

MINUTES OF THE

NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE NO. 9

Those participating were Val Cushman, Division III Management Council chair; John Fry, Division III Presidents Council chair; Del Malloy, Division III Management Council vice chair; Jack Ohle, Division III Management Council; Paul Tribble, Division III Presidents Council vice chair; Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Leah Nilsson, NCAA; and Debbie Kresge, NCAA, recording secretary.

[NOTE: The following action occurred via facsimile October 1, 2007.]

Acting for the Division III Management Council and Presidents Council, the Administrative Committee approved the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) and Lake Erie College appeal for relief from the immediate effective date of the change to adopt noncontroversial legislation applicable to a Division III institution reclassifying to Division II. This relief shall apply for the 2007-08 year.

During its August 30, 2007 teleconference, the committee voted to amend and approve a recommendation from the Membership Committee to adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend By-laws 20.6.1.1 and 20.6.9.1 to mandate that a Division III institution reclassifying to Division II lose access to Division III championships and grant and initiative funding at the start of the second exploratory year, or on the awarding of athletically related financial aid, whichever occurs earlier. As of the date of the decision, Lake Erie College was the only Division III institution that was starting the second exploratory year for possible reclassification into Division II. Staff believed the AMCC and Lake Erie were aware of the proposed amendment.

The committee noted that the conference and institution provided significant evidence that they reasonably relied upon the previous application and interpretation of the rule, were not given significant notice of the possible change, and did not receive notice of the decision in a timely manner. The committee also noted the staff believed the appeal had merit.

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