REPORT OF THE APRIL 29, 2010, MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. **Opening Remarks from the Chair**. President Barker noted that this would be his last meeting and wanted to leave the group with a few thoughts:

   - Financial decisions often can be in conflict with our values/mission. The Association has evidenced that it can find equilibrium, as shown by the new Turner/CBS media contract. Emphasis should continue on supporting values-based decisions.

   - The NCAA needs to be human and transparent. A bureaucracy works against our values.

   - We need to link postseason competition more clearly to academic success. I see this as the next major step in academic reform.

   - We should survey our student-athletes to collect data regarding the question—If you had it to do over again, would you select the same institution to attend?

2. **Report of the January 16, 2010, Board of Directors meeting. The Board approved the report of its January 16, 2010, meeting**. (Unanimous Voice Vote.) [Reference Supplement No. 1.]

3. **Report of the Division I Presidential Advisory Group**. The Board received a report from Ann Millner, chair of the Division I Presidential Advisory Group (PAG), regarding the group's April 28, 2010, meeting. The Board was informed of PAG's view regarding various Board agenda items as they were considered by the Board. [Reference Supplement No. 3.]

4. **Report from the Interim President.** NCAA Interim President Jim Isch reported on the following items:

   a. **Introduction of NCAA President-Elect**. Mark Emmert, NCAA president-elect, was introduced to the Board. The president-elect addressed the group, noting the challenges ahead for the Association and his excitement in working with the NCAA staff and the membership to address them.

   b. **Media Contract**. The Board received a report from Greg Shaheen, NCAA senior vice president for basketball and business strategies, regarding the general terms of the NCAA's Turner/CBS media contract.

BOARD ACTION: The Board discussed expansion of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship field and agreed to expand the championship field from 65 to 68 teams. (Unanimous voice vote)

c. Internal Task Forces. Jim Isch informed the Board of the various short term task forces that have been formed to evaluate topics of importance to Division I and the national office. It is anticipated that appropriate recommendations from these groups will be reported to the Board of Directors and referred to appropriate groups within the governance structure for consideration.

5. Final Report from the Football Academic Working Group. The Board received the final report of the working group's key findings regarding the academic performance of Division I football student-athletes and recommendations for strategies to improve their academic performance.

BOARD ACTION: The Board expressed strong support for the first four recommendations, noting its intent to sponsor legislation in the 2010-11 cycle to implement the recommendations. The Board requested that the recommendations be put in legislative format for review during its August meeting, with the understanding that the working group will work with the Committee on Academic Performance to address CAP's concerns and any potential unintended consequences that could arise as a result of planned changes in the rules. (Unanimous voice vote) [Reference Supplement No. 5.]

6. Division I Governance Structure Update.

a. Report of the March 23, 2010, meeting of the Leadership Council. Damon Evans, chair of the Division I Leadership Council, reported the following from the March 23, 2010, Leadership Council meeting:

(1) The Council initiated discussion of cost savings recommendations from various Division I cabinets, as wells as financial recommendations discussed by the Division IA Athletics Directors Association. The Council recommended a more global approach when attempting to address spending in intercollegiate athletics. The Council suggested that principles be developed to guide a review of spending and costs. Several Board members suggested that central to values-based decision making will be identification of a set of guiding principles.

(2) The Council completed its study of the Division I membership standards and presented its final report to the Board, requesting that the Board sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to implement the recommendations.

BOARD ACTION: The Board approved the recommended Division I membership standards, with plans to review the recommendations in legislative format in August, prior to inserting them in to the 2010-11 legislative cycle. (Unanimous voice vote) [See Attachment for the membership standards.]

b. Report of the April 12-13, 2010, meeting of the Division I Legislative Council.

(1) Report on proposals receiving the requisite number of override votes. The Board was informed that the Legislative Council reconsidered Proposal Nos. 2009-22 and 2009-51-B, which were subject to override requests from the membership.

(a) The Council amended the effective date of Section E (related to delayed enrollment and organized competition) of Proposal No. 2009-22 to August 1, 2011, for sports other than tennis, and August 1, 2012, for tennis.

