



**NCAA DIVISION III
PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
SUMMARY OF SPRING 2023
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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Division III Management Council April 17-18, 2023 Videoconferences	Division III Presidents Council April 26, 2023 Videoconference
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1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 17-18 Management Council. The videoconferences were called to order at 10 a.m., Eastern time, April 17; and 10 a.m. Eastern time, April 18. The chair, Holly Sheilley, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

April 26 Presidents Council. The videoconference was called to order at 11:05 a.m., Eastern time, April 26. The chair, Jim Schmidt, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- a. Management Council Meeting and Videoconference – January 11, 2023, and February 9, 2023.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its January 11 in-person meeting at the Convention and the post-Convention videoconference held February 9.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting and Videoconference – January 12, 2023, and March 8, 2023.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its January 12 in-person meeting at the Convention and the March 8 videoconference.

c. 2023 Committee/Subcommittee Assignments.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed committee assignments for incoming council members as well as assignments for returning council members for 2023, noting that a few of the assignments may change after the council's August meeting based on new legislation becoming effective at that time that modifies the composition of select committees within the Division III governance structure.

d. Administrative Committee Reports.

Management Council. The council ratified reports from the Administrative Committee approving appointments to select Division III committees as specified. The appointments include Keiko Price, associate vice president/director of athletics at Emory University, to the council, effective immediately. (Note: Ms. Price recused herself from the videoconference during the council's consideration of this item.) The council also noted in the Administrative Committee reports the roster, charge, timeline and initial areas of review of the Financial and Risk Management Working Group. While the council was supportive of the information, it noted the need for clarity on how this working group will collaborate with the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee. Additionally, the council recommended the working group include the student-athlete perspective when appropriate. Finally, the council noted the importance for the working group to regularly review the topics it is assessing. Those items will change over time, and it is important that the working group address the current challenges facing the division.

Presidents Council. The council ratified reports from the Administrative Committee approving appointments to select Division III committees as specified. The council also reaffirmed the Management Council's suggestion that the Financial and Risk Management working group collaborate regularly with the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to deliberate common issues.

e. Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform.

Management Council. The council reviewed the division's philosophy statement and strategic positioning platform.

Presidents Council. The council also reviewed the philosophy statement and positioning platform, noting that the statement is a legislated affirmation to which the Division III membership commits, and that the positioning platform is a more external-facing description of the division's unique attributes and characteristics that support the student-athlete experience. This led to a broader discussion of how best to use the platform to promote the division to various audiences – both internal and external – in an evolving environment in which Division III values may be under-emphasized.

f. Management Council Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. Due to the adoption of legislation at the 2023 Convention that changed the composition of the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, the council modified its policies and procedures to state that vice chair of the council, rather than the chair, will serve on the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons:
Regan, Spungen

Council Reps:
Belton, Corcoran,
Hasseler, Iaboni,
Lee, Stiles, Wigley

(1) Convention Planning Subcommittee.

Management Council. The council received the report from the subcommittee's March 13 videoconference and reviewed the feedback received from the 2023 Convention as well as discussed initial plans for the 2024 Convention in Phoenix.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).

(a) March 21 Report.

Management Council. The council received the report from the committee's March 21 in-person meeting and approved the proposed process (scope of the review, schedule, and desired outcomes) and the estimated cost of \$200,000 for the outside

Staff Liaisons:
Aiken, Hartung,
McCleary, Regan,
Myers

Council Reps:
Abernathy, Berger-
Sweeney, DiCa-
millo, Dutton, Mi-
trano, Puckett,
Troha, Walsh,
Ward, Winston

evaluation of the Division III Enhancement Fund. The council noted the need for such an evaluation to help inform future programming and budgeting allocations. The council also was apprised of key informational items from the committee's report, including the captive insurance event cancellation and creation of future professional development for athletics direct reports.

The council believes the current version of the philosophy statement accurately reflects the philosophical values of the division. The council also endorsed the plan to finalize the proposed philosophy statement that includes additional feedback from the membership with a final draft for the Management and Presidents Councils to consider for 2024 Convention legislation during their summer meetings.

