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Sherri Booker, Atlantic Sun Conference  
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Kenneth Casavant, Washington State University  
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Shelley Davis, Southwestern Athletic Conference  
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Kris Richardson, NCAA  
Dave Schnase, NCAA

Rosemary A. Shea, College of Holy Cross, was not able to participate in the teleconference. Darlene Gordon, Patriot League, participated as her alternate.

Karen Morrison, NCAA and Greg Shaheen, NCAA participated in a portion of the teleconference to make presentations.

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**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Track and Field.** The cabinet reviewed and preliminarily discussed a letter from the Big 12 Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives requesting that the cabinet at its September meeting vote on whether to eliminate track and field regionals. The cabinet also reviewed information from the NCAA GOALS study and a letter from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and agreed to continue discussion on the topic during the September 2011 meeting.
  
2. **NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee.**
  - a. Date Standardization. The cabinet approved a recommendation that, effective with the 2012 championship, the date formula for the Women's College Cup be standardized so that the Women's College Cup will occur the first weekend in December, and if December 1 is a Saturday that will count as the first weekend with competition taking place on Friday and Sunday. The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee believes that the championship should occur at the same time each year and a week prior to the Men's College Cup.
  
  - b. Championship Format. The cabinet approved a recommendation that the 1-1-2-2 championship format approved in June, 2010 be changed to a 1-2-1-2 format, effective with the 2011 championship.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - **None.**
  
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
  - **None.**

**LEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle on the following items:**

- a. NCAA Bylaw 17.3.2.2 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – Preseason Practice – On Court Practice – Elimination of 5 p.m. Start Time on First Permissible Practice Date. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle to eliminate, in the sport of women's basketball, the requirement that on-court preseason basketball practice sessions may not start before 5 p.m. on the first permissible practice date. This would be effective August 1, 2012.
- b. Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Other Competition. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle to allow institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to attend two national team tryouts, effective August 1, 2012.
- c. Inclusion of World University Championships in Select Bylaws. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle to modify Bylaws 12.1.2.4.13 (commemorative items for student-athlete participating on Olympic Games, World University Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events), 12.5.1.9 (Olympic, Pam American, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games), 13.1.7.18 (coaches' attendance at elite international events), 14.1.8.3.3 (Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World Youth Championships – Competition), 14.2.3.2.1.1 (exception – national or international competition), 14.2.3.2.1.1 (exception – Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games Participation), 14.2.3.2.2 (exception – Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games participation), 14.4.3.6 (waivers of progress-toward-degree rule), 14.7.3 (exceptions – all sports) and 16.8.1.3 (other competition) to also reference the World University Championships. This would be effective August 1, 2012.
- d. Bylaw 21.3 – Association-Wide Committees – Rules Committees without Championships Administration Responsibilities. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle to include stand-alone rules committees for the sports of swimming and diving, track and field and cross country, and wrestling, consisting of nine members each (four Division I representatives, two Division II representatives, two Division III representatives and a secretary-rules editor). This proposal requires corresponding changes in Bylaws 21.4 (common committees – committees with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities) and 21.7.5.5.5 (sports committees) and would be effective August 1, 2012.

- e. Bylaw 12.6.1 – Financial Donations from Outside Organizations – Professional Sports Organizations. The cabinet agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2011-12 legislative cycle to specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event (e.g., regular season, conference championship, NCAA championship, other postseason competition), provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such. This would be effective August 1, 2012.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Transgender Student-Athletes.** NCAA staff provided an educational presentation to the cabinet regarding transgender student-athletes. It was noted that staff anticipates that the NCAA Executive Committee will be requested to adopt a policy regarding transgender student-athletes during its August 2011 meeting.
2. **Live Microphones on Coaches.** The cabinet received an update from Greg Shaheen, NCAA interim executive vice president for championships and alliances, regarding the recent discussions on the use of live microphones on coaches. It was noted that as a result of sensitivity to the cabinet's previous comments on this topic and on-going media contract negotiations that no further action will be requested on this topic at this time.
3. **Women's Softball National Invitational Tournament.** The cabinet discussed a request from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association to sponsor legislation that would exempt a women's national invitational tournament in softball. Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Softball Committee, the cabinet agreed not to support a legislative exemption at this time. The cabinet agreed to allow time for further membership discussion and revisit the issue at its September meeting if appropriate.
4. **Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.**
  - a. NCAA Division I Baseball Committee. The cabinet received an informational report that noted the committee's continued study of the possible use of instant replay during the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

- b. Division I Football Championship Committee. The cabinet approved a recommendation, effective for the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship, that the following 10 conferences receive automatic qualification: Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Football Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, The Patriot League, Southern Conference and Southland Conference.

