

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. *ACTION ITEMS.*

a. **2007-08 Budget Recommendation - Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Base Budget Adjustment.**

- (1) Recommendation. Reallocate to the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference \$165,000 from the previously approved \$400,000 increase for Tier II of the Strategic Initiatives Conference Grant Program.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. The Student-Athlete Leadership Conference has not experienced an increase in funding since its inception in 2002, while attendance and related expenses (i.e., rooms, travel) have increased significantly. The reallocation from Tier II to the leadership conference ensures that the funds will continue to emphasize student-athlete well-being.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. \$165,000 reallocation.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. This budget reallocation increases the amount of funding allocated to programs designed for and attended by student-athletes.

b. **2007-08 Budget Recommendation - Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Inflationary Adjustment.**

- (1) Recommendation. Build a three percent inflationary adjustment into the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference budget.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. The Student-Athlete Leadership Conference has not previously had an inflationary adjustment built into its base budget. The majority of expenses for this event are affected by inflation (i.e., travel, food and lodging), so an inflationary adjustment is appropriate.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. \$15,000 in additional spending for 2007-08.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. This inflationary adjustment supports a program designed for and attended by student-athletes.

c. 2007-08 Budget Recommendation - Fellows Position.

- (1) Recommendation. Reallocate \$40,000 from the accumulated provisional and reclassifying membership fees to fund a Division III research fellow for 2007-08 only.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. This one-time expense will allow a Division III research fellow to work on significant membership issues (e.g., implementation of 2007 Convention Proposal Nos. 9 and 10, and the study of the NCAA's membership structure) at a critical time. The fellow will focus primarily on issues related to membership growth, therefore justifying the use of provisional and reclassifying membership fees to fund the position.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. \$40,000 reallocation for 2007-08 only.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. 2007-08 Budget Recommendation - Membership Contractor.

- (1) Recommendation. Reallocate \$10,000 from the provisional and reclassifying membership fees to fund a membership contractor.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. This contractor will work to run the programs initiated by 2007 Convention Proposal Nos. 10 and 11. The Research fellow, described in a separate budget request, will coordinate the selection and training of this contractor.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. \$10,000 reallocation for 2007-08.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. 2007-08 Budget Recommendation - NCAA Staff - Division II and III Governance Liaison in Research.

- (1) Recommendation. Reallocate \$40,000 from the Financial Aid Education and Enforcement fund to fund a Division II and III Governance Liaison on the NCAA research staff.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. This governance liaison will directly support the NCAA's strategic planning priority to engage in informed decision making. This position will more directly support the Division II and III governance structure in conducting research and policy analysis. The position will have a significant role with the Division III Financial Aid Reporting process, therefore justifying the reallocation from the Financial Aid Education and Enforcement fund.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. \$40,000 reallocation for 2007-08. (Similar costs will be shared by Division II and research staffs.)
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

f. Allocation of Previously Approved Funding for the Conference Grant Program.

- (1) Recommendation. Allocate \$235,000 to increase to the conference grant program as follows: \$85,000 for Tier I enhancement and \$150,000 for Tier II enhancement.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2007.
- (3) Rationale. Additional Tier I dollars will help offset the institutional costs of implementing 2007 Convention Proposal No. 10, specifically the Regional Rules Seminar and Convention attendance requirements. Additional Tier II dollars will directly support the Presidents Council's priority of increasing funding to those programs that directly support student-athlete well-being.
- (4) Estimated Financial Impact. None, allocation previously approved and included in 2007-08 budget.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes will have a greater access to Tier II Conference Grant funds, which specifically target student-athlete well-being.