

*The New Division
I Governance
Structure*

**FARA Presentation
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Outline for Discussion

- Timeframe for examination.
- Goals of the new Division I structure.
- Review of the structure.
- Recent clarifications.
- Service opportunities and representational issues.
- Transitional Issues.

Examination Process

- April 2005
 - Board charged by the subcommittee to examine the Division I governance structure.
- April 2005 – present
 - Governance Subcommittee had a total of 14 meetings to review, analyze and develop recommendations.
- April 2006 – present
 - Solicited membership feedback and comments.
 - Presentations to conferences, CCA, CWA, Division I-A AD's and FARs, Regional Rules Seminars, Cabinets, SAAC, Management Council, and Presidential Advisory Group and Board of Directors.
 - Modifications and revisions occurred throughout process.

Goals – Board of Directors Level

- Emphasize the Board of Director's final decision-making role.
- Strengthen the foundation for the Board's policy setting role.
- Ensure high quality advice/input from the substructure.
- Assist the Board in focusing on legislation of consequence.
- Reduce/eliminate minutiae wherever possible.

Goals – Substructure Level

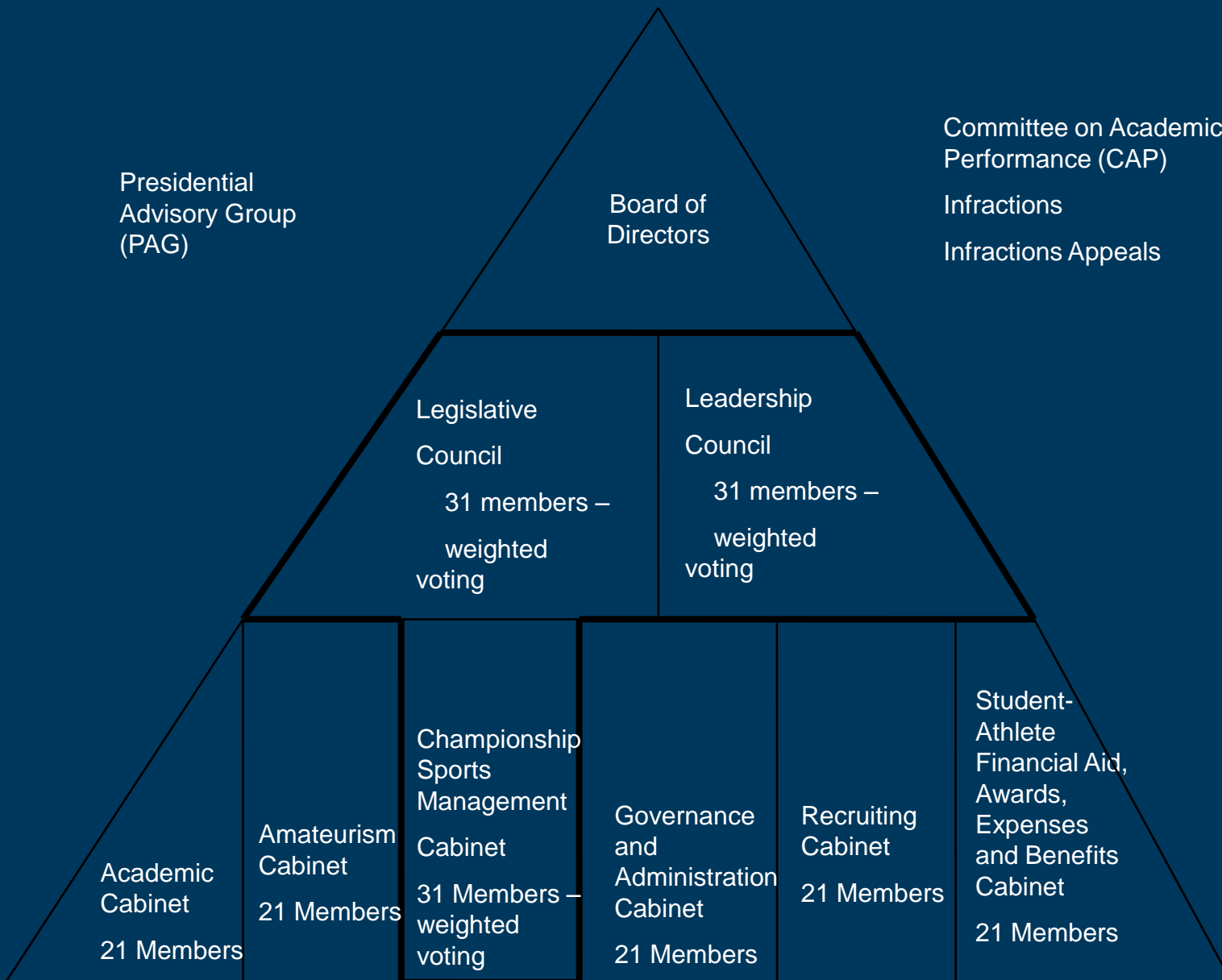
- Develop a national dialog on consequential divisional issues and use governance bodies to develop legislation and discuss policy.
- Strengthen contributing role of conference representatives in decisions that set the direction for Division I.
- Better identify a delegated agenda from the Board of Directors for the substructure.
- Ensure the structure has the flexibility to attract a diverse group of experienced leaders and to identify and grow new leaders.

