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

**San Antonio, Texas**

**December 17-20, 2018**

1. **Voting Issues in General Voting Session**
   1. **Slate from the Nominations and Elections Committee**
      1. Angie Martin (Indiana State) for Division I At-Large Representative (from non-autonomy five conferences)
      2. From Nominations & Elections Committee
      3. Voting Results
         1. Martin elected (359-20)
   2. **Dennis Mitchell Proposal – Develop a Division I USTFCCCA Communication System with SAAC**

**Passed: 409-14**

* + 1. Motion: Create a committee/organizational structure in DI USTFCCCA to effectively communicate, lobby, and work with the national Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) about the concerns of Division I track & field/cross country
    2. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones, second

Passed. Motion above

* 1. **Board of Directors Motion Passed: 371-31**
     1. Motion:
        1. To have the Executive Director of each sport’s coaches association serve as a non-voting member on the sport committee for that sport
        2. To have the Executive Director of each sport’s coaches association serve as a non-voting member on the rules committee for that sport
     2. Vote conducted at request of the USTFCCCA Board of Directors
  2. **Taryn Sheehan Proposal – Initial Dates of Contacts and Telecommunications Passed: 319-100**
     1. Motion: Set the initial date of telecommunications and off campus face to face contacts and evaluations for January 1st of a prospect’s junior year.
     2. Executive Committee: Motion to postpone to May conference call – Sheehan, second

Passed: unanimous voice vote

* + 1. Motion from General Session to have proposal placed on voting ballot – Jill Miller. Second

Passed by voice vote

* + 1. Executive Committee: Motion to revisit postponement and accept proposal—D. Smith, second

Passed: 21-0. Motion above

* 1. **Kirk Elias Proposal – Allow Limited Competitions While Maintaining Redshirt**

**Passed: 322-110**

* + 1. Motion: Amend Bylaw 12.8 to allow an individual two competitions in cross country while maintaining a redshirt
    2. Executive Committee. Motion – Braden, second

Passed: 21-1. Motion above

* 1. **NCAA Championships Qualifying and Field Expansion Failed: 205-222**
     1. Motion: Expand the team and individual size of the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Cross Country National Championships and require qualification into all rounds of the championships
     2. Amended Motion from General Session – Sheehan, second

Passed by voice vote.

* + 1. From Executive Committee. Motion – Braden, second

Passed: 11-5. Motion above

* 1. **Dave Smith Proposal 2 – Restriction on At-Large Qualifying Points Failed: 131-276**
     1. Motion: Stipulate that in order for an institution’s team to earn at-large qualifying points at a given competition, the team must finish in the top 40% of that competition. Conference championships are exempted.
     2. From Executive Committee. Amended Motion – Gardner, second

Passed: 18-4. Motion above

* + 1. Motion: Stipulate that in order for an institution’s team to earn at-large qualifying points at a given competition, the team must finish in the top 12 teams at that competition.
    2. From Executive Committee. Motion – D. Smith, second

Passed: 21-1

* 1. **Nate Houle Proposal – Remove the Top-25 Region Finish Requirement for Individual NCAA XC Championship Qualification**

**Passed: 213-154**

* + 1. Motion: Change the qualifying procedures for individual qualification to the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships as follows:

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION - Individuals  
From each NCAA regional meet, the first four student-athletes not on a qualifying team will be automatic qualifiers to the NCAA championships meet. ~~All individual automatic qualifiers must finish in the top 25 within their region~~.

* + 1. From General Session: Motion – Waters, second

Passed by voice vote. Motion above

* + 1. Executive Committee. Motion – Murray, second

Failed: 5-10

* 1. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-41 In Favor: 359-66**
     1. Athletics Eligibility – Seasons of Competition — Hardship Waiver — Eliminate First-Half of Season Requirement
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor
  2. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-45 In Favor: 305-118**
     1. Recruiting — Contact Restrictions At Specified Sites — Contact With Prospective Student-Athletes Involved In Competition
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor
  3. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-57 In Favor: 313-113**
     1. Recruiting And Playing And Practice Seasons — Summer Athletic Activities — Sports Other Than Basketball And Football
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor
  4. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-70 In Favor: 231-150**
     1. Financial Aid — Definitions And Applications And Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations By Sport — Team Limits — Institutional Athletics Aid And USOC/NGB Aid Only
     2. Executive Committee Position: Against
  5. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-71 In Favor: 276-137**
     1. Financial Aid — Exempted Institutional Financial Aid — Institutional Need-Based Aid
     2. Executive Committee Position: Against
  6. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-72 In Favor: 308-93**
     1. Financial Aid — Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations By Sport — Exceptions — Academic Honor Awards Based On High School And/Or Transfer Record
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor
  7. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-73 In Favor: 347-67**
     1. Financial Aid — Financial Aid From Outside Sources — Financial Aid From An Established And Continuing Program — Elimination Of Requirements For Up To $1,000
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor
  8. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-93 Against: 50-374**
     1. Recruiting -- Recruiting Model -- Sports Other Than Basketball, Football And Men's Ice Hockey
     2. Executive Committee Position: Against
  9. **NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-105 In Favor: 263-142**
     1. Academic Eligibility -- Transfer Regulations -- Four-Year College Transfers -- Competition In Year Of Transfer
     2. Executive Committee Position: In Favor