(b) The Council amended Proposal No. 2009-51-B to apply only to men's and women's basketball.

If these changes are acceptable to the membership, no override vote will be necessary at the 2011 NCAA Convention.

(2) Report of Actions Related to Proposals Recommended by the Basketball Academic Enhancement Group and Sponsored by the Board.

(a) The Council adopted Proposal No. 2009-97, which would specify that a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid in academic years following the departure of a head coach from the institution is not a counter, provided several criteria are met.

(b) The Council also adopted Sections A and B and defeated Sections C and D of Proposal No. 2009-98. Section A of the proposal specifies policies related to missed class time and Section B modifies the current departure/return restrictions in men's basketball. Section C of the proposal modifies the preseason playing and practice season regulations in men's basketball while Section D would have reduced the maximum number of contests in men's basketball by one.

(3) Report of Actions Related to Proposals that originated with the Basketball Focus Group (BFG). The Council took the following actions regarding the BFG proposals:

(a) Referred Proposal No. 2009-100 to the Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee for review and consideration of possible legal issues related to the proposal. Proposal No. 2009-100 would specify that an institution shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice, contest or event in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.

(b) Adopted Proposal No. 2009-101, as amended by Proposal No. 2009-101-1, which would permit men's basketball coaches to engage in recruiting conversations with prospects during the institution's men's basketball camps or clinics.

(c) Defeated Proposal No. 2009-102, which would specify that in men's basketball, an institution shall only employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) enrolled students or institutional staff members in any capacity at its camps and clinics.

(4) Report of Actions Related to other Selected Proposals. The Council adopted the following selected proposals:

(a) Proposal No. 2009-32-B, which would permit telephone calls at an institution's discretion during a contact period in sports other than football with defined recruiting calendars. D'Antonio noted that the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee expressed its opposition to this legislation; however, the Council supported it.

(b) Proposal No. 2009-47-B, which would specify that that prior to August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution shall not provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution.

(c) Proposal No. 2009-75-B as amended by Proposal No. 2009-75-B-1, which would specify that the required medical examination or evaluation that student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation

in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the individual declines the test and signs a written release.

(5) Resolution. Harvey Perlman presented a resolution requesting that the Legislative Council develop a draft of a policy statement that the Board of Directors and Legislative Council might adopt that would provide better guidance regarding consideration of proposed NCAA legislation by applying a metric to identify those legislative proposals to defeat or consider, and those proposals to call to the attention of the Board. The objective of this policy statement should be twofold: (1) to limit the number of legislative proposals approved to those that identify and document a clear national problem that needs to be addressed, and (2) identifies those proposals that might appropriately be considered directly by the Board.

In considering a policy directed at (1) above, the Legislative Council may wish to consider procedures that assure proposals receive the comments of the various governance groups and what evidence should be submitted with any proposal to document its need. In considering a policy directed at (2) above, the Legislative Council may wish to consider the extent to which the proposed legislation has received broad support or whether a governance group or other cabinet or council has rejected the proposal. It may also wish to consider whether the proposed legislation implements a core NCAA value or is at the periphery or has implications that may conflict with a core NCAA value.

The Board would value the Council's advice regarding possible categories of proposals that should be reviewed by the Board (e.g., those that intrude on student athlete time or benefits, those that increase costs).

BOARD ACTION: The Board approved the resolution. (Unanimous voice vote)

7. **Litigation Update**. Elsa Cole, NCAA General Counsel, provided this report to the Board.

8. **Report from the Committee on Academic Performance**. The group received an update on the activities of the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) from the chair, Walter Harrison. Harrison previewed the latest Academic Performance Rate (APR) data, noting recent trends in football, men's basketball and baseball. The committee continues its

extensive review of the Academic Performance Program (APP) and supported a request to continue the Division I Supplemental Support Fund for fiscal year 2011.

9. Report of New Budget Initiatives for Division I. Harvey Perlman informed the Board of the new Division I budget initiatives for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12.

BOARD ACTION: The Board approved the new initiatives. (Unanimous voice vote) [Reference Supplement No. 9.]

