

**REPORT OF THE
MIAA STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items to report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. **Previous Minutes.** The committee approved the minutes of their April 15, 2007 meeting as distributed.
2. **National SAAC Update.** Brittanie Roldan reported which legislative proposals were not adopted at the 2008 NCAA Convention. Of the 21 proposals, Nos. 15, 19 and 20 were defeated, with No. 14 being moot.

Roldan notified the group of National SAAC's goal for the Make-A-Wish Foundation for the 2006-07 academic year, which was \$100,000. As a division \$208,022.73 was raised. The goal for the 2007-08 academic year has also been set at \$100,000 and National SAAC has encouraged every campus and conference SAAC to participate by setting individual goals for funds raised.

Roldan also encouraged the members to send any articles about community engagement or Make-A-Wish Foundation activities to her and she will forward them on to the NCAA.

3. **Make-A-Wish Foundation Update.** Natasha Oakes reported the conference's results from the 2006-07 academic year. In total, \$4,907.73 was raised with 60% participation. As of February 25, 2008, \$1,311.36 has been raised for the 2007-08 year; however, this does not include funds recently submitted to the NCAA National Office.

[Note: As of 4/14/08, the total amount raised was up to \$4,516.98.]

Each school reported various projects that have been conducted or are going to be conducted to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

- a. **Central Missouri.** UCM organized a silent auction at a home basketball game. Each sport program donated items for the auction. In all, they raised \$1,010.25 through the auction and cash donations.
- b. **Emporia State.** To date, ESU's campus SAAC has raised \$1,190.11 through their annual spare change drives at football and basketball contests, Hornet toss half-time contest, goodie bags for finals and kids night out. They are also in the process of arranging a senior prom for local senior citizens and the registration fees will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- c. **Fort Hays State.** FHSU is preparing for their second-annual 5K run. Last year they raised \$2,040 on minimal preparation, so they have set a goal of \$6,000 for this year.
- d. **Missouri Southern.** MSSU arranged a spare change drive in the fall. A 50/50 raffle was conducted during a home basketball game; however, the University's president was the winner, so all money collected will go to Make-A-Wish.

- e. **Missouri Western.** MWSU conducted a spare change drive, as well as goodie bags for finals and a kids night out activity called “Night out on the Griffs.”
- f. **Nebraska-Omaha.** UNO is planning on conducting a volleyball tournament over the summer. They also had a rake-a-thon during the fall.
- g. **Northwest Missouri State.** NWMSU arranged spare change drives for Homecoming and a home basketball game and raised almost \$800.
- h. **Pittsburg State.** PSU organized the Crimson and Gold Ball and charged \$9 per individual and \$15 per couple in advance, \$20 at the door; approximately \$600 was raised.
- i. **Southwest Baptist.** SBU is in the process of organizing a softball tournament. All entry fees will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- j. **Truman State.** TSU sold goodie bags for finals, with half of the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the other half going to a memorial scholarship fund in honor of Coach John Ware.
- k. **MIAA.** The conference conducted a half-time contest at the first game in the evening session on Saturday of the postseason basketball championships. Each participant paid \$1 to be able to shoot a 3 pointer. In a matter of four minutes, \$192 dollars were raised.

After hearing each school report on activities conducted for the Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser, the committee set a goal to raise \$11,000 for next year. It was the consensus of the group that \$1,000 per institution is a realistic goal.

- 4. **MIAA Annual Canned Food Drive.** Oakes informed the committee of the results from the 2008 MIAA Canned Food Drive. As a conference, 11,690.25 pounds were collected and distributed to various organizations within each school’s respective community. Northwest Missouri State collected 2,400 pounds to earn this year’s pizza party on the conference.
- 5. **2008 MIAA Leadership Seminar.** The committee discussed the plans for the upcoming leadership seminar. It was the consensus of the group to conduct the seminar right before fall sports start practice, around the last week of July or first week of August. It was noted the North Central Conference did something similar and this timing worked well with everyone.

As for topics of discussion, the group would like to include sessions about ways to generate motivation and unity on campus and within teams; community engagement activities that have been successful nationwide; and the six attributes of Division II.

- 6. **Conference SAAC Officers.** The committee discussed the officer positions that were established at a previous meeting and clarified responsibilities of each member of the executive committee. The vice chairs will assist in scheduling meetings, community engagement activities and the Leadership Seminar. The secretary will be responsible for the meetings and the treasurer will serve as the contact for reporting Make-A-Wish Foundation funds as well as assist with the completion of the conference grant impact form.

The committee accepted nominations for officers and selected Dana Hanselmann of Truman for one of the vice chair positions, Sammie Williams of Pittsburg State for vice chair, Shelley Marsh of Emporia State as secretary and Grant Nieland of Nebraska-Omaha as treasurer. Oakes will also follow-up with FHSU's Alex Eaton as she had expressed interest in serving on the executive committee.

- 7. Other Business.** Missouri Southern's SAAC has an action plan to implement housing checks for student-athletes instead of being required to stay in on-campus housing. There has been an issue with availability of on-campus housing; however, if students choose not to stay on-campus, they do not receive the money that was allotted for room and board. The majority of the committee members reported they receive checks for room and board if there are excess funds from their scholarship and they choose to live off campus, with some receiving a lump sum amount and others receiving a monthly stipend. Missouri Western is in their final year of issuing room and board checks. Students will now be required to live on campus if they are receiving institutional aid.

Truman polled the group on ways to attract students to home sporting events. Each school reported activities that have been conducted on their campuses to promote camaraderie. Some ideas suggested were declaring particular events as pride nights; have student-athletes assist on move-in day; have an adopt-a-team program with sororities and fraternities; post activities on Facebook; host an ice cream social; and implement a Life Skills points program.

- 8. Future Meetings.** It was the consensus of the group to conduct one in-person meeting and one conference call each year, alternating the in-person meeting between fall and spring semesters. Therefore, the fall meeting will be conducted in-person and the spring meeting will be conducted via conference call. Information on date and location will be sent out at a later date.

Committee Chair: Brittanie Roldan, University of Central Missouri

AD/SWA Liaison: Carmen Leeds, Associate AD/SWA, Emporia State University

Staff Liaison(s): Natasha Oakes, Assistant to the Commissioner for Compliance and Internal Operations/SWA