



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 14-15, 2022, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and introduction.** The NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee commenced business, November 14, 8:33 a.m.
- 2. Review of the March 23, 2022, report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its March 23, 2022, meeting.
- 3. Level I reviews.** The committee reviewed 69 cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA and conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:
 - a. Voted to take no action on the following 53 cases:**
 - (1) 2005-1-14;
 - (2) 2005-1-15;
 - (3) 2005-2-01;
 - (4) 2005-2-07;
 - (5) 2005-3-01;
 - (6) 2005-3-10;
 - (7) 2005-3-14;
 - (8) 2006-1-16;
 - (9) 2006-1-20;
 - (10) 2006-1-24;
 - (11) 2006-3-04;
 - (12) 2007-1-02;
 - (13) 2007-1-05;
 - (14) 2007-3-01;
 - (15) 2007-3-03;
 - (16) 2008-1-06;
 - (17) 2008-1-07;
 - (18) 2009-2-03;
 - (19) 2010-1-05;

- (20) 2010-2-01;
- (21) 2010-2-03;
- (22) 2011-1-06;
- (23) 2011-1-07;
- (24) 2011-2-03;
- (25) 2011-3-04;
- (26) 2012-1-05;
- (27) 2012-2-01;
- (28) 2012-3-02;
- (29) 2013-1-03;
- (30) 2013-2-02;
- (31) 2013-2-03;
- (32) 2013-2-04;
- (33) 2013-4-03;
- (34) 2013-4-04;
- (35) 2014-1-01;
- (36) 2014-2-02;
- (37) 2015-1-07;
- (38) 2015-4-01;
- (39) 2016-1-10;
- (40) 2016-1-14;
- (41) 2016-1-15;
- (42) 2016-2-02;
- (43) 2017-1-07;
- (44) 2018-1-07;
- (45) 2018-1-08;
- (46) 2019-1-04;
- (47) 2020-1-04;
- (48) 2020-1-06;
- (49) 2022-1-02;
- (50) 2022-1-05;
- (51) 2022-1-07;
- (52) 2022-1-08; and
- (53) 2022-1-09.

b. Voted to move the following 16 level I cases to level II reviews:

- (1) 2005-1-08;
- (2) 2005-1-02;
- (3) 2005-1-03;
- (4) 2005-2-13;
- (5) 2006-1-24;
- (6) 2008-2-01;

- (7) 2008-2-09;
- (8) 2010-1-06;
- (9) 2011-3-03;
- (10) 2013-2-01;
- (11) 2022-1-01;
- (12) 2022-1-03;
- (13) 2022-1-04;
- (14) 2022-1-06;
- (15) 2022-1-10, and
- (16) 2022-2-01.

4. **Level II Reviews.** The committee reviewed two cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA and conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee voted to take no action on cases 2008-1-04 and 2021-4-02.
5. **Division III Requests/Self-Reports Online Bylaw 15 interpretations.** The Committee was provided an overview of Bylaw 15 interpretation requests submitted since February 2, 2022.
6. **Interpretation of legislation related to Federal Work-Study.** The committee received an overview of the September 28, 1990, staff interpretation. Specifically, identifying potential NCAA compliance issues and analyzing the practical application. The committee provided recommendations to modernize the staff interpretation to better align with the member institution's work-study policies. This topic was discussed by the Financial Aid Committee because of instances where Division III athletics department staff are involved in student-athletes accessing work-study within the athletics department.
7. **Division III Governance update.** The committee received an update on current key topics within the Division III governance structure.
8. **Enrollment trend analysis findings.** The committee was provided data on first-time fulltime enrollment changes for Division III member institutions between 2017-18 and 2021-22. Most notably, 34% of institutions experienced a 20% or greater decline in first-time fulltime enrollment between 2017-18 and 2021-22.
9. **Consideration of athletics leadership in Division III Bylaw 15.** The committee was provided a legislative history of bylaw 15.3.1 by staff and engaged in additional discussion on the appropriateness of prohibiting athletics leadership as a consideration for financial aid. Key themes to emerge include an unknown institutional and student-athlete impact, the reliance by Division III institutions on the enrollment of student-athletes, and changes to the financial model across the higher education sector in recent years. The discussion will continue at the February 2023 meeting.

10. **Discussion of financial aid review policies and procedures.** The committee was provided with information on current policies and procedures and their effectiveness. The discussion highlighted the effectiveness of the current model. The committee identified potential opportunities for adjustment to the current review triggers and the additional of additional triggers (e.g., random selection) to increase the likelihood of institutions being selected. The discussion will continue at the February 2023 meeting.
11. **Election of committee chair.** The committee voted and elected Melissa Stephens, Director of Financial Aid and Student Employment, Western Connecticut State University, as the new committee chair.
12. **Future meetings.** The committee confirmed its next meeting will be held virtually February 13-14, 2023.
13. **Other business.** The committee raised questions on the Convention legislative proposal concerning the composition of the Financial Aid Committee, questioning the rationale behind reducing the number of financial aid professionals.
14. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned Nov. 15, 11:56 a.m.

Committee Chair: Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance
Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee November 14-15, 2022, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Ashley Bianchi, Williams College, New England Small Colleges Athletic Conference.	
Michael Brophy, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Kathleen Brown, St. Mary's College (Indiana), Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Mark Becker, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Catherine Corcoran, Cabrini University, Atlantic East Conference.	
Dana L. Harmon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Erin Pomykala, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.	
Eric Stacey, St. Catherine University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Melissa Stephens, Western Connecticut State University, Little East Conference.	
Absentees:	
Jeffrey Stoudt, Franklin & Marshall College; Centennial Conference	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Bill Regan.	