10. Committee on Infractions.

a. **Committee on Infractions Appointment**. The Board appointed Gregory Sankey, associate commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, to the Division I Committee on Infractions. (Unanimous voice vote) [Reference Supplement No. 13.]

b. **Review of Infractions Issues**. The Board received an update on the work of the Task Force to Clarify Roles of the Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee. The Board was informed that the NCAA staff along with Shirley Raines have been engaged in conversations with the national testing agencies to identify ways in which improved and more timely information can be shared with member institutions and the NCAA Eligibility Center in instances in which a test score is being questioned or challenged by the testing agency. Raines agreed to work with the task force on issues regarding "strict liability" that affects institutions and consideration of "evidence" when such cases are deemed to affect eligibility for competition. Future reports will be provided to the Board as the discussions continue.

11. Governance Transitional Issues.

a. Appointment of new members to the Board of Directors. The Board unanimously approved the following new Board members whose terms begin following the Board's April 2010 meeting:

- Nathan Hatch, Wake Forest University, Atlantic Coast Conference
- Lee Todd, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference
- Steadman Upham, University of Tulsa, Conference USA

b. **Appointments to the NCAA Executive Committee**. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of the following Board members to the Executive Committee whose terms begin following the Board's April 2010 meeting:

- James Cofer, University of Louisiana at Monroe
- David Schmidly, University of New Mexico

c. **Appointment of FBS Members to Councils and Cabinets**. The Board reviewed the slate of nominees for councils and cabinets submitted by the FBS conferences. Although the slate falls slightly short of the enhanced diversity requirements, the Board agreed to approve the slate with the condition that any subsequent modifications due to attrition would have to assist in meeting the enhanced diversity requirements. (Unanimous voice vote)

12. **Expression of Appreciation**. David Berst, NCAA vice president of Division I, thanked departing Board members Michael Adams, president, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference, and Shirley Raines, president, Memphis University, Conference USA, for their service to Division I. He gave a gave a special thanks to James Barker, president, Clemson University, Atlantic Coast Conference, for his service as chair of the Board.

13. **Future meeting Dates**.

a. August 12, 2010, Indianapolis, Indiana.

b. October 28, 2010, Indianapolis, Indiana.

c. January 15, 2011, NCAA Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

d. April 28, 2011, National Office, Indianapolis, Indiana

e. August 11, 2011, National Office, Indianapolis, Indiana

f. October 27, 2011, National Office, Indianapolis, Indiana

Board of Directors chair: James Barker, Clemson University
Staff Liaisons: S. David Berst, Division I governance
Jacqueline Campbell, Division I governance

NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 29, 2010, MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance:
Michael F. Adams, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference
Charles Bantz, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, Summit League
James Barker, Clemson University, Atlantic Coast Conference (chair)
William Beauchamp, University of Portland, West Coast Conference
Robert Bruininks, University of Minnesota, Big Ten Conference
Carol Cartwright, president, Bowling Green State University, Mid-American Conference
Jim Cofer, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Sun Belt Conference
Greg Dell'Omo, Robert Morris University, Northeast Conference
Judy Genshaft, University of South Florida, Big East Conference
Robert Kustra, Boise State University, Western Athletic Conference
William Meehan, Jacksonville State University, Ohio Valley Conference
Ann Millner, Weber State University, Big Sky Conference
Kevin Mullen, Siena College, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Harvey Perlman, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Big Twelve Conference
Shirley Raines, University of Memphis, Conference USA
Edward Ray, Oregon State University, Pacific-10 Conference
David Schmidly, University of New Mexico, Mountain West Conference

Board members not in attendance:
William R. Harvey, Hampton University, Mideastern Athletic Conference
John Peters, Northern Illinois University, Mid-American Conference

New Board members in attendance as observers:
Nathan Hatch, Wake Forest University, Atlantic Coast Conference
Lee Todd, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference
Steadman Upham, University of Tulsa, Conference USA

NCAA staff Liaisons in attendance:
S. David Berst, NCAA
Jacqueline Campbell, NCAA, recording secretary