Presidents Council. The council also approved the outside evaluation of the Enhancement Fund. Additionally, council members discussed Division III's participation in the captive insurance event cancellation and provided guidance to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee indicating that the division's current contribution is sufficient with the current excess beyond the mandated reserve. The council noted that the division will evaluate the premium annually to determine whether it is appropriate.

During its review of the philosophy statement draft, council members pointed to the concerns regarding how best to state that the division does not award financial aid based on athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance (which the original statement specifies), and whether saying that student-athletes should be "treated similarly" to the student body in specified areas is effective enough. The SPFC believes the revisions broadly represent the division's values and appropriately set the stage for membership development of bylaws and policies that are more prescriptive. After discussion, the council agreed that the current draft is far enough along to be distributed to the broader membership for additional feedback.

(b) 2022-23 Budget-to-Actuals Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the most recent budget-to-actuals, noting that not all expenses for winter championships have been recorded.

(c) Future Budget Projections.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the budget projections and noted that the new CBS/Turner contract begins in fiscal year 2025, during which the division will receive a 13% revenue increase. The contract ends in 2032. The councils also were reminded that in fiscal years 2023 and 2024 the division will intentionally overspend its budget by an approximate average of \$2.7 million per year to reduce the amount above the mandated reserve.

(3) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

Management Council. Per the subcommittee's recommendation, the council extended the current blanket waiver, which permits student-athletes who earned a season-of-competition participation relief due to COVID-19 during the 2020 spring term and/or 2020-21 academic year and had not previously used any pandemic-related enrollment relief to participate while enrolled less than full-time and meets all other established criteria, through the 2024-25 academic year. While the council had previously indicated its intention not to extend the waiver, the subcommittee noted that doing so will provide equity among all students-athletes who were affected by the pandemic.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Mylin-
ski, Williams

Council Reps:
Sheilley, Ver-
dugo

(1) Championships Committee.

Management Council. The council received reports from the Championships Committee's most recent meetings and noted the survey sent to the Division III membership to garner feedback regarding potential enhancements to the student-athlete postseason experience. The Championships Committee will review the survey results at its June meeting.

The council also received an update on the committee's discussions regarding using a new database (e.g., Pairwise) as a selection criterion sport committees could use in future years.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

Staff Liaison:
McVeigh

Council Rep:
DiCamillo

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.**

Staff Liaison:
Zike

Council Rep:
Hill

Management Council. The council approved new guidelines to assist the student-athlete reinstatement staff when reviewing eligibility reinstatement cases when the NCAA Eligibility Center determines that a prospective student-athlete's amateur status renders them ineligible to compete at a Division III institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Financial Aid Committee.**

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung,
Higgins

Council Rep:
Corcoran

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

Staff Liaison:
Walters

Council Reps:
Camille, Marin

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Interpretations and Legislation Committee.**

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Myers,
Turner

Council Rep:
Hill

- **Official Interpretation – Institution That Does Not Require a Paid Acceptance or Financial Deposit for Admission or Financial Aid.**

Management Council. The council approved an official interpretation stating that it is permissible for an institution that does not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit in response to a written offer of aid or admission to use any form of communication with a prospective student-athlete after January 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school and release publicity about a prospective student-athlete who has committed to the institution, provided the institution has received a commitment from the prospective student-athlete that is required of all incoming students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung, Hig-
gins, Turner

Council Rep:
Stiles

(7) **Membership Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roe, Mucci

Council Rep:
Bothner

(8) **Nominating Committee.**

Management Council. The council approved the following governance committee appointments:

- a. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee
 - Adam Hutchinson, director of athletics, Earlham College, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
- b. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics
 - Courtney Bernstein, senior woman administrator, College of Mount Saint Vincent, Skyline Conference.
 - Sharief Hashim, director of athletics, Susquehanna University, Landmark Conference.

