

**DIVISION I
GOVERNANCE
UPDATE**

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New Governance Structure

- August 2013.
 - NCAA Division I Board of Directors approved a plan for redesigning the governance structure.
 - Steering Committee appointed to guide this effort.

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**New Governance Structure
Board of Directors**

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors has a stated goal of a new governance structure that "operates in a more nimble and streamlined manner, and is more responsive to membership needs throughout the division, particularly those of the student-athletes."

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**New Governance Structure
Board of Directors**

- The Board of Directors committed to lead a process for governance redesign that:
 - Was guided by shared values and vision;
 - Communicated effectively;
 - Built community, consensus and trust; and
 - Recognized the unique pressures and challenges faced by several conferences in operating intercollegiate athletics programs that balance educational and athletic interests.

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**New Governance Structure
Steering Committee**

- Steering Committee approached its work with the following parameters:
 - Structure and process must be simple with clear definitions of roles and responsibilities and open lines of communication;
 - Flexibility in terms of governance and legislative autonomy should be considered;

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**New Governance Structure
Steering Committee**

- New model must recognize the diversity of the membership and the need to ensure expertise and a commitment to serve; and
- Ensure that practitioner knowledge, institutional knowledge and perspectives are embedded within the structure.

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New Governance Structure

- August 2014.
 - Board of Directors adopted a new structure for how institutions and conferences will govern the division and how they will better meet the needs of student-athletes.

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Board of Directors

(24 total: 20 presidents, 1 director of athletics, 1 faculty athletics representative (FAR), 1 female administrator and 1 student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC) representative)

- Overall governing body for Division I, with responsibility for strategy, policy, governance and membership.
- Retains some legislative and management oversight.
 - Sponsor legislation and endorse or adopt academic standards.
 - Monitor, interpret and address the scope of autonomy legislation.

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Committee on Academics

- Will manage all policy and regulations related to academics.
- Report directly to the Board of Directors.
- Legislative proposals to the NCAA Division I Council.
- 20 members from all levels of athletics and school administration.
 - At least 2 presidents or chancellors, 1 of whom will serve as chair.

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Committee on Academics

- Committees reporting to the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.
 - NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee.
 - NCAA Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee.
 - NCAA International Student Records Committee (common committee).
 - NCAA High School Review Committee (common committee).
 - NCAA Student Records Review Committee (common committee).

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Council

40 total members, including a representative from all 32 conferences, 2 SAAC, 4 commissioners and 2 FARS.

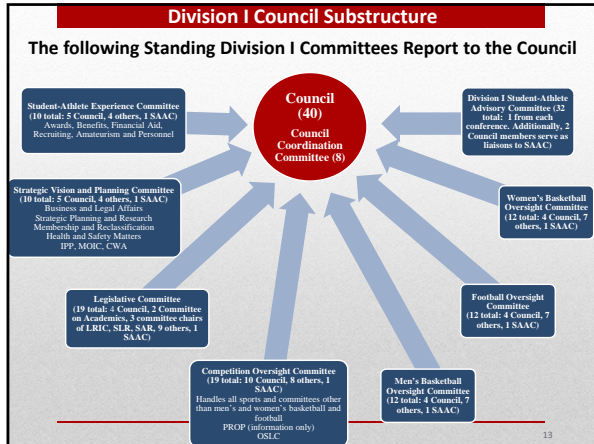
- Primary responsibility for day-to-day nonacademic policy and legislative decisions.
 - Authorized to appoint sub-Council standing committees and ad hoc groups.
 - Recommendations to the Council related to championships, legislation, student-athlete well-being, membership and other issues.

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Council Substructure

- February 2015 .
 - Council adopted a substructure which included a Council Coordination Committee and seven standing committees.

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Strategic Vision and Planning Committee
 (10 total: 5 Council, 4 others, 1 SAAC)

- Responsibility of administrative functions related to the management of the division, including:
 - Business and Legal Affairs;
 - Strategic Planning and Research;
 - Membership Activities (including the reclassification process), and
 - Health and Safety.
- Association-wide committees that will report Division I issues:
 - NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA);
 - NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC); and
 - NCAA Honors Committee, NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee and NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committees.
- Division I Committees that will report:
 - NCAA Division I Institutional Performance Program Committee.

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Competition Oversight Committee
 (19 total: 10 Council, 8 others, 1 SAAC)

- Responsibility of regular season and championships administration including supervision of qualification and/or selection procedures for Division I and national collegiate championships.
- Oversight of sports committees and process other issues related to the administration of those championships.
- NCAA Playing Rules and Oversight Panel (information only).
- Association-wide committees that will report Division I issues:
 - NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.
 - Sports other than football and men's and women's basketball.