Guests from other Division I governance bodies:
Damon Evans, University of Georgia, chair of the Division I Leadership Council
Joseph Castiglione, University of Oklahoma, chair of the Football Academic Working Group
Joseph D'Antonio, Big East Conference, chair of the Division I Legislative Council
Walter Harrison, University of Hartford, chair of the Division I Committee on Academic Performance

Other NCAA staff members in attendance: Scott Bearby, Elsa Cole, Erik Christianson, Joni Comstock, Julie Cromer, Diane Dickman, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Jim Isch, Tom Jernstedt, Kevin Lennon, Steve Mallonee, Keith Martin, Delise O'Meally, Tom Paskus, Todd Petr, Dennis Poppe, William Regan, Wallace Renfro, Carl Segura, Greg Shaheen, Robert Vowels and Wendy Walters.

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NCAA Leadership Council Final Report Regarding Division I Membership Criteria April 29, 2010

Background.

On August 9, 2007, the Division I Board of Directors adopted Legislative Proposal 2007-10, which established a four-year a moratorium that prohibited consideration of any new institutional, conference or multi-divisional Division I members until August 2011.

The Board concluded that the time was right, following similar moratoriums in Divisions II and III, for the Division I membership to assess and study the impact of membership migration and to develop reasonable philosophical expectations and legislative requirements for membership in the division. The Board requested the Leadership Council to conduct this study and to make appropriate recommendations regarding possible NCAA legislation.

A preliminary report of recommendations was provided to the Board of Directors in April 2009 and the Division I governance structure, member conferences and institutions were asked to provide reactions. The Leadership Council has continued discussions and submits the following report of recommendations to the Board of Directors for its April 29, 2010 meeting.

Excerpt from the Division I Manual--Division I Philosophy (Bylaw 20.9).

Athletics programs in Division I are guided by a philosophy statement that among other things:

- Emphasizes high standards of academic quality and breadth of academic opportunity;
- Strives for regional and national excellence and prominence and recognizes the dual objective of serving both the institutional community and the general public;
- Provides for extensive opportunities for participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics for both men and women (consistent with the requirements of Title IX) and sponsors at the highest feasible level of intercollegiate competition, men's and women's basketball and football, recognizing subdivisional designations in football;
- Advocates scheduling athletics contests primarily among Division I institutions;
- Emphasizes maintaining institutional control over all funds supporting athletics; and that
- Understands, respects, and supports the programs and philosophies of other membership divisions.

Additional Standards and Assumptions Relied Upon by the Leadership Council in its discussions included that:

- Applicants for membership in Division I should be required to meet, over a period of time, prescribed criteria in order to assure compatibility and compliance with the principles and program objectives of Division I.

- Central to the mission of intercollegiate athletics in Division I is the academic and athletic success of student-athletes, as well as protection of the student-athletes' health and well-being.
- Division I members should be expected to demonstrate a meaningful program-wide financial commitment across its entire athletics program, including for financial aid, number of sports sponsored, recruiting, athletics facilities, rules compliance, coaching, team travel and academic support services.
- Membership standards should promote conference stability, provide access to Division I for qualifying institutions and treat institutions fairly in determining their status as members of Division I.
- The number and nature of multisport conferences in Division I are fundamental considerations in establishing the level, structure and scope of Division I championship competition, the allocation of financial benefits and access to services and governance of the division.
- The multisport conference is the foundation of the NCAA DI governance structure, championships structure, and compliance structure and is rightly positioned in the proposed Division I membership process as a gatekeeper in the new membership model.
- A more comprehensive definition of a multisport conference is appropriate.
- There is a finite level of resources, benefits and good will available to current members of the division, which should be maintained or enhanced through any further expansion of membership.
- Potential new members of Division I should be expected to demonstrate a sustained commitment to Division I standards, assumptions and the Division I philosophy statement before election to membership in the division.
- Current voting ratios/percentages by conference and subdivision within Division I should be maintained through appropriate mathematical adjustments in the event the membership increases.
- The Division I brand has a value that can be approximated through a calculation of the value of direct and indirect services and benefits, as well as of the "image" of Division I and its subdivisions.

