

MIAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee
Fall 2005 Meeting
September 11, 2005 (Sunday) - 1:00
University of St. Thomas
Murray Herrick Campus Center - Room 154

Present: Kirk Rall-MIAC Treasurer, Lisa Uehling (Augsburg); Tyson Bjorklund-MIAC SAAC Chair, Katie Synder (Bethel); Ben Coopridge, Jamie Lykken-MIAC SAAC Co-Chair (Carleton); Blythe Bittman, Brady Rutman (Gustavus); Katie Davis, Chris Lutz, Aaron Swanum-NCAA SAAC (Hamline); Kate Ayer, George Robbins (Macalester); Jen Kling, Katie Rehani (Saint Benedict); Katie Hoeschen (St. Catherine); Madeline Loftus, Tom Stewart, Chris Kendall-Athletic Director (Saint Mary's); Nick Hudson, Carly Knoell (St. Olaf); Nikki Conway, Chris Mattke (St. Thomas); Dan McKane, Matt Ten Haken, Cody Schmidt (MIAC).

I. Call to order (Dan McKane, MIAC Executive Director)

II. Introductions/Create contact list of SAAC (McKane)

The MIAC will create a list of MIAC SAAC members to allow for easy communication. This list will be distributed to SAAC and posted on the MIAC SAAC website.

III. Officers vote for 2005-2006 (McKane)

Katie Hoeschen (St. Catherine) volunteered for the secretary position for 2005-06.

Chair – Tyson Bjorklund (Bethel)

Co-Chair – Jamie Lykken (Carleton)

Secretary – Katie Hoeschen (St. Catherine)

Treasurer – Kirk Rall (Augsburg)

IV. Mission statement (McKane)

McKane distributed the NCAA SAAC Mission Statement. Representatives should bring back to their individual institution's SAAC as a reminder of the purpose of SAAC. Use this as a guide in running your campus SAAC. Also visit the NCAA SAAC website and use as a resource, many great ideas on the site.

V. Service projects (Tyson Bjorklund)

For the past several years the MIAC SAAC has done Toys for Teens for its annual service project. Hurricane Katrina relief was proposed as a possible service project, but it was determined that this body would like to stay with Toys for Teens. Toys or monetary donations will be accepted. Official start date and more information will be sent out in the next few weeks by Dan McKane once he discusses with the Marine Corp.

Discussion on best practices for the Toys-for-Teens project included:

- Starting toy drive earlier this year (mid-fall).
- Twin Cities' SAAC bringing donations to KARE 11 for increased publicity.
- Posting a compiled list of donations on the MIAC website.
- Asking parents for donations.
- Having each team member bring in a dollar.
- Offer free popcorn at an event for bringing a toy.
- Conducting a contest between sports teams at individual institutions.

VI. Sportsmanship (Bjorklund)

Idea was brought up last year regarding a sportsmanship project and will be a work in progress for this year. Each team selects a student-athlete from the opposing team who displayed intensity in competition as well as respect. A certificate is sent to the individual from the team and notification is made to the MIAC SAAC representative. Carleton handed out a possible format for the award. Specific guidelines, deadlines, awards, and ideas will be officially set for next year. This year will just be a trial year with awards being distributed by each individual school. More discussion on this topic will take place in December.

VII. NCAA Leadership Conference (McKane)

NCAA SAAC Leadership Conference will take place this fall in Dallas on Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. At last notification, eight MIAC institutions will be attending this conference. Topics to be presented at the conference include: fan sportsmanship and fan control along with ways to promote SAAC in athletics and on campus.

VIII. Gambling (Cody Schmidt)

Discussion focused on the NCAA gambling rule. A student-athlete will lose eligibility if gambling occurs on any

NCAA Championship sport as well as professional sports that are also an NCAA sponsored sport in which tangible winnings are involved (this includes fantasy sports as well as final four pools). Many in attendance were unaware of the repercussions and restrictions of gambling by student-athletes.

IX. NCAA grant (McKane)

The NCAA annually awards \$2600 to the MIAC for operation of its conference SAAC. We have roughly \$1600 from last year as well. In the past we bought web cams, which hope to be used for online SAAC meetings. One idea for spending this year is buying toys-for-teens donations or promotions and/or having an end of the year SAAC meeting which could involve a group bowling outing combined with a meeting.

X. Student-Athlete-Survey (McKane)

SAAC decided it would be a good idea to do a student-athlete survey on the MIAC. Dan McKane will send out a PDF format of the questionnaire along with more information to the athletic directors and SAAC Liaisons. The survey should be anonymous and given to at least 3-5 athletes (if not all athletes) in each sport. It will be due back to the MIAC office by October 15th. More details will be distributed by McKane.

XI. Best practices on campuses (McKane)

Discussion surrounded best practices on each institutions campus. It is important to gain publicity for good projects each institution is doing so all SAAC members are encouraged to make their SIDs and the MIAC aware of service projects.

- Hosting a guest speaker.
- An athletic department banquet with video slide-show in May.
- A formal funded by SAAC with donations.
- Macalester Hoops for Hunger.
- Carleton/St. Olaf faculty basketball game.
- “Little Gusties” sports camp and activities.

XII. 2006 NCAA legislation (McKane)

McKane distributed and introduced proposed legislation for the 2006 NCAA convention to gather feedback from student-athletes and spark conversation. Red shirting in Division III is a heavily debated topic at both the national and conference level. Currently the MIAC is more restrictive than most other Division III conferences in the nation. The MIAC also has a shorter non-traditional season than most other Division III conferences.

XIII. National SAAC Representative – Aaron Swanum (Hamline)

Swanum spoke on his role and responsibilities as NCAA SAAC representative.

XIV. Membership moratorium (McKane)

McKane reported that the MIAC Executive Committee met this summer and addressed the topic of the current membership moratorium. The MIAC examined a document produced in 1996 which listed pros and cons on expansion and determined that the conference had no desire to lift the moratorium on new membership.

Adjournment 2:47p.m.

Next Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2005 – 1:00pm