

OPERATING AREA: GOVERNANCE

No. 1 – Maintain a governance and committee structure that provides opportunities for service and leadership, is representative of the membership and represents all Division II constituents through the one school/one vote legislative process at the NCAA Convention.

| Action | Oversight Group(s) | Expected Completion Date | Budget Impact? | Notes |
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| a. Ensure participation in the governance and committee structure from all levels (presidents/chancellors, athletics directors, commissioners, compliance administrators, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, coaches, student-athletes, staff). | Nominating Committee; Management Council; Executive Board. | Ongoing. | No. | Collaborate with the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to enhance the nomination process. |
| b. Review/evaluate the Division II legislative process to ensure efficiency and membership participation, including how legislation/policy changes align with Division II values. | Legislation Committee; Management Council. | Ongoing. | No. | |

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| c. Review/evaluate Convention programming and timing to ensure optimal participation and engagement. | Convention Planning Project Team; Management Council. | Ongoing. | No. | This review should also attempt to determine the length of the Convention. |
| d. Determine new effective communication strategies that ensure transparency in decision-making and strengthen trust. | Management Council; Executive Board. | Ongoing. | No. | |

No. 2 – Ensure a strong student-athlete presence in decision-making at the campus, conference and national levels.

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| a. Review current resources and determine whether changes or enhancements are needed (including exploring potential legislative or policy changes) that would enhance Student-Athlete Advisory Committee structures and procedures at the campus and conference levels. | Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Management Council. | Ongoing. | No. | Division I has adopted several legislative requirements regarding student-athlete engagement in the governance process, and recent survey feedback within Division II indicates some support for a similar approach. |

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| <p>b. Study whether to implement a system similar to the Connection Program that would include campus and conference SAAC advisors.</p> | <p>Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Management Council.</p> | <p>Ongoing.</p> | <p>No.</p> | |
| <p>c. Review/evaluate the SAAC super region conventions to consider whether enhancements and/or changes are necessary.</p> | <p>Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.</p> | <p>Ongoing.</p> | <p>No.</p> | |