

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DIVISION I ADMINISTRATION CABINET
JUNE 29, 2011, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Annual Review/Advancement of Provisional/Reclassifying Members.** The cabinet reviewed the progress of all 10 institutions currently in the process of reclassifying their sports programs to Division I active status. Specifically, the group reviewed the annual reports and updated strategic plans for all reclassifying and provisional members and focused on whether such institutions were meeting all applicable legislative requirements and were responsive to feedback provided to the institution the previous year by the cabinet. The cabinet agreed to recommend to the Division I Board of Directors that Florida Gulf Coast University, Houston Baptist University, University of North Carolina Central and University of South Carolina, Upstate, be elected to active Division I membership status.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- Multidivisional Reclassification – Opposite Gender -- NCAA Bylaw 20.4.1.2. The cabinet engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the application of new Proposal No. 2010-100 and the elimination of multidivisional reclassification and recommended that the Division I Leadership Council consider sponsoring legislation to permit current non-Division I institutions with a sport (other than football and basketball) classified in Division I for only one gender to seek reclassification of one Division I sport of the opposite gender. The cabinet directed the staff to develop information outlining potential issues that merit discussion related to this topic.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- Annual Review/Advancement of Provisional/Reclassifying Members. The cabinet reviewed the progress of all 10 institutions currently in the process of reclassifying their sports programs to Division I active status. The cabinet agreed to recommend to the Division I Board of Directors that Florida Gulf Coast University, Houston Baptist University, University of North Carolina Central and University of South Carolina, Upstate, be elected to active Division I membership status.

INFORMATION ITEMS.

1. Governance Updates.

- a. Reports of the Administration Cabinet. The cabinet approved the report of the February 9-10, 2011, Administration Cabinet meeting and the interim actions of the Administrative Committee of the Administration Cabinet.
- b. Governance Reports. In keeping with Division I's efforts to enhance the level of governance communication and develop a more coordinated governance agenda, the cabinet received status reports from the Communications and Coordination Committee, the Board of Directors, the Leadership Council and the Legislative Council.

2. Issues pertaining to Division I membership.

- a. Annual Review/Advancement of Provisional/Reclassifying Members – Review of Updated Strategic Plans and Annual Reports. The cabinet reviewed the progress of all 10 institutions currently in the process of reclassifying their sports programs to Division I active status. Specifically, the group reviewed the annual reports and updated strategic plans for all reclassifying and provisional members and focused on whether such institutions were meeting all applicable legislative requirements and were responsive to feedback provided to the institution the previous year by the cabinet. The cabinet advanced the following institutions to the next year of the membership reclassification process:
 - (1) Reclassifying Membership [Division II to Division I].
 - Year Four – Bryant University, University of North Dakota, Seattle University, University of South Dakota and Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
 - (2) Deferrals. The cabinet deferred any decision to advance Presbyterian College to Year Four until such time as it has the opportunity to review additional requested information.
- b. New Reclassifying Members. The cabinet accepted new applications and initial strategic plans for the following four members to begin the reclassification process:
 - (1) Division II to Division I – University of Nebraska, Omaha.

- (2) Football Championship Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, University of South Alabama and Texas State University, San Marcos.
 - c. Request from the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics. The cabinet declined a request from the Committee on Women’s Athletics to sponsor legislation to require reclassifying members to send a senior level administrative official to attend the Gender Equity and Issues Forum during at least one year of the reclassification process. The cabinet noted that reclassifying institutions currently are subject to a review of its gender equity policies/issues as part of the athletics certification process, which must be successfully completed as a prerequisite to advancement to active status. Further, it was noted that compliance with gender equity is an Association-wide matter and not just directly tied to the membership reclassification process. Thus, although the cabinet noted the importance of attending the forum, it believed the attendance should be a best practice recommendation as opposed to a legislative requirement.
 - d. Waiver of Minimum Contest and Participants Requirements – Bylaw 20.9.4.3.8.1. The cabinet denied a request from Chicago State University to waive the minimum contest and participants requirements per Bylaw 20.9.4.3.8.1 for the 2010-11 academic year.
 - e. Multidivisional Membership-Compliance Review Requirement -- Bylaw 20.4.4. The cabinet directed the staff to develop for its consideration potential penalties for a multidivisional institution that fails to meet the legislative deadline (i.e., once every four years) for conducting the compliance review. The cabinet agreed to further review this issue at its September meeting with the intent of sponsoring legislation to address the matter.
- 3. Administration Cabinet Policies and Procedures Manual.** The cabinet reviewed a draft of its formal policies and operating procedures. The cabinet recommended a few minor revisions and asked that staff distribute a copy for final review and approval once the revisions have been made.
- 4. Committee Appointments.**
- Committee Nominations. The cabinet approved appointments to 11 Division I and Association-wide committees. A list of the appointments and reappointments is attached.

