

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I AWARDS, BENEFITS, EXPENSES AND
FINANCIAL AID CABINET
FEBRUARY 2, 2012, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Examination of Maximum Grant-in-Aid Limitations/Equivalency Versus Head Count Designations.** The NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet continued its review of maximum grant-in-aid limitations and equivalency versus head count designations. As a result of the discussion of the ongoing financial aid-related work of the NCAA Working Group on Student-Athlete Well-Being, the cabinet agreed to suspend its discussions of this issue until information comes out of that working group. However, the cabinet supported the working group's establishment of an "exempt" category of miscellaneous expense funds that are designated on team squad lists for use at the institution's discretion to award up to \$2,000 (not to exceed cost of attendance) for full grant recipients, as well as to provide up to the proportionate amount of applicable funds to any or all equivalency grant recipients. The cabinet also noted that a solely need-based approach to determining eligibility for the miscellaneous expense funds would eliminate gender-equity issues associated with receipt of those funds.

- 2. Update from the NCAA Working Group on Collegiate Model – Rules Regarding NCAA Division I Bylaw 15.** The cabinet received an update on the NCAA Working Group on Collegiate Model – Rules regarding Bylaw 15. Following the update, the cabinet discussed items relevant to its work and provided feedback. The feedback included a recommendation that the Rules working group add a guiding statement/principal to address the impact financial aid has on gender equity issues. The cabinet also noted that the Rules working group's examination of which financial aid counts toward individual and team maximum financial aid limitations should be mindful of the effect changes in this area may have on competitive equity.

- 3. Update from the Rules Working Group Regarding NCAA Division I Bylaw 16.** The cabinet received an update on the work of the Rules working group regarding Bylaw 16. Following the update, the cabinet discussed items relevant to its work and provided feedback. The feedback included the cabinet's support for deregulating the departure/return expense legislation in favor of an approach that defers to institutional and conference policies and missed class time policies.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of Report from September 19, 2011, Meeting.** The cabinet approved the report from its last meeting.
- 2. Review Recent Interpretations of NCAA Division I Bylaws 15 and 16.** The cabinet received an update from the staff related to recent interpretations involving legislation within the cabinet's jurisdiction issued by the academic and membership affairs staff.
- 3. Update on Legislative Proposals in the 2011-12 Legislative Cycle.** The cabinet received an update on the status of proposals previously reviewed.
- 4. Outreach to Financial Aid Community.** The cabinet received an update from the staff related to outreach efforts (e.g., communication, education) to the financial aid community. In preparation for the 2012 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars (Regional Rules Seminars), the staff will reach out to the financial aid community for individuals to present as part of the Division I financial aid sessions.
- 5. Departure/Return Expense Restrictions - Women's Golf.** The cabinet discussed a proposed exception to the departure/return expense legislation to permit institutions to provide expenses for travel prior to men's and women's golf competitions, provided departure was not earlier than 12:01 a.m. local time at the student-athlete's institution two days prior to the start of the competition. As a result of the discussion of the Rules working group's Bylaw 16 concepts, the cabinet agreed to not support a sport-specific approach to deregulating the departure/return expense legislation.

6. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).** The cabinet received an update on recent and upcoming SAAC activities.

7. **Report from the January Governance Meetings.** The cabinet received an update on the activities from the January governance meetings and the latest work of the NCAA Division I Communications and Coordination Committee.

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Staff Liaisons: Kris Richardson, Academic and Membership Affairs
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February 2, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Kelly Andrews, University of Toledo	Chris Dawson, Pacific-12 Conference
Matthew Banker, Ohio Valley Conference (alternate)	Joel Maturi, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Camie Bechtold, Montana State University- Bozeman	Ken Walker, California Polytechnic State University
Robert Bookwalter, Marshall University	Allen Ward, Murray State University
Richard Carmichael, Wake Forest University	
Lauren Cochlin, University of Wisconsin, Madison	
Roland Pete Dukes, University of Washington (alternate)	
Joseph L. Fink III, University of Kentucky	
Nathan Fry, Harvard University	
Edgar Gantt, Southwestern Athletic Conference	
Pete Garcia, Florida International University	
Gail Gasparich, Towson University	
Jim Griffis, University of South Carolina Upstate	
Alyson Hagy, University of Wyoming	
Judith Henry, Texas Tech University	
Jennifer Heppel, Big Ten Conference (alternate)	

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Mike Matoso, University of San Diego	
Betsy Mosher, California State University, Fresno	
Brian Quisenberry, Virginia Military Institute	
Mike Scott, Texas Christian University	
Sarah Solinsky, University of Evansville	
Other Participants Jackie Campbell, NCAA Laura Wurtz McNab, NCAA	