Recommendations.

The Council requests that the Board of Directors endorse the following recommendations for further discussion and debate by Division I membership groups and conferences during the spring 2010 and that in August 2010, the Board sponsor appropriate legislative proposals for membership consideration in January and April 2011.

1. **Potential new members of Division I shall enter the division through a four-year "reclassification" process following no less than five-years of membership in Division II. Further, the process described in Bylaw 20.5 shall apply, and an application for membership in Division I will be accepted only after presenting a bona fide offer of**

membership from a Division I multisport, voting conference. The sponsoring conference will be expected to provide appropriate guidance and counsel to the transitioning new member, assist with scheduling, monitor student-athlete well being and enhance accountability during the transition process.

Comment: Requiring conference sponsorship and prior membership in Division II is intended to promote the long-term stability of the Association. There should be a check list to assist conferences and transitioning institutions to ensure that institutions are meeting their appropriate benchmarks. The Administration Cabinet should provide additional thought to the timing of when various benchmarks should apply.

2. **The "provisional" process provided for in Bylaw 20.3.1, which now permits an institution outside the NCAA to become a Division I member through a seven-year process, shall be eliminated.**

   Comment: Multisport conferences within the Division I championships and governance structure are well suited to determine the needs of conferences and thereby the division. Experience in Division II serves as an appropriate platform to demonstrate the traits necessary to become a productive Division I member.

3. **An application fee shall be required before entering the "reclassification" process, which should either be commensurate with; (1) the estimated annual average value of direct benefits through distributions and championships made available to Division I members - - currently approximately $1,300,000, or (2) the "median" annual value of direct benefits through distributions and championships - - currently approximately $900,000.**

   Comment: This requirement should be data-driven and will change from time to time. This calculation does not include the costs of services or costs to administer the reclassification program. Upon election to Division I membership, the application fee shall be deposited in the NCAA Student Athlete Opportunity Distribution Fund. In the event an institution withdraws during the reclassification process, the application fee would be returned to the institution on a prorated basiss—75% after year one, $50% after year two, 30% after year three and 0% thereafter. It should also be emphasized that conferences may require separate fees for joining the conference. Discussion occurred regarding alternatives where the application fee would be analogous to a business model tied to "brand" value or possibly tied to the educational and administrative costs of the process. It was concluded that as a higher-education association, data based on direct benefits received would be a simple and clear method and also would demonstrate a meaningful commitment from the prospective member.

4. Upon beginning the "reclassification" process, the institution must meet Division I sports sponsorship requirements (i.e., 50 percent of the grants-in-aid maximums in the conference sponsored sports in which the institution will participate). In addition, the alternative means of satisfying this requirement now set forth in Bylaw 20.9.1.2-(b) (c) and (d) would continue to apply.

Comment: This is the current requirement and no change is recommended. Data reviewed regarding a possible increase to these minimums did not appear to support a change.

5. A prospective member institution may not be elected to active membership in Division I if it is subject to a "historical penalty" under the APR program.

Comment: The Leadership Council believes a demonstrated commitment to academics should be required. The Committee on Academic Performance recommends that a numerical standard (e.g., 925) be avoided in deference to a "category" of academic penalties.

6. A preliminary NCAA certification shall be required in year 1 of the four-year "reclassification" period and a full compliance review shall be required before final election to Division I membership. (See Proposed New Division I Reclassification Process beginning on page 9.)

Comment: There should be an expectation that the sponsoring conference will assist the institution in this process and that special attention should be given to rules compliance, academic support services, recruiting, coaches, team travel and facilities. Meeting standards early in the process and then demonstrating the ability to sustain such standards is important. The review process must make it clear that reclassification is an evolutionary process so that there is no confusion that receiving positive marks during the certification process does not guarantee eventual Division I membership.

7. A member institution in Division I will qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid upon serving three calendar years as an "active" Division I member. The institution would qualify in year one of active membership to receive Student-athlete Opportunity, Special Assistance and Academic Enhancement Funds, as well as basketball grant funds as determined by its sponsoring conference.

