

North Coast Athletic Conference
STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, September 25, 2005
Denison University/Granville, Ohio

Attending (SAAC Reps): All: Marcus Solomon, Elizabeth Straus; Den: Lou Sorgi, Sarah Mitchiner; Earl: Ashley Govro, Liz Buehler; Ken: Katy Zeanah, Jean Arnold; Hir: Ronald Alcorn; Obe: Joe Sheehan, Katie Av; OWU: Dan Melcher, Kathleen Cooper; Wab: Ryan Stephens; Witt: Amy Conner; Woo: O. Administrators/Staff: Lynn Schweizer, Denison; Dennis Collins, NCAC; Vernon Mummert, Wabash; Cindy Holliday, OWU; Mike Raymond, ALL; Tooti Synder, Witt.

Chair: *Ryan Stephens, Wabash; NCAC SAAC President. Called the meeting to order at 12:30PM, following lunch.*

Minutes of the January 2005 meeting were accepted and approved, 9-0.

SAAC Overview: The goals and policies of the NCAC SAAC were reviewed and each member school spoke of their on-campus SAACs and how they operated and what their goals and plans were for the year.

Conference Overview: Dennis Collins reviewed the goals and mission of the Conference and how the SAAC Committee fit into the governance structure of the Conference. He announced that the NCAC office had setup a SAAC Committee Blog for the Committee members to use and keep in touch and trade ideas. It will be setup with the roster of e-mail address of the committee collected today. Access the SAAC Blog through the NCAC Home Page (www.northcoast.org) by clicking on the NCAC SAAC listing. Dennis Collins recognized webmaster Keri Alexander Luchowski for the fine website that the NCAC has posted on the web. Compared to many conferences, the NCAC has an excellent site, with important information for our institutions.

Overview of NCAC Sports Caucus & NCAA Convention Agendas:

- A. NCAC Tennis—Indoor Site Issue:** The Committee was introduced to the issue by a brief presentation by Vernon Mummert, AD at Wabash and NCAC Athletic Director Liaison to the sport of tennis. Allegheny presented a letter from their senior men's tennis team captain for members to review. Allegheny student SAAC representatives asked the administrators to leave and the students then discussed the issue in executive session.
Motion: "To force teams to play on indoor campus tennis sites."
VOTE: Passed—6-1-2
- B. NCAC Proposal to Cap Division III Membership:** Dennis Collins presented the issue, fielded some questions.
Motion: "To support the proposal"
VOTE: Passed---9-0
- C. NCAC Proposal to Increase Sports Sponsorship Req. for Division III:** Dennis Collins, Lynn Schweizer and Vernon Mummert presented the proposal.
Motion: "To support the proposal"
VOTE: Passed---9-0

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Elections for NCAC SAAC Officers: Of the three SAAC officers from last year, only one (Ryan Stephens was returning. As the returning vice-president, Ryan Stephens of Wabash, according to the policy, automatically assumed the presidency. Jen Silver of Earlham, secretary for SAAC in the previous year, was not returning this year to the committee. Steve Reid of Oberlin, last year's president, had graduated. As a result, the Committee needed to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary.

Stephens reviewed the responsibilities of the officers and asked for nominations. Two nominations came forward for vice-president (Melcher of OWU and Govro of Earlham) and three for secretary (Govro of Earlham, Straus of Allegheny and Conner of Wittenberg).

VOTE: The Committee elected Dan Melcher of OWU for vice president and Amy Conner of Wittenberg for Secretary.

The 2005-2006 NCAC SAAC Committee Officers:

President: Ryan Stephens, Jr., Wabash
Vice-President: Dan Melcher, Sr., Ohio Wesleyan
Secretary: Amy Conner, Sr., Wittenberg

Athlete Open Forum Session: Dan Melcher checked on the status of the "use of the football" for NCAC football teams and the group was pleased when informed that the Presidents Council had approved the use of the football with some conditions for a one-year trial this spring in the non-traditional season. Students queried each other on some of the good programs mentioned in the earlier session.

Members were alerted to the next meeting of the year, which is **Sunday, January 29th** at Kenyon College (Noon to 4:00). SAAC reps were encouraged to make both meetings of the academic year so the group could have better communications and continuity.

Stephens saluted Lynn Schweizer and Denison for hosting the group.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.