



NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SUMMARY OF FALL 2020 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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Division III Management Council October 19-20, 2020 Videoconference	Division III Presidents Council October 28, 2020 Videoconference
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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 19-20 Management Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. October 19 and 9:02 a.m. October 20, by the chair, Heather Benning. The chair welcomed Holly Sheilley as a new Council member.

August 5 Presidents Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at noon October 28, by the chair, President Tori Murden McClure.

The Councils received an update on the implementation of mandatory staff furloughs and staff decisions to take early retirement/voluntary separation. The Council asked questions regarding the transition plan in light of 50% of the Division III governance staff departing by January 29 via early retirement/voluntary separation. The Councils received assurances by NCAA senior staff that Division III’s support and representation within the governance structure will remain a priority.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – July 20-21, 2020.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 20-21, 2020, meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – August 5, 2020.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 5, 2020, meeting.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative Committee reports from July 27, August 20, August 27, September 15 and September 22 videoconferences.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee reports from the July 27, August 20, August 27, September 15 and September 22 videoconferences.

The actions ratified by the Councils included: 1.) Approval of Holly Sheilley, vice president and athletics director, Transylvania University to the Management Council; 2.) Sponsorship of Name, Image and Likeness legislation at the virtual 2021 NCAA Convention; and 3.) Elimination of the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship for fall and winter championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year due to the impact of COVID-19.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

• **2021 NCAA Convention.**

Management Council. The Convention Planning Subcommittee reported, and the Management Council endorsed, the following Division III specific Convention education session topic:

- Annual Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Attestation Requirements. This session will discuss the new disclosure requirements effective in the 2022-23 academic year and steps institutions should take to prepare for the additional requirements.

The Council also received an update that registration for the virtual 2021 Convention was open, and there is no fee for this year's Convention. The Division III programming and governance meetings will occur Jan. 11-15.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brown,
Spungen

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

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

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

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

- **Division III Budget Review.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the budget to actual as of the end of August 2020 and future budget projections.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the most up to date financial information. Staff noted that due to final negotiations with CBS/Turner from last year's canceled Division I men's basketball championship resulted in an additional \$3.4 million revenue loss. However, with the receipt of the division's catastrophic insurance payout of \$5 million, the division ended the year with a \$7.1 million overage. Staff noted that funds from the mandated reserve covered the loss.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers, Regan

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

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons:
Berg, Purcell

Council Reps:
Aaron, Brown,
Fein, Mazza,
McGuinness,
Morgan,
Udelhofen,

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

- **Appeal to alternative playing and practice season model.**

Management Council. The Council upheld the subcommittee's decision regarding an appeal to the alternative playing and practice season model. Specifically, the Council affirmed that the counting of days for the sports of swimming and diving and track and field shall be treated like all other sports under the alternative playing season model.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

- **Review of legislative relief waivers.**

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee's review of legislative relief waivers for the alternative playing and practice seasons model. The subcommittee noted decisions regarding the alternative playing and practice seasons model should align with the current legislation as much as possible.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Peterson-
Mylinski, Romash

Council Reps:
Feyerherm,
Lanigan, Mooney,
Schram, Walsh, J.
Walsh, M.

c. **Division III Committees.**

(1) **Championships Committee.**

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Myliniski,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Benning,
Fein, Morgan

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

Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Figure 21.1 to increase the composition of the Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees from four to eight members to coincide with the new regional alignment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Minimum contest requirements for winter sport championship selection.**

Management Council. The Council approved the reduction of minimum contest requirements for championship selection to 50 percent in all winter sports for the 2020-21 academic year.

The reduced minimum contest requirements are:

- Basketball: 9
- Ice hockey: 9
- Swimming and diving: 4
- Indoor track and field: 2
- Wrestling: 3

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Regional alignment in men's and women's tennis.**

Management Council. The Council expanded the number of regions as they apply to the team portion of the men's and women's tennis championships from four to eight.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Bracket/field sizes for winter and spring sport championships.**

Management Council. Due to COVID-19 testing, the need for predetermined sites and the added administrative costs, the committee capped the brackets and field sizes for all 2021 winter and spring sport championships (individual and team) at 75 percent, understanding that additional limited adjustments may be necessary based on the number of eligible institutions as the championship approaches.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Bracket/field sizes for winter and spring sport championships.

