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By now, most of you are back into your academic term, and your winter sports are in full swing. I hope each of you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season, one filled with family, friends, and good times.

I had the pleasure of seeing many of you at the NCAA Convention in Orlando, including at the FARA meetings on Saturday. There were a number of good programs, and we finalized the Guiding Principles for FARA. Many thanks to Bob Ziegenfus for the fine work he put into preparing the Guiding Principles for our final approval at the FARA business meeting.

A word of thanks is in order for Lorrie Clemo for the excellent job she did this past year as president of FARA. As you will recall, she had to assume the position early, due to the illness of then president Donald VanderJagt. Our best wishes to Don as he continues to work through his medical problems, and our sincere appreciation to Lorrie for the outstanding service she provided to FARA as its president. As some of you know, Lorrie lost her father the Monday evening the Convention was coming to an end. We all extend to Lorrie our words of comfort and support during this time of her loss.

Now that the NCAA annual meeting is completed, Dennis Leighton has become president of FARA. He has done many good things during his year as president-elect, and we all look forward to working with him during his year as president. He has an article in this issue of FARA Voice, looking at the accomplishments of the past year and the tasks that lie before us for the coming year. Let's support Dennis and work with him as he leads us in addressing these tasks.

There are also articles by Roger Caves, Cecil Carter and Dan Fulks discussing some of the legislative items treated in Orlando by Divisions I, II and III. Cecil also discusses the upcoming regional compliance seminars. Be sure to mark your calendar now to attend one of these seminars!

We used a new system this year for voting on the election of FARA officers and the executive committee, and it worked very well, with the polls closing at the end of the day January 4. The total number of FARs voting in all three divisions was 429, which is considerably more than the number of ballots cast in previous elections. Thanks to all of you for your participation, and thanks to Dennis, who supervised this electronic process. The results are included on the FARA Web site, and we will also list them here for your convenience in the event you were not able to be at the FARA meetings. Since I was chosen as president-elect, let me say that I look forward to working with all of you these next several years, and I welcome your comments and concerns. I will do my best this coming year to help Dennis during his year as President, and I will do my best to help you in your role as FAR.

During the executive committee meeting in Orlando, we took some time to discuss specific portions of the report of the Presidents Task Force. In the February issue of *FARA Voice*, I will present the thoughts of the executive committee concerning the discussion of financial resources in the PTF Report. In subsequent issues, Lorrie will present the comments of the executive committee concerning the recommendations in the PTF Report regarding the better integration of intercollegiate athletics into the academic environment of our colleges and universities, and Dennis will present the comments of the executive committee concerning "celebrating the student-athlete."

I wish for you the best as we move into the second half of the academic year.

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JIMMY DUGAN WOULD BE PROUD OF US

We've got a lot of hard work to do. That's what I came out of Orlando thinking. And it's true. And it's great.

It was wonderful to see so many friends at the NCAA annual Convention in January. And while my colleagues back home think the Convention is a secret word for "vacation", nothing could be further from the truth. Between the meetings, receptions, and lobby talk, many of us were busy almost all the time. Then it was to bed late, and right back at it early the next morning. I didn't even get to see my New England Patriots win their playoff game on Sunday. As I write this, I anticipate joining everyone from New England (and New York) in rooting for the Pats this Sunday.

While we accomplished a lot at the Convention, for FARA the meeting really ended with a bang. On Monday evening, past president Lorrie Clemo and I met with the NCAA executive committee to present a report regarding the promotion of systemic change in intercollegiate athletics and the successful realignment of colleges and universities with the collegiate model of athletics. We were invited to the meeting by NCAA president Myles Brand, which indicates the value placed on the role of the FAR by the NCAA national office.

The report outlined an action plan for empowering FARs in their work, which involves informing institution presidents on the role of the FAR and best practices for the appointment of the FAR. Further, the report outlined a proposal for educating presidents, athletics directors, and conference commissioners on the role of the FAR. Finally, the report proposed a comprehensive professional development program for FARs.

President Brand spoke of how the national office can work with FARA to move forward, and the executive committee voted to fully endorse the report and its implementation. This is where the excitement comes in, because it clearly provides a compass for the work of FARA into the future. Much needs to be done.

As I look back over the past year, it is amazing what has been accomplished in FARA. Lorrie Clemo, as FARA president, led this organization with grace and distinction in a critical time in the history of the NCAA. With the release of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) report, FARs are called upon to ensure the integration of academics and athletics at our institutions. To do this, we must be empowered and we must involve our campus faculty colleagues. During 2006, Lorrie led FARA with the theme of "Empowerment". At the Fall Forum, we shared strategies on how to be better empowered on our campuses. This theme must continue, but it must now work alongside the theme of 2007 - "Engagement". Faculty athletics representatives must work on each campus to educate, to include, to ask the opinion of - to engage - the general faculty. Is it best to do this at a personal level, or should we work with our campus governance structure? As we know, each campus culture will determine the best strategies, but one thing is for sure - if FARs are truly to be change agents on their campuses, we must learn from each other those ways that work best. This is the value of the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium (See "Name Change: FARA Annual meeting and Symposium" which follows), a time when we can concentrate on faculty issues within the framework of the NCAA and intercollegiate athletics.

Another important aspect of Lorrie's presidency was the work she did to reach out to other constituencies. Between Lorrie and me, we attended meetings of the National Association of Academic Administrators for Athletics (N4A), the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), and the Division 1A FAR Association. Lorrie was also a panelist at the 5th Annual Sports Business Journal's Intercollegiate Athletics Forum in New York. These activities are important to get the name and image of FARA out to other groups. It lets them know that we are the voice for FARs at all three NCAA divisions. It also confirms the idea that we all share similar goals of student-athlete well being. These meetings will continue this year. Along with the groups listed above, I will be contacting other professional organizations for conference commissioners and academic advisors. As more people understand what the FAR is and what FARA does, we will have a louder, clearer voice in representing faculty in any discussion involving the reintegration of academics and athletics. It will also lead to improved communication and understanding between all of these groups on our individual campuses.

Another important aspect of engaging the faculty is to be sure that FARs at all NCAA institutions are supported in performing their duties. We all need to reach out to those FARs who don't seem to be involved, and to help them to get active on their campuses and in FARA.

We have come far. We have much more to do. What can you do? You can become more active as the FAR on your campus. Inform your faculty of who you are, and what you do as FAR. Keep your faculty informed about athletics by telling them how well student-athletes do academically and in leadership positions. Do what you can to improve the student-athlete experience. You can also get involved with FARA and/or the NCAA. Make plans now to attend the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium (formerly the Fall Forum) in Baltimore on November 8 to 10, 2007. Do what you must to get the funding and the coverage of classes.

What we do is important in the intercollegiate model. And it's not easy. Remember what Jimmy Dugan said, "It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard... is what makes it great."

*Dennis Leighton
FARA President
University of New England*

NAME CHANGE: FARA ANNUAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

After careful discussion and contemplation, the FARA executive committee has approved a name change for the Fall Forum. The new name of the annual FARA meeting will now be the "FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium". The meeting will continue to take place in November of each year, in order to provide the membership a timely opportunity to discuss proposed NCAA legislation and other current NCAA topics.

The reason for the change is multifaceted. First, with the bylaw changes made in November 2006, the primary business meeting of FARA will now take place in November. This coincides with the new terms of office for the executive committee, with all terms now beginning and ending at the conclusion of the fall meeting. Since the fall meeting will now go beyond an assembly of discussion, the word "forum" no longer applies. The term "annual meeting" more accurately describes the content of the meeting, and the word "symposium" indicates that the fall meeting will continue to be utilized as a gathering for discussion of the issues of FARA and the NCAA. In fact, symposium is defined as a collection of opinions about a subject. Nowhere in the world is there a higher concentration of opinions than at a faculty meeting.