(A – Membership Vote, General; B – Membership Vote, Cross Country; C-Q – Unit Vote, Cross Country)

1. **Executive Committee Votes**
   1. **Bryan Jackson Proposal – Full Transparency of Voting Position**
      1. On each matter that the executive committee votes on, the voting position of each committee member will be disclosed to the general body in the meeting minutes.
      2. Motion to reject – Jones, second

Passed: Unanimous voice vote (voting occurred on April 11, 2018 conference call)

* 1. **Bylaw Revision—2018-1: Eliminate Awards Committee**
     1. Motion: Eliminate standing Awards Committee:

~~5.01 C. Awards Committee. The President shall appoint the chair of the Awards Committee (Committee), and the Committee shall include a minimum of four (4) additional members appointed by the President. The Committee shall assume the responsibility for awards and recognition of the Association’s members and their student-athletes. All awards shall be coordinated with the USTFCCCA Awards Committee. The USTFCCCA shall provide the funding for such awards. The Chair shall provide to the Secretary a current list of all awards currently awarded by the Association, the criteria to qualify for the award, and a description of the award. The Chair shall also provide to the National Office a list of all recipients of any award given by the Association. In coordination with the USTFCCCA Awards Committee, the Chair shall ensure that any existing lists of the Association’s awards are up-to-date. The Committee shall meet at the direction of the President or the Committee Chair.~~

*[5.01 D relettered as 5.01 C, unchanged]*

* + 1. From Law & Legislation Committee

Passed: Unanimous Voice Vote

* 1. **Dan Waters Proposal – Declaration Process and Scoring Limits for Cross Country**
     1. Modify the playing rules (Rule 7-3) to require declaration of student-athletes who are eligible to score in a cross country competition (maximum of 9).
     2. Motion to accept – Gardner, second

Failed: 0-22

* 1. **Dave Smith Proposal 1 – Consequence for a Loss in Cross Country**
     1. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country team at-large selection process be modified so that in addition to awarding an institution points for all wins against "A" teams selected to the championship, points are subtracted for each time an institution's "A" team loses to a team that is not selected to the championship.
     2. Motion to accept – D. Smith, second

Failed: 4-7

* 1. **Steve Picucci Proposal – Division I Cross Country Championship Realignment**
     1. Realign and reduce the Regions to 5, based on NCAA division 1 conferences. Require qualification into each Regional meet, based on conference finish with slots assigned to each conference based on their average CCRI.
     2. Motion to accept – D. Smith, second

Failed: 0-7

* 1. **Jesse Norman Proposal – NCAA Division I Cross Country Regional Qualifying**
     1. Effective 2020, create a system of qualifying teams and individuals to the NCAA Division I Cross Country Regional Championships:
        1. Qualify 60% of the nation’s cross country teams to the NCAA Regional Championships based on the CCRI (plus conference champions)
        2. Top three individuals, not on the qualifying teams, would qualify for the NCAA Regional Championships
        3. Dissolve the South Central region and break those teams into either the Mountain region (Texas schools) or the South region (Arkansas & Louisiana schools) to balance out the number of teams qualifying to each region
     2. Motion to postpone – D. Smith, second

Passed: 20-1

* 1. **Jason Zarb-Cousin Proposal – Selection of "At-Large" Individuals to Qualify for NCAA Championships – Cross Country**
     1. Revise the individual "At-Large" selection process to account for the strength of the Region.

NCAA Pre-Championships Manual; Section 2.4 Qualifying Procedures. AT-LARGE SELECTION — INDIVIDUALS

The committee will select two at-large individuals by dividing the two highest non-qualifying individual finishers at the regional meets by the number of teams selected to the championships, and selecting the two lowest-scoring individuals for the Championship.

* + 1. Motion to reject – Sheehan, second

Passed: 19-0

* 1. **2019 Conference Call Schedule**
     1. January 16, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6. Scheduled time for all dates: 11:30 am CT.
     2. Amended Motion, Wartenberger, Second
     3. Passed unanimous voice vote. Motion Above
  2. **2019 Regional Ranking and National Poll Dates**
     1. Regional Ranking Dates and Times

August 21 (Pre-season Rankings), Noon CT

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, November 3. All regular season Regional Rankings due by 9:00 pm CT

* + 1. National Poll Dates and Times

August 23 (Monday, Pre-season Poll), 9:00 am CT

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, November 4. All regular season National Poll rankings due by 1:00 pm CT on Mondays.