Management Council. The Council approved the adjustment of several winter sport championship selections to a later date to allow more time for regular season competition.

Staff Liaison:
Kleppel

Council Rep:
Feyerherm

(2) Committee on Infractions.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hartung

Council Rep:
Schram

(3) Financial Aid Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Walters

Council Reps:
Dunsworth,
Millerick

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers, Purcell,
Regan

Council Rep:
Hill

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Blanket Waiver – Virtual Recruiting with Multiple Prospective Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Council noted its prior direction to the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief to extend and modify an existing blanket waiver, which permits Division III institutions to use virtual platforms to conduct recruiting activities involving multiple prospective student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Official Interpretation – Alternative Coursework to Satisfy Full-time Enrollment Requirements.

Management Council. The Council approved an official interpretation confirming that nontraditional coursework (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, internet/virtual courses) may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirements for practice or competition in a manner that is consistent with established institutional policy used to determine the full-time enrollment status for all students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Berg,
Hartung

Council Rep:
Mooney

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Membership – Division III Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship –Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship –Bylaw 20.11.3.8.

Management Council. The Council noted this recommendation was approved in the August 27, 2020, Administration Committee report. [See Page No. 4, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Suspension of American Collegiate Athletic Association from active conference membership during the 2020-21 academic year..

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to suspend active conference membership for the American Collegiate Athletic Association for the 2020-21 academic year. The conference has no current members, and it will fail to meet several annual obligations of Division III conference membership. Specifically, the conference will not satisfy the conference composition requirement nor have a conference governance structure, including president or chancellor involvement and a conference student-athlete advisory committee.

Presidents Council. The Council approved this action.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
McGuiness

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) Governance Committee Appointment.

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

- i. Division III Management Council (five January 2021 vacancies, one immediate vacancy):
 - Immediate vacancy, Holly Sheilley, vice president of athletics, Transylvania University, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
 - Thomas Di Camillo, commissioner, State University of New York Athletic Conference.
 - Angela Marin, senior woman administrator/associate athletic director, University of Texas at Dallas, American Southwest Conference.
 - Betsy Mitchell, director of athletics, California Institute of Technology, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - Bill Stiles, director of athletics, Alvernia University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
 - Catherine Corcoran, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Cabrini University, Atlantic East Conference.
- ii. NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee (two January 2021 vacancies):
 - Dana L. Harmon, director of athletics, physical education, recreation and athletics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New England Women's, and Men's Athletic Conference.
 - Erin Pomykala, associate athletic director for administration and finance, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.
- iii. NCAA Division III Infractions Appeals Committee (one January 2021 vacancy):
 - Gina Nicolleti-Bellinger, senior woman administrator, Centre College, Southern Athletic Association.
- iv. NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (one January 2021 vacancy):
 - Kurt Beron, faculty athletics representative, University of Texas at Dallas, American Southwest Conference.
- v. NCAA Division III Membership Committee (one January 2021 vacancy):
 - Corey Borchardt, commissioner, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

- vi. NCAA Division III Nominating Committee (one January 2021 vacancy):
 - Beth Vansant, senior woman administrator, associate director of athletics, Belhaven University, American Southwest Conference.
- vii. NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (one immediate vacancy):
 - Stephanie Dollar, senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator, University of Massachusetts Boston, Little East Conference.
- viii. NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (two January 2021 vacancies):
 - Teelah Grimes, associate athletic director, University of Valley Forge, Colonial States Athletic Conference.
 - Allie Littlefox, director of athletics, physical education and recreation, Mills College, Capital Athletic Conference.
- ix. NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (9 January 2021 vacancy and 1 Sept. vacancy):
 - Ariana Pena, Neumann University, Atlantic East Conference.
 - Anya Gunewardena, John Hopkins University, Centennial Conference.
 - Zach Bulthus, Carthage College, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.
 - Warren Watson II, Ithaca College, Liberty League.
 - Hunter Nash, Alma College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
 - Talia Williams, Carleton College, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - David He, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
 - Rachael Scoones, State University of New York at Delhi, North Atlantic Conference. [Sept. 2021 start]
 - Vaish Siddapureddy, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - Megan Koch, Colorado College, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart, Berg,
Malin, Skaggs,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Bryant,
Lanigan, Pepper,
Udelhofen

