



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
JANUARY 29, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative Items.**
 - None.
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** Marc Camille, chair of the council, provided a welcome, recognized the seven new council members, and commenced the videoconference at 3:02 p.m. Eastern.
2. **Financial Contribution – Ray Settlement.** In collaboration with Division II, the council approved \$10 million collectively (\$5.8 million from Division II; \$4.2 million from Division III) to be paid towards the Ray Settlement at fiscal year-end for each of the next three fiscal years (FY26, FY27 and FY28) to lessen the impact on potential reductions to national office services to the Divisions II and III memberships, maintain constitutional guaranteed services, and divisional budget autonomy.

The NCAA reached an agreement to settle the *Ray* litigation in early November 2025, which concerned the former Division I volunteer coach rules. The settlement payment will be funded through a combination of reductions to the Division I revenue distribution, use of net assets, and contributions from the NCAA national office. Based on the cumulative effect on the Association and the national office of the costs associated with the payments for legal settlements, and given Divisions II and III have benefitted from recent NCAA revenue growth and benefitted from national office services, the Division II Executive Board and the Division III Presidents Council acknowledge this one-time contribution will assist Divisions II and III from feeling the full effects of any potential national office service reductions. It also will ensure the divisions' continued receipt of guaranteed services as outlined in the CFO Memorandum [Attachment] and approved with the Association's adoption of the NCAA Constitution in January 2022. Further, the Executive Board and Presidents Council will review the results of the Association-wide services survey and be consulted on potential changes/reductions/eliminations prior to recommendations made by the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee and approval by the Board of Governors.

The \$10 million contribution is based on a recent review by Deloitte that estimated 10% of Association-wide funds (i.e., constitutional guarantee revenue allocations of 4.37% to Division II and 3.18% to Division III plus additional A-wide resourcing support) supported Divisions II and III. The recommended joint Division II and III annual contribution of ten million is roughly 10% of the total settlement payment each year (i.e., \$101 million annually) for the next three years.

In the spirit of collaboration and in representing the Divisions II and III memberships, this complex and unique decision by the Executive Board and Presidents Council comes after thoughtful, focused deliberation and is based on the conditions and information available as of late January 2026. The decision also is contingent on the payment structure presented, which includes approval to reduce the Division I revenue distribution (70 percent of the total payment); approval by Divisions II and III to make their contributions, and as detailed in this recommendation, minimize the impact on Divisions II and III from potential reductions to national office services. Any future situations and/or requests for contributions will be reviewed for consideration by all three divisions based on the information known at that time. Further, once the three-year contribution has ended with FY28, no future contributions will be made towards the *Ray* settlement.

The budget impact is \$30 million total (\$17.4 million from Division II, \$12.6 million from Division III); \$10 million annually (\$5.8 million from Division II and \$4.2 million from Division III) at fiscal year-end (e.g., June/July) for each of next three fiscal years (FY26, FY27, and FY28). Funds will come from existing divisional reserves and be moved to the Association's unallocated funds to support the payment.

The council also discussed the planned communication to inform the Association which will occur after the February Board of Governors meeting. It recommended a secondary Division III specific communication, if needed.

Note: Following the Presidents Council action on January 29, the Board of Governors approved a Division I payment percentage of 60 percent.

3. **Division III Analysis.** The council agreed to the following to advance the narrowly focused analysis that it approved in October 2025.
 - a. Confirmed Presidents Council's oversight responsibility and authority for the analysis.

- b. Charged Division III staff with creating a representative working group to collect the research and data, engage the membership and governance structure, and provide policy and legislative recommendations, as warranted. Staff will solicit interest via a membership-wide communication and recommend a roster subject to the approval of the Futures Subcommittee and the full council (preferably by March 1).
- c. Charged staff to explore third-party contractors to work with and assist the working group.

The council conducted a preliminary review of the initial objectives and timeline. It will discuss and provide feedback on steps taken at its late April meeting.

- 4. **Additional Business.** There was no additional business.
- 5. **Adjournment.** The videoconference ended at 4 p.m. Eastern.

Council Chair: Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College.
Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance and Member Services
Jeff Myers, Division III Governance and Member Services
Bill Regan, Division III Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:
David Bushman, Bridgewater College (VA)
Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College.
Alberto Cardelle, State University of New York at Oneonta
Hiram Chodosh, Claremont Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Bryan Coker, Maryville College
Debbie Cottrell, Texas Lutheran University
Gary Crosby, Saint Elizabeth University
Suzanne Davis, Greenville University
Connor Dong, University of Chicago
Katherine Frank, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Holly Hall, Alma College
Julia Jasken, McDaniel College
Marisa Kelly, Suffolk University
Lake Lambert III, Hanover College
Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury University
Andrew Manion, Edgewood University
Andrew Martin, Washington University, St. Louis
Steven Mauro, Alfred State University
Milton Moreland, Centre College
Raymond Rice, University of Maine at Presque Isle
Jim Troha, Juniata College.
Adam Weinberg, Denison University
Absentee:
Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran University
Renee Wachter, University of Wisconsin Superior.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Bill Regan
Additional NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.



MEMORANDUM

January 20, 2022

VIA EMAIL

TO:

FROM: Kathleen McNeely
NCAA Sr. Vice President of Administration and
Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: NCAA DII and DIII Revenues and Services per Article 3 of the 2022 NCAA Constitution.

This memo provides more detail than what is included in Article 3 of the 2022 NCAA Constitution as it relates to DII and DIII revenues and services.

Article 3 of the new constitution states, *"Resources will be allocated to the three divisions to provide standard membership services, including championships. Division II will receive 4.37% and Division III will receive 3.18% of all operating revenue sources, as agreed on January 9, 1996.*

All Division II and Division III member schools and conferences shall receive services from the national association. Each division may choose to support additional service needs through their divisional budget. An annual review will be conducted to validate the additional Association service expenses that Divisions II and III pay for directly out of their allocation."

The revenue sources that are the basis for the DII and DIII revenue calculations are based on revenues that existed in 1996. These include television and marketing rights, including sponsorship categories that existed in 1996, ticket and host revenue, membership dues, convention and bowl fees, interest income and realized gains and losses on investments.

The services, as of January 2022, that Division II and Division III member schools and conferences shall receive from the national office include administrative services, catastrophic insurance for student-athletes, championship support, communication activities, education support for membership, inclusion support, governance, health and safety services, regulatory support, legal services, research activities and sports based statistical support.

Eliminating the overhead on services dating back to 1996 resulted in additional revenue for both Division II (\$1.3 million) and Division III (\$1.5 million). If Division II and III add any new services, the specific division will be required to cover the costs to support initiatives created or enhanced following the 2021-22 fiscal year.

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DII AND DIII IN ARTICLE 3 OF THE 2022
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This memo is written with the understanding that as college sports evolves, some services may no longer be necessary, or some services might be best provided by third party vendors instead of national office staff. These changes will be made in consultation with the divisional governing bodies.