

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. STRUCTURE.

a. Division I Board of Directors.

- (1) Recommendation. The Governance Subcommittee recommends that under any proposed modification to the Division I governance structure; the Division I Board of Directors should retain its primacy in the structure and serve as the division's principal leadership body. It is the Governance Subcommittee's intention that as a result of its recommended changes, which are set forth in this report, the Board of Directors will be aided in its role to establish working principles for the division, set the divisional agenda and examine broad policy initiatives.
- (2) Function and Purpose. While the Governance Subcommittee is not recommending major changes to the Board of Directors' current duties, which include establishing and directing general policy, developing a strategic plan, approving the annual budget and adopting bylaws, it is the Governance Subcommittee's intention that this new structure will better enable the Board to focus primarily on setting the division's strategic course and agenda. As described in more detail later in this working document, it is the subcommittee's goal that the Board spend less time on managing the details of Division I legislation and more time, with the help of the Leadership Council, on setting the course for Division I and directing the governance substructure for a more coordinated approach to addressing issues.
- (3) Size and Composition. Although the Governance Subcommittee received some membership comments suggesting expansion of the Division I Board of Directors to accommodate representatives from each of the 31 multisport conferences, the subcommittee did not consider the issue to be under its purview.
- (4) Reporting Lines. The following governance bodies shall report to the Division I Board of Directors under the proposed changes to the structure:
 - Division I Presidential Advisory Group;
 - The proposed Leadership Council;
 - The proposed Legislative Council; and
 - Committee on Academic Performance (Until such time as its work in developing the program is complete).

b. Division I Presidential Advisory Group.

- (1) Recommendation. The Governance Subcommittee recommends that the Division I Presidential Advisory Group remain intact under the proposed new Division I governance structure as this body plays an important role in providing advice to the Board of Directors in leading the division. Further, in making this recommendation, the subcommittee determined that since only 18 of 31 multisport conferences are represented on the Board of Directors, the Presidential Advisory Group as now structured remains critical to ensuring communication among all conferences at the presidential level.
- (2) Size and Composition. The subcommittee is recommending no change to the size and composition of the current Division I Presidential Advisory Group.

c. Restructuring the current Division I Management Council.

Recommendation. The Governance Subcommittee recommends restructuring the current Division I Management Council by establishing two distinct bodies that would report to the Board of Directors. These bodies would be called the Leadership Council and the Legislative Council.

(1) Leadership Council.

- (a) Function and Purpose. The Leadership Council would be advisory to the Board of Directors and would focus on examining issues on the horizon of intercollegiate athletics. The Leadership Council would be charged with helping to chart the division's course and its members would be expected to have a national focus in their deliberations rather than an institutional or a conference-based one. This body would not only receive authority as directed by the Board of Directors to act on a wide array of matters, but it would also be responsible for identifying issues that could impact intercollegiate athletics as a whole. It is anticipated that this forward looking body would assist the Board by providing the Board with background information, comments and advice on non-legislative matters and selected legislative proposals either of particular importance to or with broad impact on the division. The level and type of legislative advice offered by the Leadership Council would be determined by the nature of issues being examined. Additionally, it is anticipated that the Leadership Council would retain some of the current Management Council's jurisdiction with regard to Association-wide and Division I committees.

