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Assignment:

Write an essay of about 250-350 words, explaining the ways in which you agree or disagree with any of the ideas expressed in the commentary below. Arrange your ideas so that they will make sense to an audience of students and teachers at Heartland Community College. Feel free to use your own thoughts, experiences, and readings from the past to help explain and support your ideas.

Commentary

The following is an excerpt from Frederick Frommer's "NCAA considers \$2,000 payments to athletes."

NCAA President Mark Emmert says he supports a proposal to allow conferences to increase grants to student athletes by \$2,000, "to more closely approach" the full cost of attending college, beyond the athletic scholarships athletes receive for tuition, fees, room, board and books.

Emmert told the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics on Monday that the proposal will be finalized this week and he'll ask the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to support it. He noted that student athletes have limited opportunities to work outside the classroom and playing fields, and that the current model of athletic scholarship hasn't changed for 40 years.

Emmert says he'll also ask the board to allow colleges and universities to provide multiyear grants, instead of year-to-year scholarships.

"This week, I'll be asking the board to support a proposal to allow conferences — not mandate anyone, but allow conferences, not individual institutions — to increase the value of an athletic grant in aid to more closely approach the full cost of attendance," Emmert said.

"We are going to create a model that would allow — probably ... up to \$2,000 in addition to" tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies.