

**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
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.	

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

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