

**North Coast Athletic Conference
Student Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 23, 2007
Kenyon College Kenyon Athletic Center, Room 223**

Welcome and Introductions/Roster Review made by Lynn Schweizer

Review of minutes from September '06/January '07 meeting by Ali Teopas, SAAC President/Denison University

Motion to approve the minutes made by Beau Whiteman, Alleghany College

Seconded by Mary Beth Krolkowski, Denison University

Voted all in favor

Break for Lunch

Reconvened

SAAC Overview:

- After the approval of minutes, Ali Teopas reviewed the SAAC Committee policies and procedures. Teopas then invited representatives of each school to share with the rest of the Committee what their individual SAAC was doing on their campus. Some points of interest include: Denison's community service and new collaboration with the spirit club, Red Zone; Wittenberg's new meeting time and increased attendance, plans for a new look for their Tiger Awards, and "Battle for the Blood" with The College of Wooster; Alleghany's new Gators for Gators program and their teaming up with Champ's Life Skills program; Oberlin's Ozone and plans to have another open forum to help bridge the gap between athletes and other students; Wooster's field day for the elementary school student's within the whole school district and their faculty appreciation days; Wabash's focus on athletic facilities, OWU's Halloween Party for the whole campus and their plans for Every Child Plays Campaign; Earlham's changing stance to be more policy oriented, their teaming up with United Way, and their Think, Talk, Act Campaign; Hiram's new SAAC board to post information and new plans to start a spirit club; and Kenyon's plans for an open forum to discuss how competitive their athletics should be and their efforts during Campus Clean Up. Lynn then addressed the representatives encouraging everyone to invite their respective President's or AD's to their committee meetings.

Organization/Goals/Governance of the NCAC/SAAC:

- Dennis Collins then discussed the goals, organization, and governance of the NCAC and SAAC. He spoke of the history of the conference and our unique trendsetting quality.
- Ali Teopas walked everyone through a computer demonstration to show the NCAC/SAAC websites. Lynn then encouraged everyone to do the same type of demonstration with their own committees so students know what is out there. Teopas introduced the idea of using Facebook as a base for our new "Blog."

Because Facebook is so universal to college students and most everyone knows how to use it, it is an easy way to bounce ideas off of each other through the capabilities of the Facebook website. There will be a NCAC group that everyone can join and use to their advantage.

Break in Meeting

Reconvened

Overview of NCAC and NCAA Agendas:

- Dennis Collins invited everyone to take a look at the Diversity and Inclusion Proposal included in the handout given at the beginning of the meeting. The conference is making diversity and inclusion a goal for the next year. Collins mentioned that in January there will be a diversity and gender equity hiring workshop with guest speakers and such for all the schools in the conference. Also, each school will have the opportunity for a NCAA representative to present a Diversity and Inclusion Workshop for the leaders of the school. Wittenberg shared that they have already had this program take place and there was nothing but good feedback. Collins also presented the Branch Rickey Legacy Initiative which is the conceptual commitment to hire one minority per school each year. Collins stressed the benefits of diversity and inclusion within our conference and in all of athletics.
- Dennis Collins/Lynn Schweizer/Ali Teopas presented and reviewed the All-Academic Team Proposal. After review, Teopas asked the committee's thoughts on the idea of the GPA. Alleghany brought up the point of a GPA being abused to "cut down" other schools. They instead thought of picking the top two athletes from each school. Other schools had a problem with this idea because we already have a NCAC Scholar Athlete Award. After a little discussion, there was a call to caucus within each school about the idea of furthering work on the All-Academic Team. A roll call vote ended up all in favor. Hiram presented the idea of using percentages, while Patrick Sullivan, Denison University and Jason Hudson, Oberlin presented the idea of using already set national standards from coaches' associations. Discussion led to the choice of using of percentages.
 - Beau Whiteman, Alleghany motioned that "the top 5% of all athletes will achieve All-Academic Team status."
 - Brian Christiansen, Hiram seconded the motion.
 - A move to caucus again within each school was made.
 - Whiteman changed proposal and re-motioned that "the top 10% of all athletes will achieve All-Academic Team Status."
 - A roll call vote was taken and the motion did not pass on a 5, 3, 2 vote.Ali Teopas proposed that we use both the 10% and 3.5/3.6 GPA and collect data at each school and re-vote at the NCAC SAAC meeting in January.

Election of VP and Secretary for 2007-08:

- Nominations for VP: Beau Whiteman, Alleghany and Jake Celcei, Kenyon

- Nominations for Secretary: Mary Beth Krolikowski, Denison University; Ali Dreschal, Wooster; and Amy, Hiram
- Closed Ballot Vote/One per school
- Votes tallied by Lynn Schweizer during Open Forum

Open Forum:

- Ali Teopas asked other representatives about their awards ceremony and what works best. Ideas came from Alleghany, Hiram and Wittenberg. Those ideas included a dinner and slide show, a reception for parents and students, etc.
- Beau Whiteman asked about thoughts on the Drug Testing Program of the NCAA. Dennis Collins informed the committee of the mandatory testing program.
- Meghan, Wittenberg asked about parking privileges at other universities since they were having problems at Witt. It was suggested that the athletes talk with Campus Security and Administration about safety issues (carrying stuff back to dorms/off campus, lighting, bus drop off area/times, etc.)
- Ali Teopas brought up the fact of having a problem with stats within conference play in Field Hockey. Dennis Collins said he would write a notice to coaches and SIDs.
- Corey, Oberlin questioned the Diversity and Inclusion Program and Laura, OWU questioned if Hispanics and Asians were included as well. Dennis Collins talked about the opportunities available, but the low number of minority applicants.

Elections:

- Beau Whiteman, Alleghany was named VP
- Mary Beth Krolikowski, Denison University was named Secretary

Annual Picture

Meeting adjourned at 4pm