

**North Coast Athletic Conference
Student Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2007
Denison University Granville, Ohio**

Welcome and Introductions by President Ryan Stephens, Wabash College

Review and approval of Minutes of September '06 meeting by Ryan Stephens

SAAC Overview:

- After a warm welcome from Ryan Stephens, he asked if each school would share what their SAAC was doing on campus. Some highlights include: Denison's community service efforts, Wooster's focus on communication between the faculty and athletes, Kenyon's Purple Pride Program, OWU's movie nights, Hiram's Read across America volunteerism, Wittenberg's school-wide recycling of Nike shoe soles, Oberlin's Relay for Life survivor dinner, and Wabash's fan appreciation. Ryan reminded everyone that we should be taking active roles and being positive role models and he also mentioned of the goals and organization of the committee.
- Denison Collins discussed the organization, goals, and governance of the NCAC SAAC. He mentioned the average profile of a school in the NCAC and the power of the President's council. Dennis spoke of the rich history of our conference and the unique governance system we have in place. He proudly reiterated the fact that we are a leadership conference. Dennis then moved into speaking about the National SAAC and how we are partnered up with the Heartland Athletic Conference. They currently have someone representing us, however, the term will be ending and so there is a future opportunity for a student from our conference to take over and be the representative.
- Ryan Stephens updated the committee on the NCAC SAAC Webpage and "Blog" and encouraged all to take advantage of these resources that we have.
- The meeting then moved into a discussion about attendance problems that many schools have been encountering. Denison and Wittenberg shared how they keep a strong attendance and offered some ideas to help the other schools who were struggling.

Overview of NCAC and NCAA Agendas:

- Ryan Stephens, Dennis Collins, and Lynn Schweizer reviewed the NCAC and NCAA Agendas. Dennis spoke about the planned reorganization of Division III and the possibility of a Division IV or a Sub-Division because of the growing number of DIII schools. This opened up into a discussion where many committee members posed good questions such as if this would be a conference by conference change and if this would be taking a shot at the NAIA. Dennis then spoke of some of the NCAA Amendments made at the recent convention that were pertinent to us. First was the

proposal that a person trained in first aid/CPR/AED must be present at every practice or competition, which was tabled. Second was the proposal for limits to be placed on non-traditional sports, which passed. Lynn informed everyone that these proposals were set for the safety and protection for all student-athletes.

Break in Meeting

- Lynn Schweizer led the committee into a discussion of how each school celebrated and plans to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day and National Student Athlete Day. Lynn then posed a question about budgets. She asked where individual SAACs get their money and the majority responded through fundraising.
- Lynn Schweizer reviewed the October NCAA SAAC Leadership Conference. Vice-President Ali Teopas, Denison University, shared her experience. She mentioned how they talked about key DIII issues and their understanding of the issues. She said that it was a good way to bounce ideas off of other student-athletes. Others who attended the conference spoke of the action plans they came up with and informed the committee on their progress. Ali Teopas then mentioned the opportunity for a NCAA Internship and gave information about that opportunity.
- Dennis Collins and Lynn Schweizer presented Ryan Stephans with a plaque as a thank you for his dedication to the NCAC SAAC over the last couple years.

Athlete Open Forum:

- Sarah Matesich opened up the discussion with a question regarding the NCAC Scholar Athlete. She thought it would be nice to bring an All-Academic Team to the conference along with a Dean's List for the conference. There was a motion to approve a NCAC All-Academic Team by Sarah Matesich from Wittenberg. Ali Drushal from Wooster seconded the motion. Vote: Passed unanimously. A committee was then set in place to work on putting this together. Ryan Stephans nominated Sarah and Pat from Wittenberg to head the committee while Ryan Stephans (Wabash), Ali Teopas (Denison), Mary Beth Krolikowski (Denison), and Rich Drushal (Wooster) volunteered to support the effort and Lynn Schweizer volunteered to be the faculty advisor to help in the process.

Group Picture

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm