



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of report from June 8, 2021, videoconference.** The report was reviewed and approved.
2. **Determination of the FAR Advisory Group position on Division III Proposal 2022-3 – Criteria for Determining a Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Participation – Only Competition Triggering Use of a Season.** The Advisory Group voted to support this membership-sponsored proposal. Redefining a season of eligibility from a practice opportunity to a competition opportunity allows for a student-athlete to practice, but not compete, while maintaining four years of eligibility. The group noted this proposal does not extend the 10-semester, or 15-quarter, limit to complete the four years of eligibility. The group cited the following rationale:
 - a. National completion rates for college students indicate the average amount of time to complete an undergraduate degree is beyond four years. The opportunity for student-athletes to continue to compete in athletics in their fifth year of enrollment fits with this model.
 - b. Allowing student-athletes to compete beyond their fourth year of enrollment:
 - (1) Potentially creates more opportunity for internships, cooperative learning, study-abroad, double-majors, minors and certificate programs.
 - (2) Provides flexibility for varying student learning styles.
 - (3) Allows for the transition to college with an educational and well-being focus.
 - c. The group acknowledged the financial obligation for a student-athlete who would choose to extend their enrollment beyond four years. The group noted the permissive nature of the proposed legislation and the obligation of campus athletics and admissions departments to provide clear communication and resources to prospective students about the opportunity.
3. **Update on the NCAA Constitution Committee.** Louise McCleary, Interim Vice-President for Division III, provided the group an update on the work of the NCAA

Constitution Committee noting the committee's scope of work, membership and timeline of activities.

Advisory Group Chair: Hope Bussenius, Emory University, University Athletic Association
Staff Liaison: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance

NCAA Division III Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group September 7, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kurt Beron, University of Texas at Dallas, American Southwest Conference.	
Charles Brown, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College; Allegheny Mountain College Conference.	
Hope Bussenius, Emory University, University Athletic Association.	
Judy Hopp, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Hunter Nash, Alma College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Mike Snyder, Pacific Lutheran University, Northwest Conference.	
Kim Wenger, Northwest Conference.	
Absentees:	
Wanda Rutledge, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung and Louise McCleary	