

A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet
Subcommittee on Financial Aid

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1. Welcome and announcements.
2. Discuss agenda for the February 2007 financial aid forum.

Background: During its June meeting, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Financial Aid suggested that a financial aid forum be held in conjunction with an upcoming cabinet meeting. It has been determined that February 2007 would be an ideal time to conduct the forum. The goal of the forum will be to increase opportunities for input from various constituencies for more informed decision-making and to encourage a spirit of cooperation with the general financial aid community. It was recommended that forum participants discuss various current issues related to financial aid and possible ways to increase communication and cooperation among various financial aid constituencies. The subcommittee will be asked to begin forming the agenda and format for the forum.

3. Review legislative proposals referred to and recommended by the subcommittee. See the full cabinet mailing, Supplement No. 9.

Background: The subcommittee will review conference-sponsored proposals and proposals the subcommittee recommended for cabinet sponsorship in June.

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee will make recommendations to the cabinet regarding each conference-sponsored proposal to support, oppose or oppose and suggest a modification. The subcommittee will review the proposals it recommended to the cabinet in June to ensure that its intent is reflected in legislative format.

4. Revisit degree-completion and incentive programs. (Attachment A)

Background: During its June meeting, the subcommittee reviewed issues related to the limitation on providing institutional unearned athletically related financial aid to student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and have received five years of aid or are outside the six-year period since initial enrollment, but are seeking to complete their degrees [NCAA Division I Bylaw 15.01.5-(c)]. The subcommittee requested more information related to the NCAA Division I Degree-Completion Award Program. The subcommittee will continue its discussion related to identifying legislative changes to allow institutions more flexibility to provide unearned financial aid or a combination of earned and unearned aid under limited circumstances in order to complete their degrees.

5. Discuss NCAA Division I Management Council Administrative Review Subcommittee (ARS) waivers/issues related to NCAA Proposal No. 2003-24 (as amended by Proposal No. 2003-24-1).

Background: ARS has received waiver requests related to Proposal No. 2003-24 (as amended by Proposal No. 2003-24-1), which requires NCAA Division I institutions to award athletically related aid to student-athletes for one full academic year and requires athletically-related aid to be awarded in equal amounts during each term of the academic year. Division I institutions have submitted two ARS waiver requests since the adoption of this proposal and both requests were granted by the ARS staff. It is recommended that the subcommittee review the current exceptions to Bylaws 15.3.3.1 and 15.3.3.1.1 to determine if additional exceptions are appropriate.

6. Review ARS waivers related to Bylaw 15. (Attachment B)

Background: Legislation in Bylaw 15 (financial aid) can be waived through the ARS waiver process when documentation/circumstances are submitted that demonstrate relief of the legislation is warranted. The subcommittee will be provided with a brief summary of ARS waiver requests related to financial aid.

7. Other business.

8. Adjournment.