Comment: This change ensures that sustainability in the division is not based solely on receipt of NCAA revenues.

8. The multi-divisional practice that permits a Division II or III institution to designate one men's and one women's sport in Division I shall be discontinued upon the completion of the 2010-11 academic year, except in a sport where no championship is conducted in its division. Division II and III institutions that sponsor sports teams in Division I in 2010-11 may continue to do so in the sports so designated but will forfeit this opportunity permanently if it fails to conduct the sport in Division I in any ensuing academic year. No change is recommended to qualify for participation in national collegiate championships.

Comment: It appears there is agreement to discontinue multidivisional competition, but teams that currently conduct such division I programs should be "grandfathered."

9. A multisport conference in Division I may not receive voting privileges, conference grant funds or committee service positions in the Division I governance structure until legislation is enacted that names the conference among those identified in applicable sections of Constitution 4 related to representation and voting ratios on the Division I Board of Directors, Legislative and Leadership Councils and the five cabinets. (Refer to No. 13 below.)

Comment: This is the current requirement in Division I. Refer to Constitution 3.3.3.2.

10. No change in criteria is recommended for designation in the Football Championship Subdivision. In addition, a two thirds majority vote of FCS conference representatives present and voting shall be required to modify NCAA rules related to the number of football grants-in-aid and membership standards for the subdivision.

Comment: FCS members do not support additional membership requirements to be designated as an FCS member. The unique and fundamental rules related to the number of grants-in-aid and FCS membership standards define the subdivision and should require broad support before modifications occur.

11. The FBS subdivision shall require a bona fide invitation for membership in an FBS conference before an FCS institution may be reclassified to the FBS subdivision.

Comments: The FBS conferences do not support additional membership requirements for its subdivision. However, the bowl structure of the FBS should not be expected to support an expanded membership in that subdivision without appropriate conference sponsorship and support.

12. The role of the Administration Cabinet and the benchmarks for the four-year reclassification process shall be reviewed by the Administration Cabinet to ensure coordination by the cabinet with sponsoring conferences.

Comments: Through coordination with conferences in providing guidance and assistance to potential new member institutions, some procedural functions performed now by the Administrative Cabinet could be transferred to conference offices.

13. Constitution 3.2.3.1 shall be amended to provide that the vote to elect an institution to Division I active membership upon recommendation by the Administration cabinet shall be taken by the Board of Directors, rather than the Leadership Council.

Comments: This should be noncontroversial legislation and is recommend by the Leadership Council.

14. NCAA Division I – Recommended Multisport Conference Standards and Definition.

a. Institutional Members.

(1) A multisport conference shall have a minimum of seven (7) active Division I members.
(2) A multisport conference shall have a minimum of seven (7) active members participate in both men's and women's basketball.

b. Conference Sports Sponsorship.

(1) A multisport conference shall sponsor a minimum of 12 NCAA Division I sports.
(2) A multisport conference shall sponsor a minimum of six men's sports. In each of these six sports, a minimum of six active members shall compete.
(3) A multisport conference shall sponsor a minimum of six women's sports. In each of these six sports, a minimum of six active members shall compete, or a minimum of five active members for an emerging sport.
(4) In addition to men's basketball, a multisport conference shall, at a minimum, sponsor either football, with a minimum of six active members competing in football, or sponsor two additional men's team sports, with a minimum of six active members participating in each of these two sports.
(5) In addition to women's basketball, a multisport conference shall sponsor at least two additional women's team sports, with a minimum of six active members participating in each of these two sports.

c. Regular Season Conference Competition.