The council also noted its ratification of the following appointments approved by the Administrative Committee:

- a. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
 - Jami Clinton, head strength and conditioning coach, University of Texas at Dallas, American Southwest Conference.
- b. Division III Membership Committee
 - Chris Roekle, commissioner, Coast to Coast Athletic Conference, immediate replacement.
- c. Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 - Myora Slaughter, Rosemount College, Colonial States Athletic Conference.

- Hayley Peck, Purchase College, State University of New York, Skyline Conference.
- TJ Hill-Johnson, William Peace University, USA South Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Berg, Mucci,
Scotto, Spungen

Council Reps:
Iaboni, Marin,
Wigley, Winston

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Management Council. The council received an update on the recent SAAC meeting, during which the committee received congressional engagement education, reviewed its goals, and deliberated the mental health hardship waiver. The committee also discussed its potential new working groups as well as ways to increase the involvement of the SAAC associate members within the working groups. The committee wants to more consistently use its social media channels to help amplify the student-athlete voice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
Walsh

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

Management Council. The council received the committee's most recent reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brownlee,
Ziegler

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Miron, Wallach,
Wiley

Council Rep:
Lamb

(3) Committee on Women's Athletics.

Management Council. Per the Committee on Women's Athletics' (CWA) recommendation, the council approved a legislative proposal for the 2024 NCAA Convention to add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons, and membership, as specified. The CWA noted its request to have the 2023 proposal referred to the committee based on information that became available in December 2022.

After the Convention, the committee received additional information regarding the health and safety protocols surrounding the sport that demonstrated that the concerns raised by the committee did not relate directly to the sport. The committee, after reviewing this current information determined it had sufficient information to address its earlier concerns.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Miron, Wallach,
Wilson

Council Rep:
Aaron, Lamb

(4) **Joint Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Preston,
Loechel, Register

Council Rep:
Brown

(5) **Honors Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hackworth, Kennedy

Council Rep:
Aaron

(6) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Suscha

Council Rep:
Mitchell

(7) **Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Aaron

(8) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Price

(9) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. ***NONCONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION FOR THE 2024 NCAA CONVENTION.***

a. **Proposals in Final Legislative Format.**

Management Council. The council formally adopted, in final legislative format, the following noncontroversial legislative proposals.

- (1) **NC 2024-6 (ILC) Eligibility – Outside Competition – Collegiate All-Star Games – Eliminate Prohibition.** The council approved in final format legislation that eliminates the prohibition on student-athletes competing in collegiate all-star contests. This legislation has an immediate effective date.
- (2) **NC 2024-7 Playing Rules Oversight Panel and Rules Committees – Duties – Elimination of Common Rules Requirement.** The council approved in final format legislation that eliminates the requirement that playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association. This legislation has an immediate effective date.

b. **Proposals in Concept.**

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, the following noncontroversial legislative proposals.

- (1) **Outside Competition Clarification.** The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation establishing that for fall and spring championship sports, outside competition prohibition applies only to the traditional segment, and for winter championship sports it applies from the first to the last contest.
- (2) **Clarification Regarding the Counting of Days.** The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation establishing that an institution using the exception allowing the day off to be student specific would not be charged more than six days per defined week; and further confirms the definition of a day used is consistent for all winter sports, period sports and nontraditional segments.
- (3) **Amending Start and End Dates for Skiing.** The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation establishing the start date for skiing as

October 15 and the end date as April 5 or the end of the U.S. National Championships, whichever occurs later.

- (4) **Clarifying the Professional Tryout Legislation.** The council approved, in concept, a modification of wording specifying that all individuals after full-time collegiate enrollment may try out with a professional team and receive actual and necessary expenses from the professional team for up to 48 hours.

c. **Additional Convention Legislation.**

- **2024 Division III Membership – Division III Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Reduce Minimum Participants in Tennis from Six to Four.**

Management Council. Upon recommendation of the Division III Championships Committee at its October meeting, the council agreed to sponsor a 2024 Convention proposal amending the minimum participant requirements for tennis from six to four. Upon additional review, the council referred the concept to the Division III Membership Committee for review before reviewing the final legislative draft during its July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. ***COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.***

- **Presidents Council Nominations.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council approved the following appointments, effective immediately.

