

Creation of a Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group

Rationale for Establishment of Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group.

The new Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group would be established in response to the desire of the Division III Presidents Council to more directly and effectively engage presidents and chancellors in governance discussions at the national, conference and institutional levels.

Current position of this Advisory Group within the governance structure.

The Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group would not be a legislated entity within the Division III governance structure. This will allow the opportunity to develop a meeting structure and schedule that best benefits the Division III chancellors/presidents, conferences and the Division III Presidents Council.

Goals and Objectives of the Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group.

The main objectives of the Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group would be:

- To enhance the level of understanding by chancellors/presidents in the NCAA governance process related to key issues facing Division III.
- To enhance the leadership of chancellors/presidents in the governance of intercollegiate athletics at the national, conference/independent and institutional levels. Special emphasis will be placed on key legislative proposals and policies and strategic direction.
- To enhance the integration of athletics programs within the educational mission of Division III schools and conferences. Special emphasis will be placed on strategic initiatives implemented through the new Division III conference grant program.
- To better recognize and accommodate the differing models of conference governance and expectations of leadership by chancellor/presidents within Division III.

Structure of the Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group.

Composition.

The Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group would consist of one chancellor or president from each Division III voting conference not currently represented on the Presidents Council or by a chancellor/president on the Management Council. The group also would include two representatives from the Association of Division III Independents. Appropriate efforts shall be made to ensure the diversity of the group. As a minimal goal, group membership should include at least one person who is an ethnic minority and at least two persons of each gender; a single member shall not be considered to meet both minimums.

Appointment

Each commissioner of conferences not currently represented by a chancellor/president on the Presidents or Management Councils will be asked to identify a chancellor/president to serve on Advisory Group.

Duties.

The Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group would advise and provide input to the fifteen members of the Division III Presidents Council, and facilitate communication from the Council to chancellor/president colleagues in their respective conferences/group of independents.

Term of Office.

Representatives to the group would serve a minimum of two years, and a maximum of three years. Each Division III conference and the Association of Division III Independents would be authorized to determine the exact term of office of their respective Advisory Group member. Further, after completing a term of office, members of the Advisory Group may not serve again for two years. The term of office shall be annually reported to the Division III Presidents Council and published in the NCAA Division III Newsletter and The NCAA News. Alternates or designees would be invited to attend the meeting, if necessary.

Frequency of meetings and conference calls.

- In-person meetings would be held in October and January given the Division III legislative cycle.

- The October in-person meetings shall be held the day before the Division III Presidents Council meetings. The January in-person meeting shall coincide with the annual presidential luncheon at the NCAA Convention.
- Conference calls could be held before the August meeting and as required during other times of the year. Conference calls would be no longer than one hour in length.

Methods of communication.

Communication would occur predominantly through e-mail following the quarterly Management Council meetings but before the Presidents Council meetings so that information and input from the Division III Chancellor/Presidents Advisory Group can be shared with the Division III Presidents Council members. These policies would continue to evolve in order to implement the most efficient and effective means of communication.