DIVISION I
GOVERNANCE
UPDATE

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New Governance Structure

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

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."
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.

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;
- 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.
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.

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.

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.
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).

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.

Council Substructure

- February 2015.
  - Council adopted a substructure which included a Council Coordination Committee and seven standing committees.
The following Standing Division I Committees Report to the Council

**Council (40)**

**Council Coordination Committee:**
- National chipset: 500-000, Florida, USA
- Florida chipset: 100-000, Florida, USA
- Florida chipset: 100-000, Florida, USA

**Student-Athlete Experience Committee**
(10 total: 5 Council, 4 others, 1 SAAC)
- Awards, Benefits, Financial Aid, Recruiting, Amateurism, and Personnel
- Strategic Vision and Planning Committee
- Business and Legal Affairs, Strategic Planning, and Research
- Membership, Activities (including the reclassification process), and Health and Safety.
- IPP, MOIC, CWA

**Competition Oversight Committee**
(19 total: 10 Council, 8 others, 1 SAAC)
- Handles all sports and committees other than men's and women's basketball and football
- PROP (information only)
- OSLC

**Women's Basketball Oversight Committee**
(12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC)

**Football Oversight Committee**
(12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC)

**Men's Basketball Oversight Committee**
(12 total: 4 Council, 7 others, 1 SAAC)

**Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**
(32 total: 1 from each conference. Additionally, 2 Council members serve as liaisons to SAAC)

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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.
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).

Legislative Committee

- 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).

Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC)

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

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.

April Council Meeting

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

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

Governance Video

• The new structure.