The FARA executive committee hopes you will embrace this new name for our annual meeting, and that you will make the name feel welcome.

*Dennis Leighton
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DIVISION I LEGISLATION

An override vote on NCAA Proposal No. 2005-54 -- Graduate Student or Post-baccalaureate Participation -- Transfer Eligibility took place at the Division I business session during the NCAA Convention. This proposed legislation would have allowed "a graduate student who is enrolled in a specific degree in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 14.2." After a lengthy review period, the NCAA board of directors upheld the adoption of the proposed legislation. On January 6, 2007, Division I institutions overturned the adoption of Proposal 2005-54. The vote was 70 percent supporting the override and 30 percent urged passage of the legislation. The legislation remains effective through the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. Student-athletes transferring on or after August 1, 2007, will be subject to the legislation prior to the adoption of Proposal 2005-54.

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DIVISION II DELEGATES ADDRESS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Division II (DII) delegates to the 2007 NCAA Convention addressed twenty-three legislative proposals during the Monday morning DII business session. Most proposals generated little debate among the delegates; however, a few were of great interest to the delegates and were the subjects of much discussion.

Proposal 2-10, "Recruiting and awards and benefits -community outreach initiative - exception," intended to establish a community outreach initiative, which enables institutions to engage in several activities which were previously limited or prohibited. The proposal passed 255-3-2. FARA supported the proposal with reservations. According to the FARA position statement, "this proposal changes many facets of current legislation in the name of community engagement. More community interaction by an institution is a laudable goal. The potential for mutual benefit is great, but so is the potential for recruiting mischief. Given the dramatic departures from past practice that will now be acceptable, and given the creative license that will no doubt emerge, the FARs trust that every effort will be made to provide some guidance about what is acceptable under the new rules".

DII Presidents Council Chair Charles Ambrose called its passage a "historic vote for Division II." Ambrose, president at Pfeiffer University, said the action signifies Division II's readiness to engage in a comprehensive strategic-positioning platform the Presidents Council has created over the last 18 months that strengthens the Division II identity and provides key characteristics and attributes to guide the division's policy decisions.

The 255-3-2 landslide allayed what concerns there might have been about the proposal leading to a recruiting advantage for some institutions. "It illustrates our membership's readiness to make the platform come to life," Ambrose said.

Proposal 2-21, "Financial aid and executive regulations-eligibility for championships-structure of football championship classifications" was intended to establish two championship classifications in football, based on the total number of financial aid equivalencies provided by an institution. Further, it specified that an institution or conference on behalf of its member institutions shall declare once every three years the championship classification in which its member institutions will participate. This proposal was strongly opposed by the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) and by the national DII Student Athletes Advisory Committee (SAAC). After heated debate, the proposal failed by a vote of 29-for, 117-against, and 1 abstention. Similar legislation, introduced in previous conventions, has also failed.

Proposal 2-4, "Personnel-conduct and athletics personnel sports safety training" met a similar fate. The intent of Proposal 2-4 was to specify that all coaches present at each practice, competition, skill instruction and strength and conditioning session involving student-athletes shall be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use and shall be familiar with emergency plan activation policies. Both FARA and SAAC saw this matter as one affecting student-athlete well being and supported its adoption. A paddle vote was too close to call, thus requiring that a roll-call vote be taken. The result was a 127-127 tie, which sealed the proposal's failure.

Proposal 2-20, "Financial aid- maximum equivalency limits- division dominant provisions" specified that the financial aid maximum equivalency limits legislation and all its subparts are division dominant provisions. FARA supported this proposal inasmuch as it was a student-athlete welfare issue, and it addressed the need for a two-thirds majority vote for any change in maximum equivalency. The DII SAAC concurred with FARA in its support. The proposal passed by a narrow margin of 130-for, 125-against, and 1 abstention.

