

## **North Coast Athletic Conference Meeting**

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Columbus Airport Marriott**

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions/Roster Review: Lynn Schweizer, NCAC AD Liason**

### **2. Review of Meeting Minutes of Sept. 09: Brandon Jacobs, NCAC SAAC President**

- SAAC Policies & Procedure changes
- A. Amendment to revote every year for P, VP, and Secretary
  - Membership/Officer voting
  - SAAC Blog (1400 members)
  - SAAC Proposals for DIII Rulings
  - Planned January Conference
  - Nest Project Information

### **3. Review of SAAC Committee Policies & Procedures: Stephanie Caton, NCAC SAAC Secretary**

- Revote will occur every year for new officers (must be at one meeting prior to running for a position)
- Dismissal of an officer will be left up to the jurisdiction of the AD Liason
- Jacobs (Wooster)- How do we replace members?
- Julie (OWU)- possibly run for officers in spring because you have a better idea of how the upcoming year will look
- Jacky (Wooster)-if running in spring, this would allow us to keep the 1 meeting rule
- Rodney (Hiram)-Vote for positions and then have an interview process
- Kat (OWU)-can't we incorporate the question process into the original amendment?
- Jacobs (Wooster)-do we want to allow underclassman to keep continuity? Currently not automatic but they have the option to be re-elected

Caucus for motion

- Kat(OWU)-Motion: Hold the election process in the spring in which each candidate will present a speech and then there will be a question and answer portion.
  - o Elizabeth (Wooster) and Kenny (Wabash)-Second
- Jason (Oberlin)-What type of questions will be asked?
- Elizabeth (Wooster)- Addendum-faculty representative will provide questions

Reclarify Motion-The election process will be held in the spring and will consist of a speech as well as a question and answer portion. Faculty representatives will provide the candidates with a question that will be best representative of their position.

Re-Caucus to Vote: In favor or Against Motion

All in Favor-Motion Passed

- Sean (OWU)-Addendum that the school with President can only have presidency for 2 consecutive terms in order to allow continuity.
- No Second...Motion Dies

### **4. Review of NCAA SAAC Initiative: Garnett**

#### **1. NCAA Marketing-**

- DIII will have more marketing opportunities
- Marketing will occur in the form of Magazines as well as DIII Commercials
- Motion gave each institution \$1000 for marketing purposes

2. Unveiling of DIII Identity Initiative
- Develop, Dedicate, & Discover

3. Fundraising

- Funds for student-athletes in fundraising
- Dan F.A.R (Transylvania) welcomes suggestions concerning the legislation process

**5. Organization/Goals/Governance of NCAC: Keri Alexander Luchowski**

- President run conference
- Coaches association can make proposals on how to do things
- Proposals are then addressed at the AD's meeting
- Also Sports Caucus meeting in which AD's and coaches meet together
- Issues are debated and voted on by Presidents' Council (2 ADs & 2 FARs)

A. NCAC SAAC Page

- Encouraged to upload a blog so we have representation from all schools
- Jacobs (Wooster)- Athletes are not the only ones who see this. Used as a recruiting tool as well
- Ali (Witt.)- Little things could help other students as well as school SAACs.
- Garnett (Witt.)- Could be addressed in freshman orientation. Ask them to become fans so they can learn about the conference

B. Review of Recent Meetings

- i. Men's Golf will meet to develop policies for the upcoming season
- The NCAC is officially adding Women's Golf
    - o Currently 5 teams are needed in order to be a Varsity sport eligible for Championships, etc.

Earlham is leaving the NCAC in the fall

- o Field Hockey will become the first affiliate member of the NCAC
- All Sports Trophy will be named in Honor of Dennis Collins
- Women's Tennis will now have round robin play in 2010-11 in order to allow for more conference play
- **Petition to allow artificial noisemakers at outdoor events**
  - o NCAA currently says No artificial noisemakers

Open Discussion

- Garnett (Witt.)-Brought up issue due to the good positive energy
- Lynn-This would make more students want to come to events
- Jacobs (Wooster)- Currently not allowed due to safety reasons, whistles, etc.
- Keri-Currently looking through different sport manuals in order to see where some flexibility would allow for the usage of noisemakers
- Kenny (Wabash)- Distracting for some sports, i.e. Penalty kicks for goalies
- Ali (Witt.)- Create a designated area where noisemakers are allowed
- Tamilla (Oberlin)-Part of playing sports is dealing with distractions
- Rodney (Hiram) – Might be a problem for our athletic administrators

ii.Soccer Field Usage

- How to manage field usage and the decision process for determining when to make opponents aware of field change
- Elizabeth (Wooster)- Issue came up because if you prepare on one surface and then are only given hours before game time of a field change than you are unable to prepare on game surface. Ball moves differently on grass then turf
- Keri-As of now it all depends on the school but they want to try and formulate guidelines
- Dan (Denison)- Sometimes you just don't know what is going to happen, you can't prepare for everything

- Julie (OWU)- there are a lot of behind the scenes issues that occur. Should come down to coaches having respect for each other to call
- iii. Women's Golf
  - Added sport but there are currently no policies
  - Will most likely adopt many of the same policies as Men's Golf
- C. NCAC Proposals
  - Presidents Involvement in the decision making process
  - Transfer Regulation- If suspended from one institution for any reason you are eligible to play if transfer to a new institution as long as you have not played for 2 years.
  - Recruiting-Coaches are still not allowed to do tryouts or have a demo skills session. Prospective Athletes can participate in open gyms, etc. as long as coach is not involved. However, if monitoring is a part of your job description then coaches are allowed to pass within the facility that open gyms are occurring with recruits
  - Non-traditional season must end 5 class days prior to the start of final exams
  - Alumni game can now be played in the non-traditional season and will not count against you if you are injured.
  - Elizabeth (Wooster)- has the NCAA looked into allowing coaches to be present in the weight room for safety measures?
  - Keri- Can currently have someone in there as long as it is in their job description
  - Garnett (Witt.)-Seems to be an institutional issue but the SAAC has the ability to develop a proposal in order to be reviewed