November 17 (Sunday, post-Region Meet Poll) 9:00 pm CT

Motion – Wartenberger, Second

* + 1. Passed unanimous voice vote

1. **Combined Track & Field and Cross Country Executive Committee Votes**
   1. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-41
      1. Motion to accept – Murray Second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   2. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-44
      1. Motion to take no position – Waters, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   3. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-45
      1. Motion to accept -- ???, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   4. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-57
      1. Motion to accept -- ???, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   5. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-70
      1. Motion to accept – D. Smith, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   6. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-71
      1. Motion to accept – Waters, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   7. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-72
      1. Motion to accept – ???, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   8. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-73
      1. Motion to take no position – Waters, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   9. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-93
      1. Motion to accept – ???, second
      2. Passed by voice vote
   10. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-103
       1. Motion to take no position – Waters, second
       2. Passed by voice vote
   11. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-104
       1. Motion to take no position – Banks, second
       2. Passed by voice vote
   12. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2018-105
       1. Motion to accept – ???, second
       2. Passed by voice vote
2. **Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions**
   1. **Men’s Regional Representatives**

Midwest Men: Daniel Stults (Bradley—1st Term)

Northeast Men: Gary Gardner (Massachusetts-Lowell—1st Term)

South Men: Patrick Cunniff (Georgia—1st Term)

Southeast Men: Sam Bradley (Radford—1st Term)

* 1. **Women’s Regional Representatives**

Great Lakes Women: Taryn Sheehan (Western Michigan—1st Term)

South Central Women: Mark Rinker (LSU—1st Term)

West Women: Shayla Houlihan (Cal—1st Term)

1. **Executive Committee – Other Topics**
2. **Presentations**
   * 1. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances, Julie Levesque – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair
3. **USTFCCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports**
   * 1. **Secretary’s Report** – Jones. October 31 Conference Call Minutes—no corrections
     2. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. See Executive Committee Votes—Bylaw Revision—II.A above
     3. **Polls Committee** – Gondak. 2019 Ranking Dates. See Executive Committee Votes—II.G above
4. **Other topics**
   1. Next year’s Orlando, Florida convention tentative dates: December 16-19, 2019

**Executive Committee Meetings (Vicki Mitchell presiding: 12/17-12/20)**

**12/17/18** Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 11:15 am.

(Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Matt Esche, John Gondak, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Shayla Houlihan, Scott Jones, Megan Lavoie, Wendel McRaven, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Taryn Sheehan, Josh Seitz, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith,

Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger)

**12/18/18** Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 8:45 am. Followed by Regional Breakouts from 9:30 am – 10:45 am.

(Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Matt Esche, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Shayla Houlihan, Scott Jones, Megan Lavoie, Wendel McRaven, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Taryn Sheehan, Josh Seitz, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger. Guests: Nate Houle,

Julie Levesque, Jeff Mlynski, Steve Picucci)

**12/19/18** Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 11:10 am.

(Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Matt Esche, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Shayla Houlihan, Scott Jones, Megan Lavoie, Wendel McRaven, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Taryn Sheehan, Josh Seitz, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger. Guests: Jesse Norman,

Jason Zarb-Cousin)

**12/20/18** Called to order at 9:00 am. Adjourned at 9:45 am.

(Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Matt Esche, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Shayla Houlihan, Scott Jones, Megan Lavoie, Wendel McRaven, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Taryn Sheehan, Josh Seitz, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger. Guest: Sam Seemes)

**Combined Track & Field and Cross Country Executive Committee Meeting (Vicki Mitchell and Connie Price-Smith presiding: 12/17/18)**

Called to order at 6:05 pm. Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

(Cross Country: Forest Braden, Marc Burns, Matt Esche, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Shayla Houlihan, Scott Jones, Megan Lavoie, Wendel McRaven, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Taryn Sheehan, Josh Seitz, Stefanie Slekis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy, Keith Vroman, Mackenzie Wartenberger; Track & Field: Pauline Banks, Jon Bell, Nate Browne, Kelly Carter, Tim Cawley, Jerry Clayton, Kevin Donner, Dave Dopek, Damion Drummond, Mike Esposito, Bryan Fetzer, Darren Flowers, Ta’ Frias, Ryan Heberling, Doug Hoover, Lucky Huber, Dan Ireland, Carolyn Martin, Angie Martin, Cale McDaniel, Corey Mistretta, Doug Molnar, Connie Price-Smith, Paul Rice, Tony Sandoval, Dave Shoehalter, Connie Teaberry, Shantel Twiggs,

Dan Waters, Todd Wolin)

**General Sessions (Vickie Mitchell presiding)**

12/18/18 Called to order at 2:30 pm Adjourned at 3:50 pm

12/19/18 Called to order at 1:20 pm Adjourned at 3:45 pm

12/20/18 Called to order at 10:45 am Adjourned at 10:55 am

**Voting Session**

12/20/18 Called to order at 4:15 pm Adjourned at 4:50 pm