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Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, was not able to attend. Carrie Coll, associate commissioner at the Mountain West Conference, attended as an alternate. The Mountain West Conference will select a permanent member in time for the June meeting.

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS/SPORTS MANAGEMENT CABINET
FEBRUARY 16, 2010, MEETING**

The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet submits this report from its February 16, 2010, in-person meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Cabinet Review of NCAA Bylaws 17 and 31.** The cabinet continued its discussion of possible cost-reduction recommendations related to the administration of championships and playing and practice seasons. In September 2009, the cabinet identified potential areas of modification that would lead to institutional cost-reductions. During the February 2010 meeting, the cabinet reviewed the concepts identified in September and, discussed the pros, cons, student-athlete impact, estimated financial impact and any necessary legislative or policy changes that would result from the modifications.

The concepts that were identified for future discussion will be discussed at the cabinet's June 2010 meeting. Cabinet members agreed to solicit feedback from their campuses and conferences for review at its June 2010 meeting. In addition to concepts that would require a legislative or cabinet policy change, cabinet members were asked to identify cost-reduction initiatives that have been implemented on their campus or within their conference. NCAA staff will compile a list of best practices to accompany any recommended legislative or policy changes.

Finally, it was noted that fiscal management is an ongoing responsibility of the cabinet and cost reductions and revenue generation will be consistent themes during future discussions.

The following concepts have been identified for further discussion:

- a. Prohibit hotel accommodations on the night before home contests-NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).
- b. Prohibit hotel accommodations on the night before home contests [all sports other than Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) football.]
- c. Reduce the number of practice opportunities in all sports (number to be determined after discussion with key stakeholders.)
- d. Reduce to 21 the number of practice opportunities in all sports.
- e. Reduce preseason practice opportunities in volleyball to 21.
- f. Count preseason Sundays when calculating preseason practice opportunities.

- g. Eliminate travel for preseason practice.
- h. Evaluate all exceptions to the 48/36 hour rule.
- i. Reduce total competitions in all sports.
- j. Establish one number for total competitions.
- k. Reduce length of season and number of contests in ice hockey.
- l. Reduce contests in all nonchampionship segments.
- m. No overnight travel for nonchampionship segments.
- n. No missed class time for nonchampionship segments.
- o. Consider eliminating travel for practice during official vacation period.
- p. Evaluate the number of complimentary tickets student-athletes are permitted to receive.

The cabinet agreed that the following concepts do not warrant additional discussion at this time:

- a. Prohibit hotel accommodations on the night before home contests-FBS.
 - b. Eliminate all exceptions to the 48/36 hour rule.
 - c. Reduce to 18 the number of practice opportunities in all sports.
 - d. Eliminate contests in all nonchampionship segments.
 - e. Increase travel mileage limitation to 400 miles for championships travel in all sports.
2. **Women's Rowing - Automatic Qualification (AQ).** The cabinet decided to delay automatic qualification in women's rowing until 2013. The cabinet also discussed the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Committee's recommendation that a play-in be held when the number of automatic qualification-eligible conferences exceeds 50 percent of the bracket. The cabinet did not dispute that a play-in might be the most equitable way to

handle automatic qualification when the number of eligible conferences exceeds 50 percent of the bracket; however, the cabinet expressed concern related to the expense that would accompany a play-in, whether the expense is incurred by a small number of institutions or ultimately by the NCAA.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Cabinet Chair.**

- (1) Recommendation. That Judy Rose, director of athletics, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, be appointed chair effective immediately.
- (2) Rationale. Ms. Rose has been serving as the interim chair for the past two cabinet meetings and currently serves as the director of athletics at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. She is a veteran and accomplished leader in intercollegiate athletics.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee (Bylaw 21.7.5.5.3.15).** The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle that would amend the legislative requirements of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee to specify that the Men's Ice Hockey Committee be comprised of one representative from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification into the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

Starting with the 2010-11 academic year, effective August 1, 2011, there will be five ice hockey conferences that will be eligible to receive automatic qualification into the Men's Ice Hockey Championship. College Hockey America will cease to exist after the 2010 championship. Currently, the Men's Ice Hockey Committee is comprised of "one member from each of the six ice hockey conferences". This amendment would continue to give each conference equal representation on the Men's Ice Hockey Committee and rather than specify a particular number of conferences, the proposed change is designed to account for any possible future conference changes without the need to modify the legislation.

2. **Permissible Callers. Exceptions – Sports Medicine Staff.** The cabinet declined to support the recommendation of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to sponsor legislation that would add physicians and athletics trainers to the list of individuals who may return telephone calls from prospective student-athletes prior to their signing of a National Letter of Intent, provided the calls relate to advice on medical issues. The cabinet expressed concerns about liability to the institution if institutional staff members provide medical advice to prospective student-athletes they have not sufficiently evaluated. Further, the cabinet believes it is more appropriate for trainers and physicians to focus on the care of currently enrolled student-athletes.

3. **Sand Volleyball Update.** The cabinet received an update on recent actions taken to retain sand volleyball as an emerging sport for women and to delay the effective date of adding the sport to the list of emerging sports until August 1, 2011. At present, the American Volleyball Coaches Association is collecting feedback from key stakeholders on issues raised within the membership over the last year (e.g., playing seasons, scholarships, coaching limits) in an attempt to develop concepts for implementing the structure of the sport. The cabinet anticipates reviewing concepts related to the sport's playing and practice season at a future meeting. Cabinet members were encouraged to send any feedback they might have to NCAA staff.

NONLEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Report from the September 15-16, 2009, in-person meeting.** The report from the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's September 15-16, 2009, in-person meeting was approved as previously distributed.