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

Management Council. The Council received updates on the SAAC Voice initiative that includes a standardized presentation to explain the structure, composition and impact of the committee at the national, conference and campus levels.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Romash

Council Rep:
Hill

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Durden, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
M. Walsh

(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,
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 Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Abdur-Rashid,
Blair, Crawford,

Council Rep:
Aaron

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry,
Fastbender,
Wilson, Abdur-
Rashid, Blair,
Crawford,

Council Reps:
Aaron, Udelhofen

(6) Joint CWA and MOIC meeting.

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:
Morgan

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Seewald

(8) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O'Barr,
Thomas

Council Rep:
Aaron

(9) 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

(10) 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:
J. Walsh

(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2021 CONVENTION.

a. Convention Proposal Grouping and Voting Method.

Management Council. The Council designated the Name, Image and Likeness proposal for the presidential grouping, and the vote for the proposal and any subsequent amendments or resolutions at the virtual 2021 Convention by roll call. It noted that the roll-call method for voting is preferable because it provides greater transparency for the membership. It also reviewed the proposal speaker assignments.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of the Management Council regarding the 2021 Convention proposal grouping, voting method and speaker assignments.

b. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation.

(1) Committee Membership - Amend Composition of the Men's Volleyball Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend the composition of the men's volleyball committee to accommodate the change in regional alignment from two to three regions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes – Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies – Local Civic Organization.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that a local civic organization may provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes – Elimination of 100-Mile Radius Restriction.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the current 100-mile restriction for an institution's athletics booster club recognition banquet.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes – Elimination of 30-Mile Radius Restriction.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction for a student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Awards and Benefits – Retention of Athletics Apparel and Used Equipment.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to permit a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual's collegiate participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Awards and Benefits – Expenses for Student-Athlete to Attend Funeral.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that an institution may pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate; further, to specify that an institution may provide expenses for a student-athlete to be present in a situation when a student-athlete from another team at the institution suffers an injury, illness or death.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Recruiting Precollege Expenses – Donations to Nonathletic Bona Fide Youth Organizations.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to permit member institutions to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations and to remove the mileage restriction for any permissible donation to a high school, bona fide youth organization and nonathletic bona fide youth organization.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Eligibility – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Organized Competition – Service Exception.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to establish a service exception to the organized competition legislation that permits a prospective student-athlete to participate in organized competition while serving on active duty in the U.S. armed services (or comparable armed service of another country), on official religious missions or on missions with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) NCAA Membership – Active Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – COVID-19 Liability Waivers.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to prohibit an institution from requiring student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(10) NCAA Membership – Active Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – COVID-19 Health Costs.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that prior to a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate competition in the fall 2020 term, the institution shall:

- (a) Review the existing health care cost coverage with student-athletes who plan to compete in the 2020 fall term.
- (b) Inform student-athletes of the risk classification of their sports according to the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.
- (c) Provide information about how the institution is complying with the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Review of Administrative Regulations.

- **Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Appeal Procedures.**

Management Council. The Council approved administrative legislation to remove items from the Committee on Infractions' response to an appeal that are available to the NCAA Division III Infractions Appeal Committee and parties to the case before the submission of the written appeal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Convention Registration, Logistics and Schedules.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the virtual 2021 NCAA Convention registration, logistics and schedules. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the inaugural LGBTQ Recognition and Award Program. The virtual celebration will be during the virtual NCAA Convention Wed., Jan. 13, 6 to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the DIII Identity Initiative noting that the 2020-21 academic year marks its 10-year anniversary. The Council also received an update on social media trends and current ncaa.org website content.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Technology Users Group.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. The Council provided updates from recent conference virtual meetings. 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 Councils. The Councils received an update on the BOG initiatives including:

- (1) National office and COVID-19 response.
- (2) Inclusive language resource.
- (3) NCAA strategic plan.
- (4) Sexual violence prevention policy expansion.
- (5) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management Council. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hainline provided an update on the recent release of the Resocialization of Collegiate Basketball guidelines and corresponding FAQ. The FAQ includes a focus on the recommendations, such as the impact of the guidelines on Division III, guidance for student-athletes returning from winter breaks, and protocols for back-to-back games in one week-end, among other topics. It also provides updated guidance for testing, differentiating high transmission risk sports that are played indoors versus outdoors. It also was noted that commissioners recently received a memo from the NCAA that provided COVID-19 testing company contact information. The companies are able to provide testing kits and re-sources to institutions at a reduced rate. Regarding game officials, the COVID-19 Advisory Group is recommending that testing always take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and occur at the institution where the official is assigned to work. The host institution would be responsible for administering and paying for the tests.

