

AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletics Association

Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet

Subcommittee on Continuing Eligibility

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 11, 2007

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Review June 2007 NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Continuing Eligibility report. [Attachment A]
3. Review of legislation from the 2007-08 legislative cycle. [See Supplement No. 8 of the full NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet mailing.]

Background: The subcommittee will review legislative proposals referred for their evaluation. The proposals were sponsored by the cabinet for the 2007-08 legislative cycle.

4. Review the concept of creating an appeal of NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.6 (progress-toward-degree rule) including conference office responses. [Attachment B]

Background: During the June meeting of the cabinet, the subcommittee discussed the concept of an appeal for waivers of progress-toward-degree legislation based on medical absence or international competition that are denied by the conference office. At that time, the subcommittee directed the staff to collect feedback from the parties involved to present for follow-up at the September meeting.

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee will discuss this issue and possibly make a recommendation for legislation to address this appeal.

5. Review of nontraditional courses. [Attachment C]

Background: During the June 2007 meeting of the cabinet, the subcommittee discussed the issue of nontraditional courses and determined that a review of the legislation and interpretations of these courses is long overdue.

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee anticipates continuing this review for the 2007-08 academic year with plans to develop legislation in time for the 2008-09 legislative cycle.

6. Other business.

7. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE JUNE 12, 2007,
NCAA DIVISION I ACADEMICS/ELIGIBILITY/COMPLIANCE CABINET
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

1. **ACTION ITEMS.**

• **Legislative.**

➤ **Eligibility - Bona Fide Foreign Exchange Student Exception.**

- (a) **Recommendation.** The subcommittee recommends the cabinet sponsor legislation to revise the progress-toward-degree legislation as it applies to student-athletes who meet the bona fide foreign exchange student exception to the transfer legislation in Bylaw 14.5.1.6.1. Specifically (a) the subcommittee recommends these student-athletes be required to pass a minimum of six hours per regular academic term of enrollment; (b) pass 18 semester or 27 quarter-hours per regular academic year of enrollment pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1-b; and (c) present a minimum grade-point average per academic term of enrollment that is in line with the requirements in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1.
- (b) **Rationale.** Bylaw 14.4.1.1 allows student-athletes who meet the bona fide foreign exchange student exception to the transfer legislation in Bylaw 14.5.1.6.1 to participate in intercollegiate athletics competition without meeting progress-toward-degree requirements while enrolled at the certifying institution. While these student-athletes often are limited in their ability to declare a major at the certifying institution, this recommendation will require a review to determine if they are functioning as students during the academic year and reaching a minimal level of academic achievement.
- (c) **Effective Date.** August 1, 2008.
- (d) **Budget Impact.** None.
- (e) **Effect on Student-Athlete's Time.** None.

2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- a. **Application of Bylaw 14.5.5.4 – Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid.** The subcommittee requested that the Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee issue an interpretation determining that Bylaw 14.5.5.4 does not apply in the following situations:

