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Title: Proposal No. 2014-19 (No. 2-16) Path to Graduation -- Transfer Regulations -- Two-Year

College Transfers (II)

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Question No. 1: Does the proposal provide an institution with an opportunity to file a waiver if a student-athlete does not satisfy two-year college transfer requirements due to extenuating circumstances?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 2: What entity will review two-year college transfer waiver requests?

<u>Answer</u>: The authority to review two-year college transfer waivers will transition from the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief to the Academic Requirements Committee.

Scenario No. 1 -- Graduated from the Two-Year College.

Question No. 1: Is a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college required to earn at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements at the two-year college awarding the degree?

Answer: Yes.

<u>Question No. 2</u>: If Proposal No. 2014-16 is adopted, will a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college be required to earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours in his or her last full-time term to be immediately eligible for competition?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: Is a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college required to be enrolled full time in the two-year college in his or her last term to be eligible at the time of transfer?

Answer: No.



<u>Question No. 4</u>: Is a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college required to have a minimum transferable grade-point average?

Answer: No.

Question No. 5: Is a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college required to have a minimum number of transferable credit hours?

Answer: No.

<u>Question No. 6</u>: Is a transfer student who graduates from a two-year college required to satisfy the transferable English, math, or science credit requirements?

Answer: No.

Question No. 7: If a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete uses the exception for graduation after one semester or quarter (Bylaw 14.5.4.2.5 - exception - previous four-year college attendance - graduation after one semester), do at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student-athlete's academic degree requirements have to be earned at the two-year college awarding the degree?

Answer: No.

Scenario No. 2 -- Two-year college transfer student who was a qualifier with no four-year attendance and ONLY one full-time semester/quarter at the two-year institution.

Question No. 1: Is it permissible to certify a transfer student who attended a two-year college for two quarters using these requirements?

Answer: No.

Question No. 2: May credit hours earned during a part-time term be used in determining whether a transfer student meets the transferable-credit requirement?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: What is the impact on a qualifier with only one term of attendance at the two-year college who does not satisfy the requirements of the proposal?

<u>Answer</u>: The transfer student may practice and receive athletics aid, but may not compete, at the certifying institution during his or her first academic year of residence.



Question No. 4: If Proposal No. 2014-16 is adopted, is a qualifier who attends a two-year college for only one term required to earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours during his or her one full-time term of attendance?

Answer: Yes.

Proposed Change No. 1: A transfer student who does not graduate from the two-year institution must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.200 to be eligible for competition.

Question No. 1: How is the 2.200 transferable grade-point average calculated?

<u>Answer</u>: Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the cumulative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation (Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2 - calculation of grade-point average for transferable credit).

Proposed Change No. 2: A transfer student who does not graduate from the two-year institution is limited to two physical education activity credit hours to satisfy the transferable-credit and grade-point average requirements.

Question No. 1: What constitutes a physical education activity course?

<u>Answer</u>: The certifying institution determines whether a course is considered a physical education activity course based on institutional policy for all students.

<u>Question No. 2</u>: Is a physical education course with a PE prefix automatically considered a physical education activity course?

<u>Answer</u>: No. The certifying institution determines whether a course is considered a physical education activity course based on institutional policy for all students.

Question No. 3: Is there an exception to the limit on physical education activity credits for a transfer student who declares physical education as his or her major at the Division II institution?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes. A student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.



Scenario No. 3 -- All other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers.

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Proposed Change No. 2: Two-year college transfers who do not graduate from the two-year institution or who are not qualifiers that attended the two-year college for one term, are required to earn three-semester or four-quarter hours of transferable natural or physical science.

<u>Question No. 1</u>: May social science credit hours be used by a transfer student to satisfy the transferable science requirement?

Answer: No.

Question No. 2: Do the natural or physical science credits have to transfer into the certifying institution as science credits?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes. In order to satisfy the transferrable science credit-hour requirement, the credits earned at the two-year institution must transfer to the certifying institution as specific science credit, regardless of how the courses are identified on the two-year college transcript.



<u>Question No. 3</u>: Will the transferrable natural or physical science credits need to be applicable to a specific degree program?

<u>Answer</u>: No. The transferrable science credits shall be applicable to any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution; however, the hours must be transferred to the certifying institution as science credits.

<u>Question No. 4</u>: If the certifying institution accepts the natural or physical science coursework completed at the two-year college, can the credits be designated as elective coursework in the student-athlete's baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution?

<u>Answer:</u> The certifying institution has discretion as to how the coursework is designated in the student-athlete's degree program.

Question No. 5: May remedial credit hours be used to satisfy the transferable science requirement?

Answer: No.

<u>Question No. 6</u>: In addition to the transferable natural or physical science requirement, will qualifiers be required to earn six-semester/eight-quarter hours of transferable English and three-semester/four-quarter-hours of transferable math?

Answer: Yes.

<u>Question No. 7</u>: Will an institution have the opportunity to file a waiver if the certifying institution does not accept any natural or physical science coursework completed at the two-year college?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes. If the proposal is adopted, the Academic Requirements Committee will assume the authority to review such waiver requests.

Question No. 8: Can credits earned at any institution be used to meet these credit-hour requirements?

<u>Answer</u>: A transfer student from a two-year college who has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student may use transferable natural or physical science credits earned while enrolled at the four-year institution.

Question No. 9: Is a two-year college transfer student, who graduates from the two-year college or who is a qualifier that only attended the two-year college for one term required to meet the natural or physical science requirement?



Answer: No.

Proposed Change No. 3: A transfer student who does not graduate from the two-year institution must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.200 to be eligible for competition.

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If Proposal No. 2014-16 is adopted, a transfer student must earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours in his or her last full-time term of attendance to be eligible for competition.

<u>Question No. 1</u>: Is a transfer student who does not earn nine-semester/eight-quarter credit hours of transferable degree credit, but who meets all other transfer requirements, required to serve an academic year in residence at the time of transfer to the certifying institution?

<u>Answer</u>: No. A transfer student who meets all transfer requirements, but does not satisfy the nine-semester/eight-quarter hour requirement may become eligible after one full-time term at the certifying institution, provided the individual earns nine-semester/eight-quarter hours in that term and satisfies all other institutional, conference and NCAA eligibility requirements.

Question No. 2: Is a transfer student who earns an Associate of Arts degree required to satisfy the nine-semester/eight-quarter hour requirement?

Answer: Yes.

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