

MIAA STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 2, 2006

Embassy Suites Hotel
Overland Park, KS

Those in attendance were:

CMSU: Chad Collins and Ashley Millham

ESU: Ross Hougland and Shelley Marsh

MSSU: Jessica Bauhman and J.P. West

MWSU: Marian Broderick (chair), Leon Douglas and Jill Johnson

NWMSU: Tyler Martin and Sarah Trowbridge

PSU: Not represented

SBU: No student representation

TSU: Nathan Pearsall and Melissa Snodgrass

WU: Not represented

Also in attendance were Natasha Oakes, MIAA Assistant to the Commissioner, Joanne Vaughan, SBU Assistant AD/SWA, John Culp, CMSU Program Development/Retention Coordinator and Sue Reinders, NWMSU Assistant AD/SWA.

Broderick called the meeting to order at 12:50 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. Community Service Updates

- A. Each school gave a report of the activities conducted for the annual MIAA canned food drive. Some activities included collecting money, collecting cans at home basketball games for admittance to the game, setting bins out in the athletic department and going door to door throughout the community.
- B. Oakes reminded those schools who had not yet reported the amount of food/money raised for the drive to turn that in as soon as possible, so there may be a winner determined for the contest.
- C. Schools also gave reports of the activities conducted for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. CMSU had a raffle, ESU did the Hornet Toss, MSSU had a 50/50 drawing and MWSU sent goodie bags for fall finals.
- D. Culp informed the group of an idea that arose this year about having a Make-A-Wish project at the MIAA postseason basketball tournament. Although there was not enough time to conduct a project this year, it is a great possibility for next year's tournament and would be a great way for everyone to come together. This item will be put on the agenda for the meeting in the fall.

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- E. The group also discussed some of the hurdles faced when conducting projects for Make-A-Wish. Some communities have other causes such as Relay for Life, organ donor drives for local youth and Hurricane Katrina Relief they are supporting therefore, some schools are focusing more on those activities.
- F. Broderick explained that although Make-A-Wish is solely a Division II project, schools should not feel obligated to focus on it if there are other causes in their communities such as those mentioned.

4. National SAAC Update

- A. Broderick asked if each school had received their Division II SAAC sportsmanship banners and suggested each school to check with their SAAC liaison or Athletic Director and respond to the MIAA office.
- B. National SAAC met with the NCAA Legislation Committee to preview upcoming legislation for the 2007 Convention. There is also work being done to improve the legislation grids each school receives prior to convention.
- C. Broderick reminded the group her term will expire in January of 2007. She asked that schools start thinking about a possible replacement now. Candidates must have at least two years of eligibility left and are required to attend three in-person meetings per year. She suggested it be a student in good academic standing due to class time that may be missed for meetings.
- D. An explanation was given as to how the National SAAC is comprised. Each conference has one representative, with one representative from the independent institutions and two at-large representatives. At the meeting in July, there will be nine new members on National SAAC.

5. School Updates

- A. CMSU is currently developing an awards program to recognize teachers for being outstanding in their field. They are also celebrating National STUDENT-Athlete Day (NSAD) by taking three at-risk high school students to a Mules baseball game.
- B. ESU celebrated NSAD by having high school students shadow selected student-athletes on campus as ‘a day in the life of a college student-athlete.’ They will also be going to the middle schools to conduct team-building activities. A Kid’s Night Out was conducted with local youth ages six to 12, where they came and played games with the student-athletes. The cost was \$5 and included pizza and soda.
- C. MSSU is currently planning a spring basketball game for the athletic department. Their goal is to get a coach from each sport to participate in the game, while the student-athletes will be the officials.
- D. MWSU recently passed a fee increase called the Max Experience. Student fees will increase by \$5 per credit hour to help fund improvements to on-campus athletic facilities. They are also working on implementing a five-hour requirement for community service activities, which has been heavily supported by their AD.
- E. NWMSU participated in National Girls and Women in Sports Day by having a sports clinic featuring stations for all the women’s sports represented at their university.
- F. SBU participated in a clean-up project due to recent tornadoes. They also had a dinner for student-athletes at the university president’s home.

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- G. TSU is working on having a talent show fundraiser as well as developing a SAAC Cup competition to increase support and unity among the various athletic programs. They will award points based on attendance to select home competitions and will have two divisions, large sports and small sports, to make the award process level.

6. Conference SAAC Reorganization

- A. Discussion ensued regarding the structure of the conference SAAC. In the past, there were subcommittees, however with the constant turnover of representatives, the committees were non-existent. A couple suggestions given were to have select representatives for the fall and for the spring, to alleviate conflicts in schedules, or develop a cabinet of members to have some kind of consistency.
- B. No action was taken regarding the structure of the committee, however the group will elect subcommittee members for the Make-A-Wish fundraiser for the conference basketball tournament at the fall meeting.
- C. Martin discussed the lack of awareness of SAAC among the coaches and noted this is important if students are ever going to get involved. Most students were just asked to come to the SAAC meeting; they did not know any specifics, just that they needed to be there. Culp suggested the conference send a memo out to coaches about the conference's stance on SAAC.
- D. Broderick also encouraged the representatives to use the list serve more. Each representative at the meeting would be added to the list serve and can access it by sending their messages to SAAC@themiaa.com.

7. Other Business

- A. Broderick reminded everyone of the Division II Regional Academy which will be held in Kansas City, MO, September 15-17, 2006. Each school is eligible to attend and needs to nominate two student-athletes (one male, one female), one athletic administrator or coach and of the three one must be an ethnic minority. The deadline to submit names to the NCAA is Friday, May 5, 2006.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

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