The Council also received an update on the recent Transgender Student-Athlete Summit co-hosted by SSI and the Office of Inclusion in early October. The summit, which included medical experts and divisional representation, looked at healthcare (physical/mental) for student-athletes who are gender transitioning, competitive equity, and inclusion. The summit didn't recommend a new testing paradigm (e.g., establishment of testosterone levels), but instead the NCAA will develop core principles to share with the Board of Governors.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Gallup: A Study of NCAA Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Council received an update on Division III-specific findings in a recent Gallup study of alumni who graduated from NCAA institutions between 1975 and 2019. The study compared student-athlete responses to the student-body. The results showed that in many instances Division III student-athletes performed better than their student-body peers. The results are available on the Research page of ncaa.org.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Division III Officiating Executive Summary.

Management Council. The Council received an executive summary of a study on the state of collegiate officiating. A year ago, the Division III Commissioners Association (D3CA) hired a contractor (Pictor Group) to conduct a study of current officiating issues in Division III, the NCAA's role, and current and potential initiatives to address those issues. The study collected data from more than 15,000 key stakeholders via surveys, focus groups and videoconferences. Overall, the comprehensive review has framed a strategic plan for the D3CA to implement over the coming months to address the most critical officiating issues facing Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Executive Summary on New ADs – Arizona State Study.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a summary that reported information cultivated by Arizona State University researchers on the demographics, professional development and educational background of NCAA Division III athletic directors from the 2019-2020 academic year. The analysis included gender, ethnicity, age, tenure, administrative experience, coaching, student-athlete experience and education.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Litigation Update.

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

7. *PRESIDENTS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AND NEW APPOINTMENTS.*

a. Presidents Council Leadership Elections for 2021.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Council elected Fayneese Miller, president of Hamline University, as chair and Troy Hammond, president of North Central College as vice-chair for 2021.

b. Presidents Council Appointments for 2021.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the following appointments:

Four-year term (January 2021 – January 2025):

- (1) Sean Decatur, Kenyon College.
- (2) Eric Fulcomer, Rockford University.
- (3) Sue Hasseler, Muskingum University.

One-year extension (January 2021 – January 2022):

- Kate Conway-Turner, Buffalo State, State University of New York.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.

• **Countable Season of Participation and Use of Semester/Quarter Requirements.**

Management Council. The Council forwarded a blanket waiver recommendation to the Presidents Council to allow all NCAA Division III student-athletes to compete up to the established dates of competition/contests maximums without being charged a season of inter-collegiate participation during this academic year (2020-21). In addition, student-athletes would not be charged a term of attendance for any term (semester/quarter) during the 2020-21 academic year in which they were eligible for competition.

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to dramatically affect higher education at least through the end of this academic year and likely beyond, and student-athletes are feeling the impact from both an academic and athletics perspective. The uncertainty regarding the extent of their athletics participation and the related eligibility repercussions contribute to a growing list of concerns impacting current student-athletes.

This proposal was recommended by over thirty conferences and endorsed by several governance committees, including national SAAC. It provides limited relief and clarity for student-athletes making necessary academic and athletics decisions this year.

The Council also recognized the future implications of this waiver. Specifically, this recommendation does not serve as rationale for future reduced enrollment by student-athletes. Rather, the Council reaffirmed its commitment that intercollegiate athletics involves students competing against students. Consequently, student-athletes benefiting from this waiver will still be expected to adhere to the full-time enrollment requirements during the current and future academic years, consistent with the Division III Philosophy.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the blanket waiver request and mirrored the Management Council's stance that this recommendation does not serve as rationale for future reduced enrollment by student-athletes.

9. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Monday, October 19, and 12:29 p.m. Tuesday, October 20.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. Wednesday, October 28.