- 5. Review of NCAA Bylaw 21.** The cabinet reviewed a recommendation from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff and agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle that would eliminate Bylaw 21 in its entirety from the NCAA Division I Manual and move the provisions to a committee handbook, which would be overseen and maintained by the Administration Cabinet with the assistance of the staff. The cabinet noted the high ratio of proposals sponsored related to the committee structure that have been adopted by an overwhelming margin in the past decade, many of them as noncontroversial legislation. The cabinet also noted that any legislative change will not impact the cabinet's role in the committee appointment process. Further, such a proposal would need to be approved in Divisions II and III as it would affect Association-wide and common committees.

- 6. Results of Governance Assessment Surveys.** As part of an assessment plan to determine if the new structure is achieving its stated goals and objectives, the cabinet reviewed responses to surveys administered to three groups within the Division I membership. The cabinet noted that the results may pose more questions than answers. The cabinet asked that staff compile additional information from the individual comments provided and provide a presentation to the cabinet at its September meeting.

- 7. Election of New Chair.** The cabinet elected Bill Chaves, director of athletics at Eastern Washington University representing the Big Sky Conference, to serve as chair of the cabinet.

Cabinet chair: Rob Halvaks, Big West Conference
Cabinet liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, Division I governance
Steve Mallonee, academic and membership affairs
Dave Schnase, academic and membership affairs
Sharon Tufano, governance

**NCAA DIVISION I ADMINISTRATION CABINET
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
JUNE 29, 2011**

Committee appointments are effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

Division I Committee on Athletics Certification (immediate vacancy)

- Fred Washington, director of athletics, Prairie View A&M University, Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee (immediate vacancy)

- Robert Mullens, director of athletics, University of Oregon, Pacific-10 Conference.

Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee (immediate vacancy)

- Mary Taylor-Cowles, head women's basketball coach, Western Kentucky University, Sun Belt Conference.

Division I Initial Eligibility Waivers Committee (five immediate vacancies)

- Adam Creasy, academic counselor/learning specialist, University of Texas at Austin, Big 12 Conference.
- Kimya Massey, assistant director for academic services, University of Memphis, Conference USA.
- Scott Swain, assistant director/special needs program, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Southeastern Conference.
- Susan Bradley, senior admissions assistant, Mississippi State University, Southeastern Conference.
- Brian Baptiste, assistant director of athletics for compliance, University of Delaware, Colonial Athletic Association.

Men's and Women's Fencing Committee (one immediate and one September vacancy)

- George Nelson, associate director of athletics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Mountain West Conference (September vacancy).
- Division III will fill the immediate vacancy.

Men's and Women's Rifle Committee (one immediate and one September vacancy)

- Eric Ruden, deputy director of athletics, U.S. Naval Academy, Patriot League (immediate vacancy).
- The cabinet supported the appointment of Mike Greene, head rifle coach, Columbus State University (Division II). This recommendation will be forwarded to Division II for approval.

Division I Men's Soccer Committee (three vacancies)

- John Kerr, head men's soccer coach, Duke University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Ray Reid, head men's soccer coach, University of Connecticut, Big East Conference.
- Thomas Buning, senior associate director of athletics, Southern Methodist University, Conference USA.

Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee (four vacancies)

- Reappoint Tim Cass, senior associate director of athletics, University of New Mexico, Mountain West Conference (men's interests).
- Appoint Tad Berkowitz, head tennis coach, University of Arizona, Pacific-10 Conference (men's interests).
- Re-advertise women's interests – Central and Southwest regions.

Division I Women's Volleyball Committee (one vacancy)

- Lynn Wheeler, associate director of athletics, University of Texas at Austin, Big 12 Conference.

Men's Water Polo Committee (two vacancies)

- Re-advertise for additional nominations.

Football Rules Committee (immediate vacancy)

- Bret Bielema, head football coach, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Big Ten Conference.

Women's Ice Hockey Committee (immediate vacancy)

- Rick Seeley, head women's ice hockey coach, Quinnipiac University, Northeast Conference.