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Ms. Joyce Collins
Director of Accounting
National Collegiate Athletic Association
Indianapolis, IN 46204-6222

Dear Joyce:

This is to officially request approval for the Sunshine State Conference to change a portion of the 2005-06 NCAA conference grant we received in the permissive uses category.

In the area of Division II compliance, the NCAA had provided the Sunshine State Conference \$20,000 to assist the conference in the establishment of a clearinghouse to certify the amateur status of international and delayed enrollment prospective student-athletes.

Since the time of this original grant request, the NCAA has announced that it is developing a national amateurism clearinghouse. The conference is very supportive of this effort by the NCAA and believes a national amateurism clearinghouse for all NCAA Division I and II institutions will be much more effective than one the conference could have established independently.

In addition, since the time of the original grant request, the SSC has been selected to participate in the NCAA Division II Coaching Grant Pilot Program. This program requires the use of \$5,000 from the SSC's conference grant funds.

Therefore, the Sunshine State Conference is now seeking approval from you and the NCAA Division II Budget and Finance Committee to reallocate our \$20,000 permissive use grant funds as follows:

- \$2,000 for hosting a SSC rules compliance seminar;
- \$5,000 for participating in the NCAA DII Coaching Grant Pilot Program;
- \$4,000 to enhance conference insurance by participating in a consortium of other NCAA DI and DII conferences purchasing insurance together;
- \$4,000 for SSC member institutions to enhance the use of technology in their athletic departments;
- \$2,500 to purchase enhanced conference statistics software for our member institutions; and
- \$2,500 for a new lap-top computer and docking system for our assistant commissioner to provide him the ability to do much more computer work while away from the office.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should need any further information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Marcil
Commissioner

Barry University
Miami Shores

Eckerd College
St. Petersburg

Florida Southern College
Lakeland

Florida Tech
Melbourne

Lynn University
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Rhodes, Barbara

From: Mike Marcil [mmarcil@ssconference.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 9:04 AM
To: Rhodes, Barbara
Subject: Re: DII Conference Grant

Thank you, Barb. I do think it could be something that would apply to other conferences. Several DII conferences are already part of the insurance consortium and I think several more may want to do it in future years.

Thank you for all of your help!

Mike

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From: [Rhodes, Barbara](#)
To: [Mike Marcil](#)
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 9:42 AM
Subject: RE: DII Conference Grant

Mike,

The committee is meeting again in the latter part of September and will discuss your request at that time. If it gets approved, you will need to decide which 3 permissive grant areas you want to narrow your funds to. The funds are set to be distributed on September 15. Your total request of \$124,000 has been approved. After the committee meets, we can then make changes to the use of funds for your grant. Your request is an area that hasn't been discussed before, so this will set a precedent either way.

Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Marcil [mailto:mmarcil@ssconference.org]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2005 2:23 PM
To: Rhodes, Barbara
Subject: Re: DII Conference Grant

Barb, We were thinking of it as an "enhancement" for this year and that it would be a one-year request and then become part of our budget for future years. But it really is not a problem if you would rather we stick to the three other permissive grant areas. The increase in technology and compliance would be just fine. Whichever way you think would be best.

Thanks, Mike

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From: [Rhodes, Barbara](#)
To: [Mike Marcil](#)
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2005 2:39 PM
Subject: RE: DII Conference Grant

Mike,

Due to this insurance program being put together and probably not budgeted for, is the \$4,000 a one-time request in which next year, it will come from your budget, or are you planning on the conference grant program to cover it every year?

