

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE  
ADVISORY GROUP  
JUNE 9, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Charles Brown highlighted four items from the NCAA Division III Presidents and Management Councils Summary of Spring 2020 Quarterly Meetings: 1) the affirmation by the Division III Management Council that the consideration of athletics participation in financial aid endowments is prohibited, 2) a change to the policies and procedures of the Division III Nominating Committee to reduce the time frame for eligible nominees to be maintained for committee service from two-years to 12-months, 3) the Academic and Membership Affairs interpretive Q&A document that addresses legislative actions in relation to COVID-19; and 4) the Sport Science Institute and Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports reminder to institutions of its legislative responsibility and obligation to provide medical care and coverage for its own student-athletes who are participating in sanctioned athletic activities, regardless of whether the events are occurring on campus or at another location.
2. **Approval of report from March 10, 2020 teleconference.** The report was approved.
3. **The Impact of COVID-19 on Division III Campuses: Resocialization of Sport.** Multiple advisory group members shared accounts of the circumstances and plans related to the resocialization of students and student-athletes on their campuses. The following themes were noted:
  - The level of faculty engagement in the planning process and the willingness of faculty to return to campus varies by institution.
  - Multiple models of instruction are under consideration.
  - While the institutions represented are expecting a return to campus on-time this Fall, there was a clear expression of uncertainty.
  - Several issues were cited related to the resocialization of sport including policies related to travel for off-campus competition, proper management of visiting teams, appropriate sports medicine protocols, adequacy of sports medicine facilities and alignment between policies for intercollegiate athletics and the institution broadly.

4. **The Impact of COVID-19 on Division III Campuses: Recent Actions by the Division III Administrative Committee.** The group noted appreciation for the approval of a blanket waiver to reduce the minimum number of contests required for sports sponsorship and championships eligibility by 33 percent. The reduction has a potentially positive impact on academics in that it may reduce the amount of missed class time due to competition and may result in an appropriate balance of academics and athletics during what is sure to be a unique academic year marked by uncertainty and alternate academic calendars.
5. **Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Considerations for Division III.** Without time for a robust discussion of the topic, various resources were identified to prepare for the next meeting: 1) an upcoming NCAA Regional Rules Seminar session, 2) a potential upcoming webinar sponsored by the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association, 3) findings from the current NIL survey of the Division III membership; and 4) online documents available on ncaa.org.
6. **Other Business.** It was noted that the next quarterly meeting will be held September 8, 2020 at 2 p.m. Eastern and conducted via videoconference.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*Advisory Group Chair: Charles Brown, Penn State, Behrend*

*Staff Liaison: Eric Hartung, Research*

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| <b>Attendees</b>  | <b>Absentees</b> |
| 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  |                  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>  |                  |
| Eric Hartung, Louise McCleary   |                  |