

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY GROUP
JANUARY 15, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS

- **Review of Division I proposal 2018-66.** Division I Proposal 2018-66 amends Division I Bylaw 14.2.1.3 to allow student-athletes enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of study in the final semester or quarter prior to graduation to practice and compete if they are enrolled in a minor or undergraduate certificate program. The Division III Faculty Athletics Representatives Advisory Group was asked by NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff for its opinion on the appropriateness of this bylaw for Division III.

Currently, Division III Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6 provides an exception for student-athletes who are enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of study in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate or graduate program. These student-athletes are permitted to practice and compete provided the institution certifies that the student is carrying the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. Amending Division III Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6 in the same way Division I amended Bylaw 14.2.1.3 would expand the exception to include enrollment in a minor or undergraduate certificate program.

The Advisory Group agreed this concept would be appropriate for Division III. The group noted the increasing prevalence of undergraduate certificate programs at colleges and universities across the country and the opportunities these programs provide students to further their education and build stronger job resumes and portfolios. This amendment represents permissive legislation where the decision to pursue a minor or undergraduate certificate is made by the student-athlete. From a compliance perspective, the group viewed this amendment as a means to simplify the process of determining academic eligibility within a narrow set of circumstances.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of report from December 12, 2019 teleconference.** The report was approved.

2. Other Business.

Chuck Brown extended an invitation to all Advisory Group members to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association reception at the NCAA convention on Friday January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Marriott Grand Ballroom E.

3. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Eric Hartung, Research

NCAA DIVISION III FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP December 12, 2019	
Attendees	Absentees
Kurt Beron, University of Texas, Dallas	
Hope Bussenius, Emory University	
Charles Brown, Penn State, Behrend	
Judy Hopp, University of Wisconsin, Stout	
Mike Litz, Penn State, Abington	
Wanda Rutledge, New Jersey City University	
Mike Snyder, Illinois College	
Kim Wenger, Northwest Conference	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung	