

USTFCCCA

Minutes of the Division I Cross Country Coaches Executive Committee and General Sessions

Phoenix, AZ

December 12-15, 2017

I. Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. Slate from the Nominations & Elections Committee

- i. Vicki Mitchell for President and John Gondak for Vice President
- ii. Michael Smith for Men's At-large Representative
- iii. From Nominations & Elections Committee
- iv. Voting Results
 1. Mitchell/Gondak elected (265-8-3)
 2. Smith elected (240-8-6)

B. All-Academic Team Criteria

Passed: 218-26-10

- i. Motion: Eliminate the stipulation that a squad member must have used a season of eligibility to be included in the team GPA calculation for Division I Cross Country All Academic Team
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones, second
Passed. Motion above

C. RPI Ranking

Passed: 172-56-7

- i. Motion: Create a 72-team biweekly RPI ranking during the cross country season in addition to the current ranking system.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Wick, second
Passed 22-0-0. Motion above

D. Rule Book Organization

Passed: 198-53-10

- i. Motion: To move forward with organization of the rule book by sport with the existing rules into separate books for Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Track & Field
- ii. Vote conducted at request of the USTFCCCA Board of Directors

E. NCAA Cross Country Championships Selection Show

Passed: 198-17-12

- i. Motion: To have an official NCAA or NCAA-sanctioned selection show to announce the selection of the 13 at-large teams to the NCAA Championships meet.
- ii. Executive Committee. Motion – Shane, second
Passed: 22-0-0

F. NCAA Championships Unofficial Results

Passed: 235-16-2

- i. Motion: That unofficial results be required to be immediately announced and posted on an electronic scoreboard regarding the score of the NCAA cross country championship team race following competition.

- ii. From Executive Committee. Motion – Eyestone, second
Passed: 22-0-0. Motion above

G. Contacts with Juniors

Passed: 165-129-3

- i. Motion: Create an exception to 13.1.1.1 (Time Period for Off-campus Contacts—General Rule) that would allow contacts with Junior prospects at either their educational institution or after competitions.
- ii. From Executive Committee. Motion – VanAlstyne, second
Passed: 11-9-2. Motion above

H. Cross Country Scholarships

Passed: 189-86-7

- i. Motion: Support the addition of cross country scholarships
- ii. From General Session: Motion – Alford-Sullivan
Passed: 146-88. Amended Motion above
- iii. From Executive Committee. Motion – Alford-Sullivan, second
Failed: 4-15-4. Motion: Support the addition of cross country scholarships. Maximum of 6 for women and 5 for men.

I. Amended Graduate Assistant Coaches

Passed: 142-132-4

- i. Motion: To allow institutions the ability to add one graduate assistant coach for men’s track & field/cross country and one graduate assistant coach for women’s track & field/cross country.
- ii. From Executive Committee. Motion – Bucknam, second
Passed. Motion above

J. Volunteer Assistant Guidelines

Passed: 182-92-12

- i. Motion: Amend NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.01.6 “Coach, Volunteer” to specify that
 - 1. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach’s sport.
 - 2. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career education program.
- ii. From Executive Committee. Motion – Shaver, second
Passed. Motion above

K. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-33

In Favor: 236-39-9

- i. Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – One Visit Limitation – Additional Visit After Commitment and Departure of Head Coach – Sports Other Than Football
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

L. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-60

In Favor: 228-27-5

- i. Playing and Practice Seasons – Time Limits for Athletically-related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season – Sports Other than Basketball and Football
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

M. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-61

In Favor: 215-27-5

- i. Playing and Practice Seasons – Time Limits for Athletically-related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season – Sports Other than Football
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

N. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-66

In Favor: 216-24-14

- i. Playing and Practice Seasons – Nonchampionship Segment Travel – Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball – Isolated Institutions Exception
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

O. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-67

In Favor: 198-32-18

- i. Playing and Practice Seasons – Nonchampionship Segment Travel – Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball – Eliminate Ground Transportation Restriction
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

P. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-108

Against: 20-216-4

- i. Recruiting and Infractions Program – Contacts and Evaluations – Four-year College Prospective Student-athletes – Notification of Transfer
- ii. Executive Committee Position: Against

Q. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-111

Against: 8-245-3

- i. Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – First Opportunity to Visit – September 1 of Junior Year – Sports Other than Basketball and Football
- ii. Executive Committee Position: Against

R. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-119

In Favor: 168-77-7

- i. Division Membership – Minimum Contests Requirements for Sports Sponsorship – Cross Country, and Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

S. NCAA Legislative Item 2017-120

In Favor: 245-12-8

- i. Division Membership – Scheduling Requirements – Cross Country, and Women’s Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

T. NCAA Rules Survey—Uniform Rule

In Favor: 192-45-9

- i. Penalties and Responsibility for Uniform Rule
 1. First Offense—A letter will be sent to the offending institutions Athletic Director with Head Coach and Student-athlete names
 2. Second Offense—A letter will be sent to the offending Athletic Director with Head Coach and Student-athlete names and a find assessed (amount to be determined)
- ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor

U. NCAA Rules Survey—Protests

Against: 89-160-15

- i. Only competitors and coaches directly involved in the event allowed to protest
 - ii. Executive Committee Position: In favor
- (A-D – Membership Vote, E-U – Unit Vote)

II. Executive Committee Votes

A. Bylaw Revision Proposal 2017-1

- i. Motion: Revise the wording of USTFCCCA Operating Bylaws of NCAA Division I Program Membership Divisions (Cross Country) Bylaw 4.04 Quorum. A majority of **voting** members of the Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Executive Committee
- ii. Motion – Law & Legislation Committee, second
Passed: 22-0-0

III. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men’s Regional Representatives

Mid-Atlantic: Bob Hamer (Rider – 2nd Term)
West: Josh Seitz (Portland State – 1st Term)

B. Women’s Regional Representatives

Midwest: Adrian Myers (Northern Illinois – 1st Term)
Mountain: Mackenzie Wartenberger (Utah – 1st Term)
South: Matt Esche (Alabama-Birmingham – 2nd Term)
Southeast: Megan Lavoie (Eastern Kentucky – 1st Term)

IV. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. 4th Coach for Single Gender Programs

- i. Motion: Increase single gender programs’ staff limit to four coaches
- ii. Motion – McFarlane, Postponed to January conference call
[Motion was withdrawn in Track & Field Voting Session]

B. Initial Date of Contacts and Telecommunications

- i. Motion: Set the initial date of telecommunications and off-campus face-to-face contacts to January 1st of a prospect's Junior year of high school
- ii. Motion – Sheehan, Postponed to January conference call

C. Presentations

- i. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances, Angie Lansing – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair, Jerry Vaughn – NCAA Associate Director of Academic Services and Membership Affairs

D. USTFCCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2016 Minutes—no corrections
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Cleary. See voting slates
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Gondak. Discussed Regional Team Champion Award Recognition. [Jeff Mlynski reports Track & Field/Cross Country Committee has requested funding for Regional Championship awards.]
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. See Bylaw revision
- v. **Polls Committee** – Mitchell. 2018 Ranking Dates: August 22, September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 14, 28. Poll Dates: August 24, September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 15, 29, November 11.

[Key Dates

August 31 – First date of competition

September 7 – First date of countable competition for at-large consideration

October 13 – Pre-nationals

November 9 – NCAA Regionals

November 17 – NCAA Championships]

E. 2018 Executive Committee Proposed Conference Call Schedule

- i. January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 16, June 13, July 11, August 8 September 11, October 10, October 31

V. General Session – other topics

- i. Next year's San Antonio, Texas convention tentative dates: December 18-21, 2018

Executive Committee Meetings (Dave Smith presiding: 12/12-12/15)

12/12/17 Called to order at 2:50 pm. Adjourned at 5:30 pm.

(Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Cody Clark, Sean Cleary, Steve Dolan, Matt Esche, Bob Hamer, A' Havala Haynes, Amy Horst, Scott Jones, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Dave Rinker, Andy Ronan, Ricardo Santos, Taryn Sheehan, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger, Benji Wetli. Guest: Bryan Fetzer)

12/13/17 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 10:30 am. (Followed by Regional Breakouts from 10:45 am – 12:00 pm)

(Braden, Burns, Clark, Cleary, Dolan, Esche, John Gondak, Hamer, Haynes, Horst, Jones, Mitchell, Murray, Rinker, Ronan, Santos, Sheehan, Slekis, Smith, Sullivan, Treacy, Vroman, Wartenberger, Wetli. Guests: Beth Alford-Sullivan, Jeff Mlynski, Angie Lansing, Mark Kostek, Shannon Wright)

12/14/17 Called to order at 10:05 am. Adjourned at 11:40 am.

(Braden, Burns, Clark, Cleary, Dolan, Esche, Gondak, Hamer, Haynes, Horst, Jones, Mitchell, Murray, Rinker, Ronan, Santos, Sheehan, Slekis, Smith, Sullivan, Treacy, Vroman, Wartenberger, Wetli. Guests: Megan Lavoie, Adrian Myers, Josh Seitz)

12/15/17 Executive Committee meeting canceled

General Sessions

12/13/17 Called to order at 2:50 pm. Adjourned at 4:15 pm

12/14/17 Called to order at 1:35 pm. Adjourned at 2:00 pm

12/15/17 Called to order at 9:50 am Adjourned at 10:10 am