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Sports Specific Oversight Committees

- NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee.
 - (12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC).

- NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee.
 - (12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC).

- NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee.
 - (12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC).

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Legislative Committee

(19 total: 4 Council, 2 Committee on Academics, 3 committee chairs of NCAA Interpretations Committee, NCAA Committee on Legislative Relief , NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, 9 others, 1 SAAC)

- Review and make recommendations to the Council regarding the merits of proposals developed through the shared governance process (conferences and Council committees).
- Provide feedback to autonomy conferences regarding the impact of autonomy proposals on the entire Division I membership.
- Division I Committees that will report:
 - NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (SAR).
 - NCAA Interpretations Committee (IC) - formerly known as NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee (LRIC).
 - Committee on Legislative Relief (CLR) - formerly known as NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Review (SLR).

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Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC)

(10 total: 5 Council, 4 others, 1 SAAC)

- Oversight of nonacademic bylaws that impact the overall student-athlete intercollegiate experience.
- Study issues and make policy or legislative recommendations in the nonautonomy areas including, but not limited to:
 - Amateurism;
 - Recruiting;
 - Financial aid; and
 - Awards and benefits.
- Division I Committees that will report:
 - NCAA Division I Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee.

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Council Coordination Committee (8 Council)

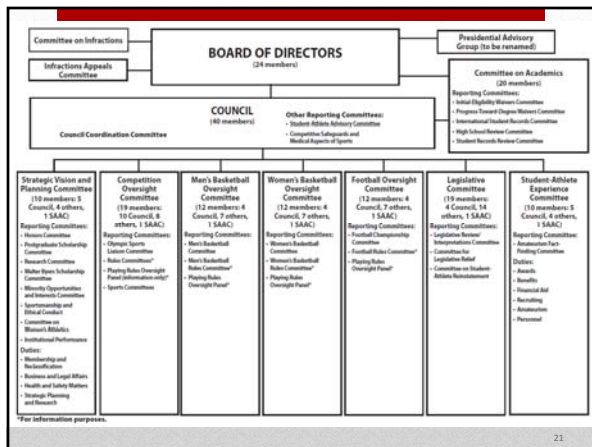
- Empowered to act on behalf of the Council.
- Transact necessary and routine items of business.
- Emergency decisions that are clearly necessary to promote the orderly administration in the interim between meetings of the Council.

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	Total Numbers	Number of Council Members	Number of Non-Council Members	SAAC Members	Notes
Strategic Vision and Planning Committee	10	5	4	1	
Competition Oversight Committee	19	10	8	1	
Men's Basketball Oversight Committee	12	4	7	1	• 1 each divisional subgroup representative from among 4 Council reps.
Women's Basketball Oversight Committee	12	4	7	1	• 1 each divisional subgroup representative from among 4 Council reps.
Football Oversight Committee	12	4	7	1	• 1 each divisional football subgroup representative from among 4 Council reps. • Work of this committee includes FCS and FBS issues.
Legislative Committee	19	4	14	1	The 14 include: • 9 others. • 2 Committee on Academics. • 3 chairs of IC, SAR, CLR.
Student-Athlete Experience Committee	10	5	4	1	
Council Coordination Committee	7	6	-	1	• Chair. • Vice chair. • Minimum 1 each divisional subgroup representative. • SAAC member is a Council rep.

Note: Chair/vice chair/2 SAAC Reps do not serve on standing committees (other than Council Coordination Committee).

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April Council Meeting

- Council approved appointments of non-Council members to the seven standing committees.
- Council requested the FARs on the Council develop recommendations to increase FARs' engagement.

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April Council Meeting

- Council approved a recommendation that the Committee on Academics appoint a member of the committee to serve as a liaison to the Council.
- Council supported a recommendation to create an ad hoc working group to develop models for filling future committee member vacancies within the Division I governance structure to be considered at June Council meeting.

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April Council Meeting

- Recommended legislation to establish:
 - NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief (CLR). Formerly known as SLR.
 - Amateurism Fact-Finding Committee.

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April Council Meeting

- Updates:
 - NCAA Division I Council Transfer Issues Ad Hoc Working Group.
 - Reviewing graduate transfers and permission to contact.
 - Academic Misconduct.
 - During its June meeting, the Council will be asked to sponsor legislation to address academic misconduct issues.

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Governance Video

- [The new structure.](#)

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