Board of Directors

- Board shall retain its primacy in the governance structure and to serve as the division's principal leadership body.
- No change to the size, composition or purpose of the Board.
- No major changes to function of the Board.
- The Board will serve as the ultimate legislative authority.
 - The Board will have the authority to consider any legislative proposal but will not be required to consider every proposal.
- Changes intended to aid the Board in:
 - Establishing working principles for the division;
 - Setting the divisional agenda; and
 - Examining broad policy initiatives.

Presidential Advisory Group (PAG)

- PAG plays a valued role in advising the Board.
- Will remain intact with no changes to structure or function.
- Critical to ensuring communication among all conferences at the presidential level since only 18 of the 31 conferences are represented on the Board.



Leadership Council (31 Members)

- Serve as the primary advisory group to the Board on strategic and policy issues.
- Provide background information, advice and counsel to the Board on legislative and non legislative matters.
- Receive authority from the Board through agendas that mirror the Board's.
- Suggest concepts for the legislative agenda.
- Have a national focus rather than a local/conference one.
- Retain much of the Management Council's current jurisdiction.

Legislative Council (31 members)

- Primary legislative body in Division I subject to Board direction and review.
- Legislative role similar to the current Management Council.
- Will serve as the primary legislative body with regard to those proposals not selected by the Board for further review.
 - Note: Board has authority to consider any legislative proposal in the cycle.
- Charged with:
 - Identifying strengths & weaknesses of proposed legislation.
 - Developing educational materials; and
 - Providing more consistency in the legislative approach.

Cabinets

- Academics Cabinet – 21 members.
- Amateurism Cabinet – 21 members.
- Championships/Sports Management Cabinet – 31 members.
- Administration Cabinet – 21 members.
- Recruiting Cabinet – 21 members.
- Student-Athlete Awards, Benefits and Financial Aid Cabinet – 21 members.

Recent Clarifications

- Communications and Coordination
 - The chairs of the eight proposed governance bodies shall meet via conference call or in-person to share information and to ensure the bodies have a coordinated approach to addressing issues.
- Committee Assignments
 - The Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee will report to the Board of Directors.

Recent Clarifications

- Sport Committees
 - In those sports where there is not an issues committee, the sports committees shall address both the championships and sports administration issues.
- Meeting Schedules
 - Same basic meeting schedule as current bodies for the six cabinets, the Legislative Council and the Board.
 - No schedule recommended for the Leadership Council as that group needs clarification to respond to the Board of Directors. Suggested first meeting immediately prior to the Board of Directors in August 2008.

Gender/Diversity and Positional Requirements

- Standard:
 - To apply the legislated minimums of 20 percent ethnic minorities and 35 percent of either gender to two separate groups independently (i.e., the three 31-member governance bodies and the five 21-member governance bodies).
- No numeric positional requirements recommended but it is imperative that the faculty voice be heard.
- Conferences charged with working together to ensure true diversity in the structure and that new representatives are being identified.
- All conference seats to rotate at same time. All seats within a subdivision to rotate at the same time as well.

Gender/Diversity and Positional Requirements

- Board of Directors to take an active role to ensure the slate of nominees reflects not only appropriate levels of gender and ethnic diversity, but positional diversity as well.
- Board of Directors has explicit responsibility in evaluating the overall conference submitted slate of nominees.
- The Board will request that Leadership Council examine as its first agenda item whether there are additional ways to enhance the level of diversity in the structure while still providing conferences with some level of flexibility.

Reorganization Timeline

- October 2007
 - Management Council endorsed the subcommittee's recommendations; new structure would become effective September 2008.
- November 2007
 - Board used its emergency authority to adopt the subcommittee's recommended Division I structure.
- November 2007 – September 2008
 - Transitional phase
 - Reassign and nominate new conference representatives on councils and cabinets. (assign staff liaisons)
 - Reassign topics now under consideration to new groups.

Transitional Issues

- Effective Date: September 2008
- Nominations
 - January – April 2008: Conference appointment process
 - Conferences encouraged to ensure those currently serving who want to stay involved have the opportunity to do so.
 - Conferences must work together in a coordinated effort.
- Staffing Issues
 - Assignments must be made.
 - Meeting dates to be formally established.
 - While the general schedule is set, specific dates must be identified.

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