

North Coast Athletic Conference  
Student Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting  
Sunday, September 24, 2006  
Ohio Wesleyan/ Delaware, Ohio

Election of VP & Secretary:

Anthony Osei of Oberlin College and Ali Teopas were nominated for the VP position. Ali Teopas won.

Marcus Solomon of Allegheny College was the only one nominated for the secretary and won by default.

SAAC Overview:

Ryan Stephens open up the meeting with a warm welcome to all the schools in the conference and he reviewed committee polices and procedures of SAAC. Following that he asked each school if they could talk a little bit about what their SAAC was doing on campus. After the quick review of everyone's SAAC, Dennis walked us through the constitution. He made the point that all sports are treated equally and how our conference is a leadership conference. Lynn Schiweizer spoke highly of Dennis's accomplishments and the work he has done.

A computer demonstration was lead by Ryan Stephens to show everyone how to set up an account and use the blog. To access the NCAC Blog: ([www.northcoast.org](http://www.northcoast.org)), scroll over the NCAC SAAC link (click), blog log in (click). Once you are there the Blog Title is: NCACSAAC, address: [www.ncacsaac](http://www.ncacsaac). Ryan said if you are having trouble logging in that way go on FaceBook and access from his profile.

Mike Raymond showed everyone how to check the NCAA SAAC by going to [www.ncac.org](http://www.ncac.org) and clicking on the link D-3

Overview of NCAC and NCAA Agendas:

- FaceBook: Ryan Stephens led the discussion about the new face on facebook. He raised a concern about everyone's privacy and how facebook takes that away and he did a walk through of how to turn on your privacy controls so only you and your friends could see and access your profile. He also made a good point that if you do not want certain pictures seen, do not put any on that you do not want your mom to see.
- Fan Sportsmanship Program: Lynn and Dennis went over fan behavior and how it has changed over the years. They both mentioned how certain people will only go to certain games due to foul language and vulgar behavior. Certain schools talked about how they have been taunted at games and how their field has been desecrated.
- NCAC Cap Proposal: Dennis talked about how there are 430 schools in D-3 and more want to come in. He hopes the members support the cap because if there are more teams the expressed how the season is drug out longer and how it will be harder to get into the playoffs and schools will be receiving less money. The talk about D-4 or splitting D-3 has begun to resurface.

- Regional Leadership Conference: Lynn and Mike Raymond went over what the conference was about how they have leadership programs there as well.
- Athlete Open Forum: Ryan opened up the discussion with a question about the non-traditional season. Ali Teopas talked about her experience. The Athletics Director from Wabash wanted to increase games for the non-traditional season and the athletes found that their should be more games but not too many to where people are getting hurt. Playing too much was raised by the athlete and not playing was raised by the coaches and Athletic Directors. Ali made the motion to increase play dates and Elly second the motion.

Vote: 9-1

Ali also made a motion to put a limitation on practice hours and which would be 2 ½ hours during the week and not have the games as long for non-traditional teams. The Athletic Director from Wittenberg said he would give her information about that and she rescinded her motion.

- Pre-Season Prep: Ryan Stephens raised the issue with fall sports (soccer and volleyball) of how they get ready for the regular season. The Athletic Director from Wabash feels that everyone in fall sports should start at the same time with football and the athletes did too. An athlete expressed having the fall athletes on campus at the same time can build relationships. Ryan Stephens closed saying if you have any issues to email him ([stephenr@wabash.edu](mailto:stephenr@wabash.edu))

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10