

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS/SPORTS MANAGEMENT CABINET
FEBRUARY 15, 2012, MEETING**

The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet submits this report from its February 15, 2012, meeting.

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Strategic Direction.** The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee discussed the need for the cabinet to operate on a more strategic level. It was agreed that the Administrative Committee would lead a discussion with the cabinet in June 2012 focusing on enhanced communication, strategic oversight of the groups reporting to the cabinet, best practices for operating in a more fluid governance structure, and strategies for the work of the cabinet and NCAA staff to be as transparent as possible. A discussion document will be shared with the cabinet in advance of the June 2012 meeting.

2. **Championships Financial Reporting.** Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president for championships and alliances, presented an overview of financial data and other key measures of the championships that are being developed. When completed, this enhanced financial information will be shared with the cabinet, sports committees, the membership at-large and the general public to provide greater understanding, transparency and guidance on decision-making relative to the championships. The Administrative Committee reviewed examples of what this data might look like and provided feedback on the reports and data being developed. The information will be shared in the future to assist the cabinet with a deeper understanding of all aspects of the championships.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative Items.**
 - None.

2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Report from the September 13-14, 2011, meeting.** The cabinet report from the September 13-14, 2011, meeting was approved as previously distributed.
2. **Report from recent meetings of the Division I Leadership Council, Division I Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the championships and alliances staff.** The cabinet received the informational reports without taking action.
3. **Report of the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee.**
 - a. **Update on revisions to the bowl certification process.** The cabinet received a summary of the current recommendations from the NCAA Bowl Certification Task Force. It was noted that the task force's initial recommendations are intended to strengthen bowl certification criteria in the areas of bowl governance, sponsorship/advertising, and student-athlete well-being. Additional work will be completed in the areas of postseason bowl eligibility, the "window" during which bowl games would occur, and auditing procedures. The task force will report to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in April 2012 and an additional update will be provided to the cabinet in June 2012.
 - b. **Division I budget process.** Mr. Shaheen and Kathleen McNeely, vice president for administrative services and chief financial officer provided an update on the status of budget requests and prioritization from cabinet. It was noted that the Association is moving to a three-year budget cycle from a two-year budget cycle. In addition, it was reported that the budget requests from the cabinet were advanced for consideration and that any final decisions would likely not occur until June 2012. Staff shared with the Administrative Committee work continues to develop more detailed financial information regarding each championship for more effective planning and resource allocation in the future. Finally, the cabinet reviewed the ongoing Presidential-level discussions regarding the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). The cabinet emphasized the importance that prospective budget impacts include any costs associated with assuring equitable opportunities as a result of any adjustment. The cabinet will monitor the outcome of the ongoing discussions and stands ready to provide assistance as appropriate.
 - c. **Update on work of presidential working groups impacting the cabinet.** The cabinet received a report on the work of the presidential working groups and

discussed the topics that will be of particular interest to the cabinet. It was noted that the cabinet would have an opportunity to provide significant feedback on the work related to playing and practice seasons and the cabinet expressed its desire to begin work in this area as soon as possible. Members of the cabinet were encouraged to provide feedback on all areas currently under review, including enforcement, through the NCAA's website and by participating in focus groups whenever possible.

- (1) NCAA Working Group on Collegiate Model - Resource Allocation. The cabinet noted that in January 2012 the Board of Directors, in response to a recommendation from the Resource Allocation Working Group, adopted a resolution to institute an immediate moratorium to cap the number of contests/dates of competition at the levels that currently exist in all sports; to commission a study to determine the maximum number of contests/dates of competition that is essential to the success of each NCAA sport and examine how basketball contests are counted; and, once the study is completed and the appropriate contest/dates of competition limits are in place for each sport, to keep those limits in place for 10 years.
- (2) NCAA Working Group on Collegiate Model - Enforcement. The cabinet received an update on the Enforcement Working Group's progress with creating a multi-level NCAA rules violation structure, an enhanced penalty structure for NCAA rules infractions and re-establishing a sense of shared responsibility among the interested individuals and entities in intercollegiate athletics. The cabinet also was informed of the Enforcement Working Group's desired outcomes, and timeline for developing and presenting its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Cabinet members were encouraged to provide feedback from their institutions and conferences and were informed of a new website, accessible to the membership via ncaa.org, that contains information about the work of the Enforcement Working Group.

- d. **Administrative Policies.** The staff provided the Administrative Committee with an overview of championship administrative policies that govern deadlines for submission of regular-season results and championships entries, as well as, the corresponding fines structure by sport that is in place for breach of these policies. The Administrative Committee directed the staff to continue its work in refining these policies with the goal of achieving greater consistency across all championships and maintaining the Administrative Committee's preference of holding student-athletes harmless for the negligence of institutions. Furthermore, the Administrative Committee requested that recommendations for adjustment be provided to the full cabinet for review during the June 2012 meeting.

