

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE JUNE 21-22, 2023, MEETING

#### ACTION ITEMS.

None.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business Wednesday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. Eastern.
- 2. Membership Committee roster and conflict of interest. Committee members were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise. Committee members reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated, as necessary. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
- **3. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
- **4. Review of May 25, 2023, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its May 25 videoconference report.
- 5. Division III provisional/reclassifying membership.
  - a. <u>Current roster</u>. The committee reviewed the current roster of provisional and reclassifying institutions and their committee mentors. Staff notified the committee that Bob Jones University withdrew from the provisional membership process.
  - b. <u>Process advancement</u>. The committee reviewed annual reports from the following provisional and reclassifying institutions and took the following actions:
    - (1) <u>Year One to Year Two Approval</u>. The committee accepted the annual report from the following institutions, provided feedback in areas where the institutions could enhance their current practices, and approved advancement in the membership process from year one to year two.
      - (a) Lyon College; and
      - (b) University of Hartford.
    - (2) <u>Year Two to Year Three Approval</u>. The committee accepted the annual report from the following institutions, provided feedback in areas where the

institutions could enhance their current practices, and approved advancement in the membership process from year two to year three.

- (a) Asbury University; and
- (b) Warren Wilson College.
- (3) <u>Election to active membership</u>. The committee accepted the annual report from Mississippi University for Women and approved the election to active membership status per NCAA Bylaw 20.8.3.3 (election).
- c. <u>New Member Campus Visits.</u> The committee confirmed its Fall 2023 campus visits to Carlow University and Penn State University, Brandywine.
- d. <u>New Member Process</u>. The committee reviewed the current new member process and began discussions about potential modifications. The committee will continue the discussion at future meetings.

# 6. Division III active membership.

- a. <u>Probation/Restricted status summary</u>. The committee reviewed the current list of institutions on probation and restricted status. For the 2022-23 academic year, 16 institutions remain in the probationary period and one institution on restricted status.
- b. <u>Probation/Restricted Status Institutions Athletics Program Assessment Reviews.</u>
  The committee reviewed and took action on the athletics program assessments from the following institutions, which they were required to complete during the first year of their probationary period or restricted status:
  - (1) Keystone College (probation) accepted;
  - (2) Knox College (probation) accepted;
  - (3) Maranatha Baptist University (probation) The committee determined the program assessment was inadequate and required the institution to resubmit the program assessment by August 1, 2023;
  - (4) Medgar Evers College (probation) The committee determined the program assessment was inadequate and required the institution to resubmit the program assessment by August 1, 2023;
  - (5) Mount Mary University (probation) accepted;

- (6) Northern Vermont University Johnson (probation) The committee determined the program assessment was incomplete and required the institution to submit the missing components by July 10, 2023;
- (7) Penn State University Abington (probation) The committee determined the program assessment was incomplete and required the institution to submit the missing components by July 10, 2023;
- (8) Rockford University (probation) accepted;
- (9) Rutgers University, Newark (probation) accepted;
- (10) Saint Elizabeth University (restricted status) accepted; and
- (11) Trinity Washington University (probation) The committee determined the program assessment was incomplete and required the institution to submit the missing components by July 10, 2023.
- c. Review of Notre Dame of Maryland University single-gender institution transitioning to coeducational institutional waiver. The committee approved a request from Notre Dame of Maryland University for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.10.2 (single-gender institution transitioning to co-educational institution). In its review, the committee noted that this waiver will apply for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years, on the condition that the institution provide an annual update to the committee not later than June 1 of each year during the three-year period.
- d. <u>Conference membership</u>. The committee received an update from staff on current conference membership and pending realignments.
- e. <u>2022-23 sports sponsorship audit</u>. Staff informed the committee that six institutions will be randomly selected to be audited to ensure satisfaction of sports-sponsorship requirements for the 2022-23 academic year. The random selection occurs annually following the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form submission deadline of July 26, 2023. The staff also noted that additional institutions will likely be audited for cause after the membership sports sponsorship data review is completed by research staff in mid-August 2023.

#### 7. Educational initiatives.

a. <u>2023 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar attendance – Bylaw 20.8.4.16</u>. Staff reported to the committee that all institutions required to attend in 2023 met the attendance requirement.

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- b. <u>Division III Rules Test</u>. Staff provided the committee with the updates to the Division III Rules Test. The committee discussed potential question topics to include in the 2024-25 version of the rules test.
- **8. Division III governance update.** Bill Regan, managing director for Division III, provided the committee with Division III and Association-wide updates.
- **9. Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed a schedule for future meetings and videoconferences.
- 10. Other business. None.
- **11. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned Thursday, June 22, 12:13 p.m. Eastern.

Committee Chair: Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference

Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance

Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

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#### **Attendees:**

Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.

Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.

Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.

Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.

Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.

Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.

Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.

William Stiles, Alvernia University.

#### Absentees.

None.

## **Guests in Attendance:**

None.

# NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Bill Regan and Lisa Rogers.