- a. Bryan Coker, Maryville College, Collegiate Conference of the South.
- b. Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference (Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative).

6. ***DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.***

a. **Division III Congressional Advocates.**

Management Council. The council received an update on the membership-wide educational webinars the Division III Congressional Advocates conducted recently. The advocates' charge is to support the efforts of the NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action (and specifically, the

Division III representative on this subcommittee). The council also reviewed a summary of the feedback and key questions from the membership educational webinars and noted that those in the membership who are prepared to reach out to federal and state legislators are ready for direction on next steps and information they can use when doing so.

Presidents Council. Mary-Beth Cooper noted that in addition to the educational webinars conducted, the advocates met with the leadership of the Division III Commissioners Association, the NADIIIAA leadership and the President's Advisory Group. President Cooper assured the council that the Division III voice has been heard during sessions with the NCAA Board of Governors and that Division III members are advised to use the talking points provided when interacting with legislators and other audiences. In that vein, Division III presidents and chancellors will be provided a communications toolkit with updated talking points and lists of federal and state legislators – particularly those serving on subcommittees relevant to these issues – with whom the Division III membership may interact.

- **Division I Transformation Committee Recommendations.**

Management and Presidents Councils. In a related matter regarding external pressures to increase protections for student-athletes, the councils reviewed the Division I Transformation Committee concepts regarding the holistic student-athlete benefits model, which has been presented for the Division I Board of Directors to consider adopting. The councils focused their attention on two concepts that if approved would require: (a) providing student-athletes with coverage of out-of-pocket expenses for athletically related injuries; and (b) providing student-athletes with post-participation healthcare for all athletically related injuries for a minimum of two years. Staff informed the councils of what is permissible under current NCAA Division III legislation. The councils noted that operationally both concepts are positive but would be cost prohibitive for most Division III institutions without an NCAA subsidy. The councils were reminded that while the Transformation Committee concepts were developed and being recommended only for Division I at this time, it is prudent for Divisions II and III to review the implications and viability for their member institutions given the current environment surrounding intercollegiate athletics.

- b. **Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the current draft of the philosophy statement and thanked the working group for its efforts.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Campus Athletics Personnel.

Management Council. The council approved the creation of a Division III Athletic Trainers Working Group to identify the factors impacting Division III's efforts to hire and retain athletic trainers and to create recommendations to help institutions address those concerns. The composition of the group includes athletic trainers from Division III institutions, a Division III athletics director, a member of the Management Council and a president/chancellor from a Division III institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the working group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the advisory group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Federated Playing Rules.

Management Council. The council reviewed and provided feedback on an initial Division III-specific playing rules process developed by an advisory group created by the council. The proposed process operates within the current structure for reviewing and adopting playing rules but adds Division III perspectives to support the members of the sport-specific rules committee and Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP). The council provided its feedback and anticipates approving the final process at its July meeting.

- **Football Playing Rules.**

Management Council. The council received an update regarding proposed rules changes in football. The Football Rules Committee received strong Division III opposition to one proposed rule during the comment period. Despite this feedback, the committee is recommending to PROP that the rule change move forward for adoption as a common playing rule change. The council believes the feedback from Division III indicates the proposed change may not be in the division's best interests. The council recommended that PROP refer the rule change, for Division III only, back to the rules committee for additional review by the Division III members of the rules

committee and the Division III Football Committee. The council directed staff to send a memo on behalf of the council to PROP outlining the council's position and request.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the working group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Mental Health Hardship Waiver.

Management Council. The council discussed an initial concept from the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regarding a process for a mental health hardship waiver, noting that the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also provided feedback concerning the process. The council stressed the need for the process to be as simple as possible and to put the needs of the student-athlete first. The council expects to review a final recommendation during its summer meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the users group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Name, Image and Likeness Educational Resource.