- 4. Report of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS).** The cabinet reviewed the CSMAS's request to support, as noncontroversial legislation, an amendment to NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.9.2.4.1 (exception – “walk-throughs”) to align the language with that of NCAA Division II, which states that student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions occurring that day. The cabinet noted there could be circumstances (e.g., weather, facility scheduling, etc.) that warrant allowing fewer than three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions occurring that day, and referred the issue back to the CSMAS. The cabinet asked the CSMAS to provide statistical or other information demonstrating a need for requiring three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions occurring that day. The cabinet will review the information during its June 2012 meeting.
- 5. Men's soccer officiating selection/assigning.** Staff provided the cabinet with an update on the review that is being conducted related to in-season and post-season men's soccer officiating selections and assignments. It was noted that the group selected to assist the NCAA with conducting this review was comprised of conference administrators who oversee the sport of men's soccer. It was noted that the group's discussions have focused on the following areas: increasing conference office involvement in the overall process; determining an established minimum number of Division I men's games required for an official to be eligible to work in the NCAA tournament; determining that experience as a referee and as an assistant referee should be considered separately; consideration of a waiver provision in emergency or extenuating circumstances such as geographic location of teams; and increasing communication between NCAA regional assignors and conference assignors. Final recommendations will be provided to the cabinet during its June 2012 meeting.
- 6. Championships reimbursement and per diem.** The cabinet was provided a financial analysis of the costs associated with reimbursement for qualifying/preliminary rounds of individual/team sports that currently are not covered by the Association's travel guarantee. Further discussion will occur at the cabinet's June 2012 meeting in conjunction with a comprehensive financial review of all NCAA Division I championships.
- 7. Modification to misconduct appeals.** Staff provided the cabinet with an update on current internal work being conducted to develop a more consistent approach along with a revised process for handling misconduct cases and appeals of those cases, and the review of failure to adhere to policies and procedures. The internal group anticipates forwarding their recommendations to the Administrative Committee and ultimately the full cabinet for review during the June 2012 meeting.

8. **Eligibility for Postseason Competition.** The cabinet received an informational report from staff related to changes to the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program. No action was taken by the cabinet.

9. **Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.**
 - a. **NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.** The cabinet received an informational report from the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee without taking action.
 - b. **NCAA Division I Softball Committee.** The cabinet reviewed a request from the NCAA Division I Softball Committee to no longer consider the Softball Committee's previously approved super-regional budget increase (\$45,000) as one of the cabinet's top priorities but rather to substitute an increase in the travel party size for the Women's College World Series (\$57,000). The cabinet agreed to defer action until its June 2012 meeting.
 - c. **NCAA Division I Volleyball Committee.** The cabinet received an informational report related to postseason officiating requirements from the NCAA Division I Volleyball Committee without taking action.
 - d. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee.** The cabinet received an informational report from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee without taking action.
 - e. **NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.** The cabinet approved a modification to the tie-breaking procedure effective with the 2012 championship as follows: "When two swimmers are tied for the final selection spot, the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee will use the swimmers' times in the next event in which each swimmer is highest on the list and therefore closest to being selected in that event. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee will compute the percentage of each respective swimmer's time in his or her next-best event to the automatic qualification time, or A standard for the event. The competitor who is closest in percentage to the A standard time for their next-best event will fill the final slot."

10. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The cabinet received an informational report from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel without taking action.

11. **Olympic Sport Liaison Committee.** The cabinet received an informational report from the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee without taking action.
12. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** The cabinet received an informational report from student-athlete Logan Roberts, Baylor University.
13. **Committee Chair Appointments.** The cabinet took the following action related to committee chairs:
 - **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The cabinet appointed Carolayne Henry, associate commissioner of the Mountain West Conference, chair effective September 1, 2012.
14. **Future meeting dates and sites.**
 - a. June 20, 2012; Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis.
 - b. September 11-12, 2012; national office, Indianapolis.
 - c. February 12-13, 2013; national office, Indianapolis.
 - d. June 11-12, 2013; national office, Indianapolis.
 - e. September 10-11, 2013; national office, Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Judy Rose, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Staff Liaisons: Joni Comstock, Championships
David W. Schnase, Academic and Membership Affairs

Attendees	Absentees
Shelley Appelbaum, Michigan State University	Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Barbara Burke, Eastern Illinois University	
Greg Burke, Northwestern State University	
Doze Y. Butler, Southern University, Baton Rouge	
Kenneth Casavant, Washington State University	
Carrie Coll, Mountain West Conference	
Connie Dillon, University of Oklahoma	
Tom Douple, The Summit League	
Rich Ensor, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Jim Fallis, Northern Arizona University	
James D. Fiore, Stony Brook University	
Richard Greenspan, Rice University	
Rick Hart, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	
Tom Hickman, Winthrop University	
Ken Kavanagh, Florida Gulf Coast University	
Robert S. Krimmel, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)	
Scott Leykam, West Coast Conference	
Jeffrey Long, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	
Warde Manuel, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York	
Erin McDermott, Princeton University	
Jane Miller, University of Virginia	
Mario Moccia, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	
Marilyn Moniz-Kaho'ohanohano, University of Hawaii, Mona	
Lee Reed, Georgetown University	
Logan Roberts, student-athlete from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	
Judy Rose, University of North Carolina, Charlotte	
Jim Schmidt, University of Illinois, Chicago	
Camden Wood Selig, Old Dominion University	
Rosemary A. Shea, College of Holy Cross	
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine	
Rick Villarreal, University of North Texas	
NCAA Participants	
Jackie Campbell, Kelsey Cermak, Diane Dickman, D'Ann Keller, Kathleen McNeely, Roberta Page, Carol Reep, Kris Richardson, Julie Roe, Greg Shaheen, Juanita Sheely	