## **6. SAAC Issues and Concerns: Jacobs**

- A. Joint Travel
  - Off the bat this idea sounded amazing, however, there have been instances between teams
  - Chelsea (Denison)- Should learn to respect each other. You are always going to have to deal with people that you do not like.
  - Kat (OWU)- There could be an effect on teams due to rules that do not always match up (ipod usage, cell phones). In addition, if one team wins and the other loses- dampens morale
  - Rodney (Hiram)- What happens if overtime? A lot of coaches go over game strategies on buses. Could we develop a contract with bus companies to reduce cost?
  - Julie (OWU)- Some sports you can put together but there is a time issue if playing back to back. Requires students to be out of the classroom more.
- B. Power of Language: Caton
  - Idea that each athlete should have a voice on a team and feel comfortable enough to speak up if they are offended
  - The experience for players could be negative depending on issues of communication between a team and also within other teams
  - Frankie (Kenyon)-Conflict is inevitable so there has to be a way to minimize the conflict within a team
  - Jacobs (Wooster)-When you play, as an athlete you are giving off a certain image
  - Jacky (Wooster)- Should be the captains responsibility to monitor what is being said. Ouch rule could be instilled in order to allow those around you to know that things are offensive
  - Sam (Wabash)- Captain's should regulate but their accessibility is sometimes limited. Possibly a buddy system to show support
  - Elizabeth (Wooster)- Does take responsible knowledge and stems from the coaches
  - Lynn- Being apart of a team is more than just the X's and O's Each person has a voice
- C. Sportsmanship
  - More for the athletes and not only fans
  - "I bring the best out in you that you bring out in me"

- There is a difference between Hate and Rival
- Jacobs (Wooster)- Once you figure out that people are people and they are not awful then it takes back the game to just being a game
- Jacky (Wooster)- Comes back to the captains “beat with respect” Pride in how you win
- Sean (OWU)- It all boils down to leadership. You don’t want to lose to someone but you still can care and respect them
- Ali (Witt.)- Always keep things positive, maybe tailgate with the opposing team after the game

D. How to attract members?

- Can’t do anything if people are not behind you
- Rodney (Hiram)- It is a privilege to be in SAAC. 2 representatives must be present at every meeting from each team
- Matt (All.)- Offer pizza as an incentive for members to come
- Mitch (Witt.)- Important to have upperclassmen talk it up
- Cailleigh (All.)- Do role call- allows you to see who has and has not shown up

E. Power of Social Networking

- Access to Facebook and Twitter
- Helpful for alumni as well as athletes
- Can give weekly recaps and score updates
- Rodney (Hiram)-Tutoring from coaches and players

**7. SAAC Initiatives: Jacobs/Caton**

- Shoe project either for Soles for Soles or the Nike Reuse a Shoe Program
- Clean Water Campaign-[www.firstgiving.com/H2OPE](http://www.firstgiving.com/H2OPE)
- Julie (OWU)- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm Bishop Championship Games. Love to have volunteers to come out to help
- Sean (OWU)- Blog discusses the purpose of Bishop Championship Games
- Jacobs (Wooster)-Donation of Jersey for Dennis Collins

**8. New Business: Jacobs**

- Wooster- Mascot challenge and blood battle with Witt.
  - o Greek-Athlete wee
  - o Faculty appreciation night
  - o Read Across America
- Witt.-National Girl and Women in Sports Day
  - o Witness Wednesday-events with BBall teams for prizes
  - o Tiger Awards-Taking it a step further with a speaker, etc.
- Wabash-Field day event with elementary school kids
  - o Top 25 Academic Students
  - o All athlete picture
  - o Little Giant Athlete of the Week
  - o Blogs
- OWU-Bishop Championship Games
  - o 22 Sports 1 Team
  - o \$1 BBall w/ Special Needs Team
- Oberlin- Food Drive-80lbs. of non perishable items
  - o Holiday helping hands
  - o Fundraising for Haiti
  - o National Student Athlete Day
  - o Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Kenyon- Clean Water Campaign
  - o Sport Swap Day-sign up to participate in a simulated practice and then scrimmage with a different sport
  - o Coat Drive
- Hiarm- Soles for Soles

- Run for Grace and Andy
- National Girl and Women in Sport's Day
- Read Across America
- Think Pink BBall game
- Athlete Date Auction
- Terrier Tailgate
- Denison- Lifestraw
  - Soles for Soles
  - Christmas Cheer-adopt a child
  - Hoops for Haiti (\$500)
  - New Beginnings-Clothing Drive
  - National Women and Sports Day
  - Athlete dinner
- Allegheny-Soup for shirts
  - All Athlete Talent Show
  - Gold Rush Games
  - Allegheny Student Government Liason
  - Senior Celebration

## **9. Voting for New Officers**

### **Nominations**

**President-** Brandon Jacobs (Wooster)

**Vice President-** Rodney (Hiram), Sean (OWU), Kenny (Wabash)

**Secretary-** Caileigh (All.), Chelsea (Den)-declined, Courtney (Oberlin)-declined, Kenny Harris (Wabash)

### **Elected**

**President-** Brandon Jacobs

**Vice President-** Sean Patrick

**Secretary-** Caileigh Hughes

**2:15 p.m.-Metting Adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Stephanie Caton**

**NCAC SAAC Secretary**