

MIAA STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 2005

Embassy Suites Hotel
Overland Park, KS

Those in attendance were:

CMSU: Not represented

ESU: Megan Haight and Tyler Applegate

MSSU: Michael Meyer

MWSU: Megan Sova, Michael Cobbins and Marian Broderick (chair)

NWMSU: Not represented

PSU: Lindsey Crosswhite and Gregan Ketcham

SBU: Chelsey Janzen and Scott Yount

TSU: Abbie Smith and Adam Davis

WU: Traci Nigg and Lisa Fahey

Also in attendance was Ralph McFillen, MIAA Commissioner, Natasha Oakes, MIAA Assistant to the Commissioner/Compliance and Joanne Vaughan, Assistant Athletic Director, SBU.

Broderick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Welcome/Introductions

- A. The group introduced themselves and did an icebreaker.

2. Previous Minutes

- A. Broderick informed the committee the minutes are posted on the SAAC page of the MIAA website.

3. Leadership Seminar

- A. Feedback was given regarding the leadership seminar. Cobbins recommended renting vans for the next seminar due to the amount of traveling that was done on the first day.
- B. Janzen enjoyed having the opportunity to brainstorm with people from other schools within the conference.
- C. Meyers felt the community service project was both beneficial and rewarding. It allowed the students to work together and also get to know each other.
- D. Oakes asked the group's thoughts on having a summer seminar. The overall response was that a seminar in the summer would be difficult as far as timing since some students may live further away from the campuses. It would take away the thought of having a central location. Sova and Smith thought the timing of the seminar was good and that communication is the key. Not very many people knew what the seminar was about or what to expect.

4. School Updates

- A. ESU just completed one Make-A-Wish project and are getting ready for their annual warm clothing drive along with the teddy bear toss.

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- B. MSSU joined the Adopt a Road program and will be assisting in the cleanup of a highway in Joplin, MO.
- C. MWSU is currently working on “Chains of Love,” where they adopt families for Christmas. They will also be doing goodie bags for finals as a Make-A-Wish project.
- D. SBU had a dinner at the beginning of the year for student-athletes.
- E. TSU is doing goodie bags for finals and the money raised will go to the John Ware Scholarship. They have also started the “SAAC Cup,” which is a program to increase student-athlete unity and involvement.

5. National SAAC Update

- A. Broderick asked if each school received the Division II SAAC bracelets. Washburn and Truman were not sure if any were sent to their institutions. Vaughan suggested having the bracelets sent earlier, so schools can have them prior to the meetings where students complete the NCAA forms.
- B. National SAAC approved a sportsmanship statement at their meeting this past July and each institution will be receiving banners with the statement on them. Banners should be sent by the beginning of the 2006-07 school year.
- C. Anheiser-Busch is looking to team up with the NCAA as a means to promote alcohol awareness and safety, however the NCAA has not come to a decision on the partnership.
- D. A Model Campus SAAC Manual has been created to help institutions with ideas on what it takes to be a successful campus SAAC. The manuals are in the process of being sent out.
- E. There are eight new members in National SAAC, two at-large positions and six from particular conferences. Broderick also gave an explanation of what the Division II National SAAC is and its role.

6. Legislation

- A. Broderick reviewed and explained a select number of the 40 legislative proposals for the 2006 NCAA Convention. With each proposal that was reviewed, she reported the position of the National SAAC.

7. Subcommittees/Reorganization

- A. Broderick asked the group what they felt would be the best way to keep the MIAA SAAC effective. An idea that she had was to have a co-chair or a cabinet instead of the subcommittees, since there is so much change in the members each year.
- B. Crosswhite and Ketcham believed it would help if the leadership seminar and SAAC meeting were separated. The people that attended the seminar were not necessarily in SAAC, so some did not even know what was going on in the meeting.
- C. It was the consensus the SAAC meetings should be separate weekends from the Leadership Seminars.

8. Community Service

- A. Division II is once again participating in the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year as a division, over \$70,000 was raised. This year’s goal is \$100,000.

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- B. Oakes informed the committee that last year the conference raised a little over \$2400 and that was without 100% participation of the schools. If every school does their part this year that could easily be broken.
- C. The MIAA Canned Food Drive will be during the month of February. This will give schools an opportunity to pick a few home basketball games to collect food.
- D. Applegate gave an example of how ESU collects food. They take a map of the city and divide it among the athletic teams. Then student-athletes go door to door asking for donations of food.

9. Other Business

- A. The next SAAC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Overland Park, KS.
- B. Ketcham, Crosswhite, Meyer, Yount, Davis and Sova will be added to the SAAC list serve. The address of the list serve is SAAC@themiaa.com.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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