

# DIVISION III VALUES, GOALS AND PRIORITIES

## MISSION STATEMENT

The primary purpose of the NCAA and Division III is to assist and involve all constituents (presidents, faculty athletics representatives, athletics administrators, coaches and student-athletes) in developing and maintaining consistent, equitable competitive opportunities and to ensure that our student-athletes' athletics endeavors are conducted in an environment that fosters the successful completion of all students' academic programs.

## GOALS

1. Student-athlete welfare.
  - a. Evaluate Division III championships.
    - Student-athlete experience.
    - Participation opportunities.
    - Hosting and site determination.
  - b. Health and safety initiatives.
  - c. Leadership conferences.
  - d. Initiative grants for campus, conference and community programs.
2. Diversity.
  - a. Women and minority enhancement programs (strategic alliance, internship, NCAA Fellows).
  - b. Initiative grants for campus and conference professional development.
3. Membership education/communication.
  - a. Regional seminars.
  - b. Technology enhancements.
  - c. Financial aid revisions and compliance.
  - d. Initiative grants for conference, campus and community programs.
4. Future of Division III – Role of Athletics.
  - a. Playing and practice seasons.
  - b. Eligibility and recruiting.
  - c. Championships.
  - d. Financial aid.
  - e. Membership structure.

## PLANNING PRIORITIES (SECTION V)

1. Student-athlete welfare.
2. Membership requirements, education and compliance issues.
3. Communication and technology initiatives.
4. Diversity.
5. Enhance sportsmanship and ethical conduct.
6. Enhance Division III identity.
7. Governance process.
8. Future of Division III – Role of Athletics.

## IV.

### **2003-04 TIMELINE**

#### ***Development of Annual Division III Strategic Plan***

- July 2003 – February 2004.....** • **Staff meets with divisional and Association-wide committees to discuss budget requests for the next biennial budget (FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06).**
- September .....** • **Staff forwards final goals, priorities, and operations plans and initiatives identified by the Division III Initiatives Task Force in three key areas (student-athlete welfare, diversity and membership education/communication) to all Division III and Association-wide committees for action during subsequent years.**
- September/Early October .....** • **Division III Initiatives Task Force reviews status of initial four years of Division III initiative grants (student-athlete welfare, diversity, membership education/communication) and recommends future initiatives and preliminary resource allocations the 2004-06 biennial budget.**
- October 20-30.....** • **MC and PC evaluate committee progress toward achievement of goals identified in operations plans and status of initiatives.**
- January (Convention) .....** • **Draft Association-wide strategic plan presented.**  
• **Opportunity for membership feedback regarding the Association-wide strategic plan and division-specific priorities.**  
• **MC and PC review 2004-05 and 2005-06 Division III committee recommendations, if any.**
- March 1.....** • **Deadline to submit committee initiatives with budget ramifications for 2004-05 and 2005-06.**
- April 18-29 .....** • **MC and PC amend divisional plan consistent with Association-wide strategic plan and evaluate progress toward advancement of existing goals.**  
• **MC and PC preliminarily review Division III committee recommendations, identify their position on Association-wide budget requests and forward them to the Executive Committee Finance Committee.**
- May – June.....** • **Finance Committee reviews Division III and Association-wide committee budget recommendations and forwards its recommendations to the MC and PC for 2004-05 and 2005-06.**
- Late June/mid-July .....** • **MC's strategic-planning subcommittee reviews and evaluates all Division III and Association-wide committee operations plans and forwards recommendations, goals, priorities and operations plans for 2004-06 academic years to MC.**
- July 19-20 .....** • **MC reviews final Division III and Association-wide committee budget.**  
• **MC evaluates, reviews and recommends Division III goals, priorities and operations plan for all Division III and Association-wide committees for subsequent academic year to PC.**
- August .....** • **PC approves final Division III and Association-wide budget.**  
• **PC finalizes goals, priorities and operations plan for subsequent academic years.**

## V.

### ***DIVISION III STRATEGIC-PLANNING PRIORITIES – 2002-04***

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**BOLD – In Progress  
CAPS – Priority 2003-04**

#### **1. Student-Athlete Welfare.**

##### a. Championship issues.

###### (1) Access to championships.

(a) **Review per diems.**

(b) **REVIEW BUDGET IMPLICATIONS RELATED TO INCREASED CHAMPIONSHIPS ACCESS FOR TEAM SPORTS.**

(c) **REVIEW CONCEPT OF AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS FOR INDIVIDUAL/TEAM SPORTS AND/OR OTHER POSSIBLE FIELD SIZE ENHANCEMENTS.**

(d) **REVIEW PRINCIPLES AND STRUCTURE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS RELATED TO THE FUTURE OF DIVISION III.**

###### (2) Review and enhance student-athlete championships experience.

(a) **Review goals and purpose of Division III championships (e.g., equity, publicity, missed class time).**

(b) **Review policies for hosting and predetermined sites.**

##### b. Health and safety issues.

###### (1) Identify and promote significant health and safety issues.

(a) **EVALUATE RECOMMENDATION FOR WOMEN'S LACROSSE EYEWEAR.**

(b) **EVALUATE FOOTBALL PRESEASON ACCLIMATIZATION LEGISLATION.**

(c) **EVALUATE ALL-SPORT PRESEASON CONDITIONING PRACTICE MODEL.**

