

Proposal Number: 2007-XXX

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT -- SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Intent: To eliminate the self-sufficiency clause from the Division I philosophy statement.

Bylaws: Amend 20.9, as follows:

20.9 DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

DIVISION I PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division I support the following principles in the belief that these statements assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These statements are not binding on member institutions but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. A member of Division I:

[20.9-(a) through 20.9-(f) unchanged.]

(g) *Strives to finance its athletics program insofar as possible from revenues generated by the program itself. All **Maintains institutional control over all** funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution;* and

[20.9-(h) relettered as 20.9-(g), unchanged.]

Source:

Effective Date: August 1, 2008

Proposal Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: This recommendation was made by the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. Notwithstanding the widespread evaluative commentary and debates using terms such as “self-sufficiency of athletics departments” and “institutional support,” no commonly accepted definitions of such terms have been used. Further, only a handful of Division I institutions rely exclusively on funds generated by the athletics program to balance their athletics budget. The vast majority of schools must accomplish that balance through allocated funds. Athletics finances should be integrated with institutional processes consistent with the values of the institution.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.