It was noted by the committee that they had received a request for automatic qualification from the Pioneer Football League. Although the Pioneer Football League satisfies the eligibility requirements for automatic qualification, the committee determined that the Pioneer Football League did not merit one of the 10 automatic qualification positions in the bracket based on its review of automatic qualification criteria: (1) nonconference records; (2) strength of nonconference opponents; (3) recent postseason history; and (4) competition against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents.

- c. NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee. The cabinet received an informational report from the Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee as it continues to monitor the current play-in game format considering the continued growth of the sport. It was noted that a total of 11 eligible conferences have applied for automatic qualification to the 2012 championship; thus, an additional play-in game will be necessary. As a result of this informational update, the cabinet has invited the Women's Lacrosse Committee to provide a recommendation to the cabinet for possible consideration at its September 2011 meeting for bracket expansion in addition to the recommendation for an additional play-in game.
- d. NCAA Division I Rowing Committee. The cabinet was updated on the NCAA Division I Rowing Committee's proposal for a play-in opportunity with the addition of automatic qualification in 2013. It was noted that with 11 conferences projected to be eligible for automatic qualification for the 2013 championship, and with the field at 16 teams, the maximum number of automatic qualifications with direct entry into the bracket will be limited to eight. In September, the committee will submit a budget request to pay for the play-in, or at least provide stipends to offset the costs incurred by the teams that participate in the play-in, but do not advance to the championship field. As a result of this informational update, the cabinet has invited the Rowing Committee to provide a recommendation to the cabinet for possible consideration at its September 2011 meeting for bracket expansion in addition to the recommendation of the play-in opportunity.

- e. NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee. The cabinet opposed the recommendation by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee that, effective with the 2011 championship, the criteria for selecting officials would change for all NCAA postseason games to requiring an official to have experience working NCAA soccer matches and that consideration may be given to experience officiating other soccer competition (e.g., Major League Soccer, the US Soccer Federation and Fédération Internationale de Football Association). Currently, an official is required to work a minimum of six regular-season Division I men's soccer games. The cabinet expressed concern that the recommendation did not contain an overall requirement for officiating Division I games (men or women) and that, absent such a requirement, consideration of professional soccer events worked could adversely impact the growth and improvement of men's collegiate soccer officials.
  
- f. NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee. Based on the April 2011 adoption of the noncontroversial legislative exception to NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.7 for men's volleyball, the cabinet approved a recommendation that three of the four postseason bids be filled via automatic qualifiers from the three existing automatic qualification-eligible conferences, and that the remaining bid be granted to an at-large institution. Currently, the NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee grants three automatic qualifications for the four-team bracket – one to each of the three eligible Divisions I and II conferences that sponsor men's volleyball (Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation). It was further noted, effective with the 2011-12 season, that the committee would need to develop play-in criteria should the number of automatic qualifying conferences grow past the current level of three. The cabinet confirmed that if the number of eligible conferences continues to grow, it would invite the committee to submit a play-in plan along with a recommendation for potential bracket expansion.
  
- g. NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball. The cabinet opposed a recommendation by the committee that would have increased the squad size for women's volleyball from 15 to 16 while keeping the official travel party at 22, effective with the 2011 championship. The cabinet noted a concern that roster size would stay at 15 student-athletes.
  
- h. NCAA Men's Water Polo. The cabinet received an informational report from the committee that confirmed that effective with the April 2011 Division I Board of Directors adoption of the noncontroversial legislative exception to Bylaw 31.3.4.7 for men's water polo, the NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee will maintain the

current championship format for the 2012 championship. Further, that the qualifying format will remain with three automatic qualifiers being awarded to the eligible conferences and one at-large qualifier. Additionally, on receipt of this informational report the cabinet invited the Men's Water Polo Committee to provide a recommendation to the cabinet for possible consideration for bracket expansion at its September 2011 meeting.

