

REPORT OF THE NCAA STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE TASK FORCE OCTOBER 14, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Membership Feedback.** Task force members received feedback from various membership constituency groups (e.g., CCACA, FARA, N4A, NAAC, SAAC).
- **2.** NCAA Academic Data. Task force members reviewed data regarding the predictive value of core-course GPA and standardized test scores relative to academic performance in the first year of full-time enrollment for Divisions I and II student-athletes.
- **3. Legal Update.** Task force members received an update regarding the current legal landscape pertaining to standardized test scores and related considerations.
- **4.** Task Force Recommendation. The task force recommended to remove standardized test scores from Divisions I and II initial-eligibility requirements, noting that its recommendation aligns with the trend among NCAA member schools to move away from requiring standardized test scores for admissions.
- **5. Next Steps.** During their meetings in February 2022, the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee will consider the recommendation from the task force (which has completed its charge) and determine whether to propose any changes to initial-eligibility requirements through the legislative process for each division.

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Attendees:

Dr. Jerri Mullins Beggs, Illinois State University.

Brynn Carlson, Kansas State University.

Sylvia Cortes, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Dr. Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University.

Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.

Jeremy Christoffels, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Dr. John E. Davidson, The Ohio State University.

K. Renia Edwards, Mississippi Valley State University.

Ursula Gurney, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

David Haase, University of West Georgia.

Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.

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Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.

Maura Smith, Sun Belt Conference.

Kristy Bannon Sromovsky, Temple University.

Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.

Jessica Harbison Weaver, Pacific West Conference.

Dr. David Kwabena Wilson, Morgan State University.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

Robin Gray.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Michele Babb, Niya Blair, Susan Britsch, Dawn Buth, Shauna Cobb, Matt Davis, Gary deCastro, Dan Grady, Doug Healey, Donna Hedges, Michelle Hosick, Jessica Kerr, Patrick Lichtenstein, Nora Loechel, Felicia Martin, Mike Massa, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Overpeck, Tom Paskus, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Marcos Rivera, Kathy Sulentic and Glenn Terry.