2. Report of the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee.

a. Track and Field.

- (1) Championships Format. The Administrative Committee reported that it received communication from the FCS/Division I conference commissioners. The commissioners have been working on developing alternative championships formats that satisfy the goals of providing appropriate access, efficient event management and fiscal responsibility. It was noted that the information would be shared next with the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.
- (2) Appeals. The Administrative Committee considered two appeals. One appeal was from an institution requesting that an administrative fine imposed by the Track and Field Committee be reduced. Based on the facts of this case, the Administrative Committee upheld the fine. In the second appeal, an institution asked that it receive a waiver of the deadline to declare track and field as a varsity sport. The Administrative Committee granted the appeal and noted that the institution would be fined \$150 pursuant to NCAA legislation inasmuch as this was the second time the institution missed the deadline.

b. Sportsmanship in Men's and Women's Soccer.

- The Administrative Committee was informed of the NCAA's efforts to improve sportsmanship in men's and women's soccer. A group of divisional and sport related leaders met in conjunction with the 2010 NCAA Convention and outlined a draft plan to address the issue. Among other initiatives, the plan calls for implementing the RESPECT Campaign tailored to meet the needs of men's and women's soccer. Various groups within the NCAA governance structure will be engaged in further discussion. The full cabinet discussed the sportsmanship challenges and directed NCAA staff to include on the agenda discussion related to official and player conduct, as well as fan behavior of those seated near the goalie.

c. Championships Tickets.

- The Administrative Committee received a report on NCAA strategies related to increasing attendance at championships.

- 3. Cabinet Vice Chair and Administrative Committee Appointment.** The cabinet appointed Jane Miller, senior associate director of athletics, University of Virginia, as vice chair. In addition, Jim Fallis, director of athletics, Northern Arizona University, was appointed to the Administrative Committee.
- 4. NCAA Financial Update.** The cabinet received a report from Keith Martin, NCAA Interim Chief Financial Officer. It was reported that the NCAA Executive Committee Finance Committee is employing a conservative approach as a result of the current economy and short-term nature of the NCAA's television contract. The NCAA will maintain \$5 million in budget reductions identified for 2009-2010, set aside approximately \$2 million in reserves for supplemental distribution in the 2009-2010 budget, and suspend membership dues for one year. For fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12, approximately 96 percent of the budget has been allocated to revenue distribution (\$36.7 million). Less than one percent has been allocated to Division I championships and programs.
- 5. Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.**

 - a. Women's Rowing Committee.**

 - Individual boat awards. The cabinet agreed to permit the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Committee to continue to award individual boat awards for the NCAA Championships. NCAA staff was directed to provide a comprehensive review of championships awards in all sports for the cabinet's review at a future meeting.
 - b. Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.**

 - Participant cap in new qualifying format. The cabinet approved a recommendation effective immediately from the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee that the format for the outdoor track and field championships allow for a standard maximum field size of 24 in all events, including relays. This change will place an equal emphasis on the participation and scoring opportunities for individual and relay events. It was noted that this change likely will not result in an increase in field size or budget.

- 6. Report of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS).** The cabinet received updates on informational items including actions taken by the CSMAS related to the treatment of concussions and recommendations CSMAS made to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) on the treatment of concussions. Jim Fallis, who serves as one of the cabinet's members of PROP reported that PROP supports the effort of CSMAS to address some of the challenges surrounding concussions. Members of PROP believe that PROP's authority extends only to the management of competition and rules of play and not to medical treatment. PROP directed rules committees to ensure that their rules permit play stoppage to allow medical staff to treat concussions and to include concussion education in their educational videos at the next opportunity.
- 7. Informational Reports.** The cabinet received informational reports from the following committees: Olympic Sports Liaison, Baseball, Football, and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
- 8. Review of Automatic Qualification Process.** Steve Mallonee from the NCAA staff presented an overview of the evolution of NCAA automatic qualification standards, including a summary of current requirements and potential revisions to the membership standards.
- 9. SLOT Analysis.** The championships staff presented preliminary results of feedback from the cabinet (on behalf of their institutions and conferences) with respect to the prioritization and any areas for improvement related to eight core components of championships. The presentation outlined the most commonly noted suggestions/ observations in the areas of strengths, limitations, opportunities and threats. It was noted that the championships staff would engage in further review of this information, in addition to leading the sports committees through a sport specific SLOT analysis. The championships staff will plan to report additional findings to the cabinet at a future meeting.
- 10. Championships Travel Trends.** The championships staff reported observations with respect to championships travel through the recently completed fall season. Preliminary costs appear to be in line with the budget. A review of total team flights taken for fall sports over the past five years in both men and women's sports was presented. It was noted that the number of charter flights was up slightly, with the overall cost of charter flights down slightly. Over the last three years, the average per-trip cost of charter flights has steadily declined. This is due to a number of factors; however, most of them are

outside of the NCAA's control. Charter travel continues to be a more expensive mode of transportation. During the fall, the travel staff noted that capacity limitations on commercial flights were noticeable and this will be monitored closely in the future.

11. Committee Chair Appointments.

- The cabinet appointed Marilyn McNeil, director of athletics at Monmouth University, as the Women's Basketball Committee chair effective September 1, 2010.

12. Site Selection. The cabinet approved the following sites for the quarter finals of the 2011 Men's Lacrosse Championship: Foxborough, Massachusetts and Hempstead, New York; and Harvard University and Hofstra University will serve as the respective hosts for the competition to be conducted at Gillette Stadium and Shuart Stadium.

Committee Chair: Judy Rose, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Staff Liaisons: Joni Comstock, Championships

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