(1) Basketball: Basketball teams shall participate in a regular season conference schedule of a double round robin, or a minimum of 14 regular season conference contests.
(2) Minimum Required Team Sports, Other Than Basketball [b- (4) and (5) above]: In the team sports sponsored to meet the minimum team sports sponsorship requirement, teams shall compete in a minimum regular season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home site venue.

d. Officiating. A multisport conference shall provide oversight of the officiating programs for selecting, training and assigning officials for its men's and women's basketball programs.

e. Compliance. A multisport conference shall have a comprehensive compliance program.

f. Continuity. A multisport conference must meet the institutional membership requirement (a. above) before it may be considered for continuity. To establish continuity, a multisport conference must meet the sports sponsorship and regular season competition requirements (b. and c. above) for a period of eight consecutive years. If a conference establishes continuity, it may be considered for multisport membership in Division I.

g. Core. A multisport conference that is recognized in the NCAA Governance Structure as a result of legislation [see No. 9 above] shall be considered a core conference. A core conference shall:

(1) Have representation and voting standing in the NCAA Division I Governance Structure.
(2) Be eligible to submit nominees for and have its delegates serve on NCAA Division I committees.
(3) Be eligible to receive AQ into NCAA championships, provided the conference competes with a minimum of six active participants in the sport.
(4) Receive conference grant funds.
(5) Receive, on behalf of its members, Special Assistance/Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds.

Division I Reclassification Process.

The following information outlines the membership reclassification process for any Division II or non-NCAA institution seeking to reclassify its entire athletics program to Division I membership. It should be noted that multidivisional membership (i.e., classifying one men's and or one women's sport other than football and basketball in Division I) will be discontinued following the 2010-11 academic year for any additional Division II or III institutions.

General Requirements.

The following general requirements must be satisfied prior to an institution entering the reclassification process.

- The reclassifying institution must have been an active NCAA Division II member for the preceding five years.
- The institution must be meeting applicable Division I minimum financial aid and sports-sponsorship membership requirements.
- The institution must have been extended a bona fide offer of membership by an active DI multisport voting conference.
- The institution and conference must complete an application form accompanied by an application fee (based on a yet to be determined figure based on either the average or mean of the Division I revenue distributions and championship benefits in the year of application) no later than June 1 preceding entry into year one of the reclassification process that is approved by the Division I Administration Cabinet. The institution must provide notice if it is currently involved in an investigation, an infractions case or on probation with its current governing body.
- The institution must submit a skeletal strategic plan to the Administration Cabinet that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9) and athletics certification operating principles (see Bylaw 22.2) approved by the conference office no later than June 1 preceding entry into year one of the reclassification process.

[Note: The Administration Cabinet shall have oversight responsibilities and shall monitor each institution's progress through the reclassification process. The cabinet shall have the authority to decline moving an institution to the ensuing year of the process if it deems that deficiencies warrant that the institution repeat a year].

Year One.

- Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and business session (if such a session is conducted). Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Attendance at a regional rules seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president [or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution], the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Apply all Division I legislation except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress-toward-degree, five year rule) for student-athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to entering year one of the reclassification process.
- Completion of a preliminary NCAA athletics certification orientation (conference representatives will also be required to be in attendance).
- Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation.
- Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice if the institution is currently involved in an investigation, infractions case or on probation with its current governing body.

Year Two.

- Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements.
- Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and business session (if applicable). Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Attendance at a regional rules seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to the findings and recommendations.
- Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation.
- Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice if the institution is currently involved in an investigation, infractions case or on probation with its current governing body.

Year Three.

- Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and business session (if applicable). Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- Attendance at a regional rules seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.

- Completion of an athletics certification orientation.
- Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation.
- Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback from the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations to the Administration Cabinet as part of the annual report and provide notice if the institution is currently involved in an investigation, infractions case or on probation with its current governing body.

Year Four.

- Successfully complete an NCAA athletics certification and evaluation visit.
- Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I Issues Forum and business session (if applicable). Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
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- A prospective member institution may not be elected to active membership if it is subject to a historical penalty under the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program.

Post-Reclassification.

- After completion of the four year reclassification process, the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Division I Administration Cabinet, shall have the authority to elect the institution to active Division I status.
- The institution must submit a progress report to the Committee on Athletics Certification regarding its progress on any plans for improvement (as previously recommended by the committee) no later than the conclusion of its second year of active Division I membership.
- A new Division I institution will qualify to receive revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid after serving three calendar years as an active Division I member.
- A new Division I institution will qualify immediately to receive Student-Athlete Opportunity, Special Assistance and Academic Enhancement Funds, as well as basketball grant funds as determined by the institution's conference.