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Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet

Subcommittee on Financial Aid

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1. Welcome and announcements.
2. Discuss financial aid workshop recommendations and formulate action plans. [See Supplement No. 13 of the full cabinet mailing.] [Attachment A to be on site.]

Background: During the February meeting, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Financial Aid hosted a financial aid workshop with approximately 32 individuals from the institutional financial aid community, conference representatives, institutional athletics administrators and student-athletes to share best practices and identify current issues relevant to the financial aid community, athletics programs and student-athletes. The subcommittee compiled several recommendations from the workshop related to institutional and need-based aid, outside awards, processing countable aid, education and resources, one-year period legislation, international student financial aid and summer aid. The subcommittee will continue its discussions of the recommendations and formulate possible action plans (e.g., legislation, priority lists).

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee may recommend the full cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2007-08 legislative cycle to address some of the issues identified at the workshop.

3. Review legislative actions from the NCAA Division I Management Council and NCAA Division I Board of Directors. [See Supplement No. 6 of the full cabinet mailing.]

Background: The subcommittee will review any actions related to financial aid issues that were taken by the Management Council or the Board of Directors during their April 2007 meetings. Specifically, the subcommittee will review the actions taken on legislative proposals related to financial aid as well as the recent recommendations of the

Baseball Academic Enhancement Working Group. The subcommittee will discuss these actions and their effect on future reviews of similar issues. In addition, the subcommittee will discuss possible next steps and alternatives to recent actions.

4. Discuss final report of the Presidential Task Force on the future of Division I intercollegiate athletics. [See Supplement No. 8 of the full cabinet mailing.]

Background: During its February meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the final report from the task force and discussed possible approaches to address the recommendations. The subcommittee will develop a plan to be reviewed and finalized.

5. Review changes to compliance forms. [See Supplement No. 10 of the full cabinet mailing.]

Background: Each year, the subcommittee reviews the squad list form in February and suggests appropriate changes. The changes are made and the form is presented to the subcommittee in June for final approval.

6. Discuss criteria for determining an honorary academic award. [See Attachment B.]

Background: The subcommittee was forwarded an issue that was reviewed by the NCAA membership services staff during its February 22 staff interpretations meeting related to a Division I institution who offers an institutional academic award that does not meet the definition of an honorary academic award [per NCAA Bylaw 15.02.6 (honorary academic award/research grant)] because the award is limited by gender. The institution requested the staff examine if Bylaw 15.02.6 could be expanded to include objective criteria (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, major or financial need) when determining the recipient of an honorary academic award. The staff reviewed a September 10, 1997, staff interpretation and determined the legislation clearly articulates the appropriate criteria for an honorary academic award and that any expansion of such criteria must be completed through the legislative process. The staff requested the subcommittee review this issue to determine if a change in the application of the rule is warranted.

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee may recommend the full cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2007-08 legislative cycle to permit institutions to include objective criteria when determining the recipient of an honorary academic award.

