

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
JULY 10, 2007, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action Item.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Item.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Measuring NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) Improvement within the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) Penalty Structure.** The NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance approved a revision to the historical-penalty review process to require institutions to have a Fishers Exact Test (FET) score of less than or equal to 0.5 in order to satisfy the review factor requiring meaningful APR improvement in the historical-penalty model. This will result in a greater number of teams meeting the improvement standard. The committee noted that using the 0.5 standard was an appropriate measure to demonstrate improvement within the penalty structure, because that score indicates a team has demonstrated a better than chance probability of true improvement.
- 2. Evaluating Team APR Improvement When Considering APP Penalty Relief.** The committee considered several models for reviewing APR improvement when considering APP penalty waivers, including a model that used institutional resources in the application of mitigation for historical penalties. In this model, NCAA Division I institutions were divided into quartiles by institutional resources using the average of: per capita institutional expenditures; per capita athletics expenditures and per capita Pell Grant expenditures for the campus. Then, each quartile was assigned a standard of improvement to meet in order to satisfy this review. This approach was considered in an effort to more precisely identify the impact of available resources on an institution's ability to improve a team's APR in a relatively short timeframe. The committee directed the staff to use this model, as specified by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance Subcommittee on Appeals, when considering providing historical-penalty relief.
- 3. APR Improvement Plan Requirements and Review.** The committee revised the APR Improvement Plan guidelines for teams with an APR below 925. The committee also noted that teams with a rate below 900, teams submitting waivers, institutions applying

