

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Association-wide.

- a. Election of Research Committee chair.** Kurt Beron, University of Texas at Dallas, was elected chair of the NCAA Research Committee.
- b. Discussion of the Research Committee Graduate Student Research Grant Program.** Numerous issues were discussed, including:
 - (1) Grant process. The committee reviewed the Process for Reviewing Graduate Student Research Grant Proposals document. The document included information on the application procedure, steps in the grant review process, the grant application review criteria, the application requirements and the grant process timeline.
 - (2) Timing for the call for proposals. The committee maintained the Call for Proposals will be disseminated early January and the deadline for submission will be May 1.
 - (3) Number of grants awarded. The committee discussed maintaining the current number of awards at four per year at a maximum of \$5,000; however, consideration was given to adapting the budget to account for increases in travel expenses.
 - (4) Role of the NCAA staff in the review process. The committee discussed a process whereby all grant proposals initially would be processed by the NCAA research staff.
 - (5) Role of the NCAA Research Committee in the review process. The committee discussed reviewing all proposals in round two of the review process instead of dividing the workload. It was agreed this would enhance the process and increase consistency in scoring. The committee also discussed future consideration of reviewing under the premise of forced priority.
 - (6) Grant review timeline. The committee discussed the following timeline as a way to streamline the proposal process:

- (a) NCAA Call for proposals sent the week of January 7.
 - (b) Graduate student proposals due May 1.
 - (c) Staff reviews retreat/meeting May 26.
 - (d) Committee materials sent June 9.
 - (e) Committee round 1 scores due July 25.
 - (f) Conference call materials due to committee July 30.
 - (g) Conference call 1 to 3 p.m. Eastern time August 4.
 - (h) Notification to Principal Investigators August 22.
- (8) Future handling of finalized grant winner presentations. The committee recommended that, in subsequent years, former grantees should be provided the opportunity to have their final abstracts republished in The NCAA News. Additionally, a possible connection should be made to the National Convention symposium.
- c. **Future meetings.** The committee agreed to continue holding its annual in-person meeting in conjunction with the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives Associations Annual Symposium. The next meeting will be held November 12-13, 2008, in San Diego, California.
 - d. **Overview of research staff activities.** Todd Petr led a discussion of the research staff activities. The discussion centered on the activities of the staff and how they pertain to the mission of the Research Committee.
 - e. **Study of College Outcomes and Recent Experiences (SCORE) 1996.** The committee received a progress report on the upcoming study. Topics discussed include the review of the final version of the survey instrument, future iterations of the survey instrument and the differences in data collection versus the 1994 SCORE survey.
 - f. **NCAA data-sharing policy.** The committee received an update on how the NCAA might share data. The committee discussed the growing issue of social security number protection and how that will affect future data collection efforts and data matching.

- g. Wagering survey.** The committee received an update on the upcoming wagering study to be distributed by Faculty Athletic Representatives. The staff facilitated questions regarding the survey instrument and the timeline for submission.
- h. Gender Equity in College Coaching and Administration – Perceived Barriers survey.** The committee received an update on the preliminary results of the Barriers survey. Comparisons were made from the 1989 results to the current 2007 results for administrators, coaches and student-athletes.
- i. Graduate Student Research Grant Program presentations.** The committee received presentation from the four grant winners of the 2007 Research Committee Graduate Student Research Grant Program.

 - (1) Predictors of Retirement Distress among Male Former Intercollegiate Athletics in Revenue-Producing Sports, Mercedes Carswell, Michigan State University.
 - (2) Exploring the Relationship between Athletic Injury and Coaching Behavior, Sarah Halbert, Miami University.
 - (3) Perceptions of Stakeholder Salience and Dimensions of Influence for Campus Student-Athlete Advisory Committees in Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics, Lori Hendricks, University of Michigan.
 - (4) A Chameleon on the Court: Understanding Factors that Contribute to Invisibility/Visibility for Division I Intercollegiate Gay-Athletes, Paul Tontz, University of Denver.

Division I.

- j. Academic reform.** The committee received an update on the trends in the graduation success rates compared with the trends in federal graduation rates. Updates and discussion also took place concerning the demographic issues in the graduation rates data.

Division II.

- k. Academic Success Rate.** The committee received an update on and overview of the Academic Success Rate. Differences were highlighted between this rate, and the Division I Academic Progress Rate.

- l. Academic tracking system.** The committee received a description of the academic tracking system.
- m. Proposed legislation.** The committee received an update on the legislation concerning freshman academic core course requirements.

Division III.

- n. Membership update.** The committee received an update on the pending membership issues related to a new Division IV or possible Division III sub-division. The staff demonstrated how a variety of data sets are being utilized to help inform the divisional discussions. The committee discussed a prospective survey on these membership issues.
- o. Financial Aid Reporting Program.** The committee received an overview of the financial aid reporting program and its progress to the next phase of review on a sport by sport basis and over a number of years. The committee discussed issues with regard to sampling and threshold.
- p. Drug Education and Testing Pilot Program Assessment (DETPPA).** The committee received an update on the Division III DETPPA study. The staff facilitated questions regarding recruitment of institutions, described the two sample groups, and explained the pre and post survey plan.

Committee Chair: Grace Calhoun, Indiana University

Staff Liaison: Nicole Bracken, research