Another legislative proposal, which was strongly supported by FARA and adopted by the delegates, was Proposal. 2-14, "Eligibility- general requirements - graduate student/post baccalaureate/second baccalaureate participation – transfer eligibility." The intent of the proposal was to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school or is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, to participate in intercollegiate athletics regardless of any previous transfer, provided the student has eligibility remaining. The proposal passed 233-24-0. It, too, was SAAC supported.

A complete record of the legislative actions taken at the DII business session and the FARA positions on each is available at the FARA Web site.

Cecil Carter
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DIVISION III LEGISLATION

It was a relatively light year for legislative proposals in Division III, with only fourteen items being offered for consideration, most of which were not very controversial. Ten proposals were approved by the membership; one was defeated; one was withdrawn; two were referred.

Perhaps the most controversial proposal would have placed limitations on the use of male practice players in women's sports. After some discussion during both the Issues Forum and the Business Session, the proposal was referred to committee for further study. The other referred piece would have required the presence at practice and competition venues of at least one person certified in first aid, CPR, and AED. This proposal was sent to the Competition and Safeguards Committee.

The sole proposal that was defeated involved student athletes transferring from Division I or II to Division III. Under the proposal, a redshirt year for such transfer students would count as a year of participation, thus reducing available participation years after the transfer. Eighty percent of the voting delegates opposed the proposal.

In light of recent Association and division initiatives to study membership issues, the North Coast Conference withdrew its proposal to impose a cap on division size.

The ten proposals adopted by the membership (with percentage of supporting votes) were as follows:

- No. 1 Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities – Staff (77%)
- No. 3 Playing/Practice Seasons – Medical Examinations (91%)
- No. 4 Playing/Practice Seasons – Nontraditional Segment Limitations (86%)
- No. 5 Recruiting – Tryout Camps Ban (76%)
- No. 8 Eligibility – Nontraditional Segment Participation - Student Athlete (76%)
- No. 9 Division Membership – Application Standards and Compliance (88%)
- No.10 Division Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership (79%)
- No.12 Legislative Process – Sponsorship Requirements (58%)
- No.13 Ethical Conduct – Gambling Activities – Reinstatement Requests (99%)
- No.14 Playing/Practice Seasons – Annual Exemptions (92%)

Details of all legislative proposals are available on the NCAA Web site.

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FARA ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO ATTEND COMPLIANCE SEMINARS

FARA strongly encourages all members to attend one of the regional rules compliance seminars conducted by the NCAA during spring 2007. The purpose of the NCAA's regional compliance seminars is to present an educational opportunity to athletics administrators and coaches at Divisions I, II and III institutions. The seminars are designed so that participants with different backgrounds and experiences may benefit. This year's seminars are May 13-18, 2007 in Denver, Colorado (Session I: Sunday - Tuesday; Session II: Wednesday - Friday), and June 3-8, 2007 in Miami, Florida (Session I: Sunday - Tuesday; Session II: Wednesday - Friday).

Key dates for the 2007 seminars are as follows:

- February 12: Topic list and schedule posted
- March 5 - April 20: Online registration for Denver, Colorado site
- March 12 - May 4: Online registration for Miami, Florida site



Division III FARs might take advantage of the NCAA Division III Regional Seminar grant program. The program is offered as a component of the division's strategic initiatives and is intended to enhance membership education and communication. For Division III questions, contact Debbie Kresge at 317/917-6222.

Visit the NCAA Web site for more information about the seminars.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 13-18, 2007	NCAA Regional Rules Compliance Seminars	Denver, Colorado
June 3-8, 2007	NCAA Regional Rules Compliance Seminars	Miami, Florida
April 6, 2007	National Student-Athlete Day	
November 8-10, 2007	FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium	Baltimore, Maryland
November 13-15, 2008	FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium	San Diego, California
January 11-14, 2008	NCAA Convention	Nashville, Tennessee
January 14-17, 2009	NCAA Convention	Washington, DC

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