- i. NCAA Women's Water Polo. The cabinet took no action on the request by the NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee for approval of a new format for team selection to the 2012 championship that would have resulted in approval of all six automatic qualification teams based on the previous year's highest ranked Rating Percentage Index (RPI) conferences and two at-large berths. Even though the committee's recommendation maintained the eight-team tournament field and would have removed an institution's costs of participation in the play-in game, the cabinet expressed concern that there would only be two at-large berths allocated. Therefore, in addition to the format proposed, the cabinet requested that the committee continue to develop a format that would maintain the three at-large berths and submit the recommended formats to the cabinet for review during its September 2011 meeting. It was also noted by the cabinet that the committee give strong consideration to eliminating the deep-water requirement for the play-in pool site so all regular-season host sites could be considered as hosts for the play-in game, potentially reducing expenses for the play-in competition. Additionally, the cabinet extended an invitation to the committee to submit a recommendation for potential bracket expansion during its September 2011 meeting.
- j. Division I Wrestling.
  - (1) Selection Criteria – Minimum Number of Matches at a Weight Class. The cabinet approved a recommendation that, effective with the 2012 Division I Wrestling Championships, each wrestler shall be required to have wrestled a minimum of eight matches at the weight class in which the wrestler intends to compete.
  - (2) Selection Criteria – Bronze Star Consideration. The cabinet approved a recommendation that, effective with the 2012 Wrestling Championships, wrestlers must meet or exceed two or more of the criteria to earn bronze status. The increase from the former requirement of one selection criterion results from the proposed fixed allocation approach by the committee. In fixing 29 allocation positions of the 33 available, the committee now will only consider four remaining positions for at-large

spots for bronze wrestlers. As such, the number of eligible student-athletes for bronze status should be reduced to condense the pool of eligible student-athletes.

(3) Selection Criteria – Pre-allocation Number. The cabinet approved the recommendation that, effective with the 2012 Wrestling Championships, the number of pre-allocated positions per weight class is 29.

k. Informational Reports. In addition to the sport committee reports noted above, the cabinet received informational reports from the following committees: men's basketball issues, football issues, field hockey and softball.

**5. Committee Chair Appointments.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took the following action related to committees (all effective September 1, 2011):

a. Men's Soccer Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Al Albert of the College of William and Mary as chair of the Men's Soccer Committee.

b. Women's Soccer Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Meredith Jenkins of Auburn University as chair of the Women's Soccer Committee.

c. Women's Volleyball Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Diane Turnham of Middle Tennessee State University as chair of the Women's Volleyball Committee.

d. Wrestling Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed David Martin at Oklahoma State University as the chair of the Wrestling Committee.

e. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Muffet McGraw of the University of Notre Dame as the chair of the Women's Basketball Issues Committee.

f. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Dr. Jeffery Anderson of the University of Connecticut as chair of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

- g. NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet appointed Peg Bradley-Doppes of the University of Denver as the chair of the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

**6. Automatic Qualification.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet awarded automatic qualification as follows:

- a. Field Hockey Committee. The 2011 Field Hockey Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference and the Colonial Athletic Association. The play-in games will be the Atlantic 10 Conference at the Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference, the Northeast Conference at the Ivy League and the Patriot League at the Mid-American Conference.
- b. Men's Soccer Committee. The 2011 Men's Soccer Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Northeast Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southern Conference, The Summit League and the West Coast Conference.
- c. Women's Soccer Committee. The 2011 Women's Soccer Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, The Summit League, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.
- d. Women's Volleyball Committee. The 2011 Women's Volleyball Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, The Ivy

League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

**7. Future meeting dates and sites.**

- a. September 13-14, 2011; Hyatt Regency Indianapolis; Indianapolis.
- b. February 15, 2012; University Place; Indianapolis.
- c. June 22, 2012; teleconference.
- d. September 11-12, 2012; TBD, Indianapolis.

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