipates developing recommendations that will be shared with the Councils at their January meetings.

c. Litigation Update.

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

d. USOC-NCAA Olympians Made Here.

Management Council. Sarah Wilhelmi, Director of Collegiate Partnerships, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, provided an update on the Olympians Made Here campaign. The campaign's purpose is to educate audiences on the role colleges play in developing Olympians and garner support for programming to perpetuate Olympic sport opportunities on campus. It also enhances the way institutions, conferences, the NCAA and the USOC work together to celebrate national team student-athletes. All Division III institutions and conferences with current or former Olympians are encouraged to participate in the campaign.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Officiating.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the current officiating issues in Division III, the NCAA's related role, and current and potential initiatives to address those issues. The Division III Commissioners Association has hired a contractor (Pictor Group) to study the issue and propose solutions to address officiating gaps. The Division III officiating study results are slated for a June 2020 release. Staff anticipates Division III collaborating with the other divisions, as officiating is an Association-wide issue. The Council supported the NCAA's proposed next steps that include an Association-wide discussion at the 2020 Convention and a potential RFP to further study and develop an Association-wide strategic plan in June 2020, with implementation beginning a year later.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. *DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.*

Presidents Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's October 2 teleconference report and approved the following:

- Waived the application of Bylaw 21.9.1.3 to permit the appointment of Frank Sanchez, Rhode Island College, to the Council.
- Appoint the following to the Council for four-year terms (January 2020-January 2024), pending approval by the division's presidents:
 - Richanne Mankey, Defiance College [Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference];
 - Frank Sanchez, Rhode Island College [Little East Conference];
 - James Schmidt, University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire [Intercollegiate Athletic Conference].
- Appoint the following to the Council for three-year term (January 2020-January 2023), pending approval by the division's presidents:
 - Davie Jane Gilmour, Pennsylvania College of Technology [North Eastern Athletic Conference].
- Appoint Tori Murden-McClure as chair-elect (January 2020).
- Appoint Fayneese Miller as vice-chair elect (January 2020).

8. ***ADJOURNMENT.***

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Monday, October 21 and 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, October 22.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. Tuesday, October 29 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 30.