

REPORT OF THE  
DIVISION III STRATEGIC-PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. **ACTION ITEMS.**

a. **Division III Strategic Plan – 2006-08 Update.**

(1) Recommendation. Review and approve the 2006-08 Division III Strategic Plan and forward to the Presidents Council:

- (a) Updated Preface and vision and timeline. [Attachment A]
- (b) 2006-08 adjusted outcome measures. [Attachment B]
- (c) 2006-08 updated planning priorities and implementation. [Attachment C]

(2) Rationale. Upon review of baseline data for 2004-05, the subcommittee determined a need to adjust several outcome measures to achieve the stated goals for the division. The subcommittee recommends that the adjusted outcome measures and updated planning priorities and implementation be forwarded to all Association-wide and Division III committees for review. In particular, the Division III Membership Committee should consider amendments to the Institutional Self Study Guide (ISSG) in light of adjusted outcome measures and proposed 2006 NCAA legislative amendments to the Division III philosophy statement.

b. **Division III Strategic initiative – 2006-08 Conference Grant Program.**

(1) Recommendation. Review and approve updated 2006-08 Conference Grant Program and forward to Presidents Council:

- (a) 2006-08 Grant Overview. [Attachment D]
- (b) Grant Question and Answer Document. [Attachment E]
- (c) Grant Requisition and Impact Forms. [Attachment F]

(2) Rationale. The subcommittee discussed the proposed conference grant program effective 2006-07, noting that the concept of institutional and conference autonomy continues to be an important component of the Future of Division III – Phase II process and that the program would better utilize division resources, especially overhead fees, and staff time. While acknowledging these

benefits, the subcommittee also noted the importance of the existing Division III Strategic Initiatives Grant, and discussed concerns related to the proposed conference grant program. To achieve greater success and in support of the broader goals of the Division III strategic plan, the subcommittee suggested the following program amendments:

- Minimize flexibility for strategic initiatives specifically related to professional development (Tier One);
- Emphasize formal constituent involvement and communication in defining conference processes and allocation of resources, related to the roles of the FAR and SWA within conference structures (e.g., require signature of all constituent groups for grant requests and maintain records of all processes on file in conference office, available for review);
- Establish policies related to unused resources both annual and within specific tiers; and
- Continued involvement of all conference constituents in broad dialogue and discussion.

The subcommittee noted that the concept was discussed with Division III Commissioners and at the following meetings/events: Sports Information Directors workshop; NCAA Regional Seminars and NACDA Convention, and fall conference visits. The subcommittee also noted that the Division III executive committee of FARA will forward a letter regarding its preference that the existing FAR grant program remains with NCAA oversight. **[Attachment G]**

- (3) Budget Impact. \$1,560,000 annually to Division III conferences.

2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- a. **Division III Strategic Initiatives – 2005-06 Summary of Initiatives.** **[Attachment H]** The subcommittee reviewed the 2005-06 summary of initiatives, noting new programs.

- b. **Division III Strategic Initiatives – 2004-05 Summary. [Attachment I]**  
The subcommittee reviewed the 2004-05 summary noting the net resources of approximately \$573,500 that were unused at year end. The subcommittee also reviewed a four-year compilation of Strategic Initiative grant access on a conference-wide basis.
- c. **New Initiatives.** The subcommittee reviewed a series of possible new initiatives noting that specific budget implications are yet to be determined:
- (1) Division III Promotions and Identity - Web broadcasting of Division III Championships.
  - (2) Championships.
    - Championships Committee priorities including participants' per diem; official's fees and per diem; travel party increases.
    - Student-athlete participant awards.
  - (3) Drug testing.
  - (4) Division III staffing.
- d. **Division III biennial budget process.** The subcommittee discussed the biennial budget process timeline and the Division III six-year budget projections, including the impact of additional new initiatives. The Division III Budget Committee will review all budget implications following the October Council meetings.

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