Management Council. The council approved an educational resource created to guide institutions in their involvement in a student-athlete's NIL activities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

k. Division III 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Management Council. The council received an update regarding Division III's 50th Anniversary celebration taking place during the 2023-24 academic year. The campaign will feature a 50th anniversary logo and branding kit, as well as social media and championship activation. Staff is collaborating with a working group that includes members of D3SIDA and Division III associate and assistant

commissioners. While the 50th Anniversary logo was unveiled with the conclusion of the 2023 Division III Week, the official campaign will launch August 6.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

l. Division III Transfer Portal Data.

Management Council. The council received an update of the current Division III data available from the NCAA Transfer Portal. The data include those student-athletes who entered the portal from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021, and August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

m. Communication, Engagement and Accountability.

Management Council. The council reviewed and supported a document staff created to outline the division's priorities for the remainder of the year and key tasks for staff to support the governance structure.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

n. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. Council members provided no specific updates but did review the process to ensure intended outcomes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Updates.

(1) Request to Eliminate the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The council reviewed the request from the Board of Governors to sunset the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct because many of its responsibilities, specifically, "to evaluate and improve sportsmanship and ethical conduct and emphasize values of respect, civility, honesty and responsibility" are captured by the function of departments in the NCAA national office and other committees in the governance structure. After discussion, however, the council delayed acting on this request due to concerns with the perception of eliminating this committee during a time with increased sportsmanship and ethical conduct issues within college athletics. While the council understands this

committee was not meeting regularly and its original charge has changed, it asked for more details on how the NCAA would continue this important work. The council will receive these additional details during its July meeting and anticipates acting at that time.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Update from the NCAA President.

Management and Presidents Councils. NCAA President Charlie Baker updated the councils on his engagement with select Division III conferences to date, indicating that he intends to meet with all of them within his first 100 days in office, as well as his engagement with state and federal legislators regarding issues related to student-athlete name, image and likeness. As for ways Division III members can positively influence the discussion regarding intercollegiate athletics, President Baker advised council members to invite legislators to their campuses to meet personally with student-athletes, coaches and staff in order to best tell the Division III story.

(3) NCAA Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received a report from the committee's most recent meeting. No action was necessary.

b. NCAA State of Business Review.

Management and Presidents Councils. NCAA President Baker updated the councils on the current external NCAA business review being conducted to ensure greater efficiencies in national office operations.

c. Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.

Management and Presidents Councils. NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline updated the councils on the following key topics:

- (1) Mental Health Advisory Group.** The advisory group met in early March to discuss possible updates to the mental health best practices document. Any proposed changes will be considered by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports at its June meeting with additional review and socialization to the membership.
- (2) NCAA Banned-Drug List.** The councils were advised that due to a forthcoming change to the World Anti-Doping Agency banned-substance list, Tramadol will become a banned substance as of January 1, 2024. This is the same date the substance will be added to the WADA banned-substance

list. (Council members were informed that the NCAA banned-substance list aligns with WADA.)

- (3) **Athletic Trainers.** The councils were advised of an upcoming stakeholder meeting coordinated by the Sport Science Institute staff with representatives from Divisions I, II and III and leaders from all three athletic training strategic partner organizations to discuss the current academic requirements for athletic trainers and other issues affecting the availability and retention of athletic trainers.

d. **NCAA Media Rights Update.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council received a media rights update.

e. **Governmental Relations Report.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council received an update from the NCAA governmental relations staff. No action was necessary.

f. **Litigation Update.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received a litigation update from staff. No action was necessary.

8. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.**

a. **Council Rosters.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council formally thanked Kate Foster for her service on the council. She recently announced that she is resigning her presidency in June, and after a year sabbatical she anticipates returning to the classroom. As such, this was her final council meeting. The council also reminded members that those interested in serving in a leadership capacity (e.g., vice chair) should let staff know. The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee will review nominations during its September meeting and make a recommendation to the council to finalize during its October meeting.

b. Governance Scorecard.

Management and Presidents Councils. Council members were reminded that governance scorecard was sent in early April. The scorecard is an online tool to allow the council to provide feedback regarding their council experience. The deadline to complete the scorecard is May 15.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Eastern time on April 17, and at 2:15 p.m. Eastern time on April 18.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Eastern time.