

REPORT OF THE  
NCAA RESEARCH COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Association-wide.

- a. **Update on the Study of College Outcomes & Recent Experiences (SCORE).** The committee received an update on the progress of the study. An overview of the study administration protocol and findings were presented from the pilot phase of the study. Group discussion revolved around the very encouraging response rate and the comments provided by study participants. In general, the committee expressed encouragement for the conduct of the study to date and approved a continuation of the study using the current methods.
- b. **Update on the national study of current student-athletes.** The important and positive relationship between the NCAA and the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) in the administration of the study was noted and applauded. Discussion ensued regarding confidentiality issues in general and assisting FARs in working with campus Institutional Review Boards to get the study approved. The group discussed the content of this yet-to-be finalized survey.
- c. **Title IX policy clarification.** An overview of the issue was provided, and the group was pointed to the NCAA Data Analysis Research Network (DARN) Report on Recent Title IX Clarification. The committee voted to accept the DARN Report on Recent Title IX Clarification and to refer the report to the appropriate committees in the NCAA governance structure, as well as key NCAA staff members. The overall tenor of the report is that the clarification released by the department allows for the use of a survey method that does not meet accepted professional standards for conducting this type of study. [Attachment]
- d. **Research Proposals.** The committee reviewed a research proposal from an external researcher entitled "Effects of Gender and Race on the Socialization and Stereotyping of Student-Athletes. The committee chose not to fund this proposal because the sampling procedure outlined in the document was not deemed to be adequate.

Division I only.

- e. **Committee on Academic Performance.** A number of issues were discussed under this topic: (1) 2003-04 distributional characteristics of the Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR); (2) adjustment to quarter school APRs; (3) accounting for institutional mission in the assessment of contemporaneous penalties using the APR; (4) a closer look at the eligibility and retention elements of the APR, and (5) the impact of the Major League Baseball, National Football League and National Basketball Association professional drafts on the APR. Committee feedback was solicited; a number of recommendations were received, and the presenters agreed to take them under consideration. The committee requested a follow-up report at its next meeting.

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