

## **Minutes from Hot Topic Scholarship Increase Discussion**

*2008 NFCA National Convention*

*December 11, 2008*

### **Straw Vote**

- A vote was taken to see how many coaches were in favor of head count vs. equivalency: 30 for equivalency; 16 for head count; 2 did not vote.
- A vote was taken to see how many would be in favor of an increase in equivalencies: 46 were in favor, one did not vote.

### **Pros**

- The main pro for head count was that it would keep aid equal across all players; the main pro for equivalencies is that you could use academic aid as well.

### **Comments**

- Some were in favor of carrying more players; empowers women athletes and the sport as a whole.
- Lynn Holzman, NCAA, explained the mechanism to use to increase scholarships: based on number of athletes carried; increased participation; injury rates.
- What is the opportunity to increase? The possibility of players graduating without debt would be great. Wants to know how to increase but keep equal.
- Should increase to 14 to give student-athletes the opportunity to close the gender gap. It's not about winning or losing, but what is good for the female student-athlete. Also was in favor of providing loans for student-athletes to attend schools due to nature of the economy. Private sectors may pull out in approximately two years.
- In favor to help finance student-athletes; should be give the opportunity to attend school due to roster size. For instance, if students get injured, they should keep the scholarship. There is always going to be disparity but eventually more will be added.
- In favor to allow and promote growth. Now is the time to get a seat at the table.
- We should increase due to roster size and to be equivalent to other schools (currently not fully funded).
- To better the sport; this is the opportunity to grow.
- This adds value and allows opportunity.