

# **MIAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee**

## **Spring 2005 Meeting**

**February 19, 2005 (Sunday)**

**University of St. Thomas**

**Present:** Kirk Rall-MIAC Treasurer, Lisa Uehling (Augsburg); Tyson Bjorklund-MIAC SAAC Chair (Bethel); Erica Bolan, Ben Coopridger, Samantha Hendricks, Jamie Lykken-MIAC SAAC Co-Chair, Matt Topeff (Carleton); Blythe Bittman (Gustavus); Chris Lutz (Hamline); Kate Ayer (Macalester); Amanda Broadbent, Katie Rehani, Jeannie Stubenvoll (Saint Benedict); Katie Hoeschen (St. Catherine); James Bechdol, Neil Hutton (St. Olaf); J.J. Kirby (St. Thomas); Dan McKane, Matt Ten Haken (MIAC).

**I. Call to order:** 1:00pm

## **II. Introductions**

### **III. Wagering** (Dan McKane)

McKane gave a reminder that it is not permissible for NCAA student-athletes to gamble on collegiate and professional events. More specifically given the time of year, student-athletes may not bet on the NCAA Basketball Tournament (pools). No money or prizes (anything tangible) can be bet. It is permissible to join a pool that is only playing for honor and no entry fee is required and prizes aren't given out. If found guilty of this; a student-athlete's eligibility will be suspended. Please remind student-athletes on campus about this rule.

### **IV. NCAA Update** (Dan McKane)

**#2:** Division III has passed a motion that would allow coaches to provide private lessons to prospects. The Conference voted against this (3-8). The AD's will discuss adding a rule to prevent this from occurring in the MIAC. McKane is checking with the NCAA to see if this would violate any federal right to work laws.

**#4:** Redshirt transfer – This motion failed by three votes. This close vote reaffirmed the MIAC's rule prohibiting redshirt seasons among transfers from Division I and II (these count as a season of participation in MIAC). The Executive Committee has requested the conference to investigate the possibility of co-sponsoring similar legislation at the 2007 NCAA Convention.

**#11:** Expanded NCAA Championship bracket sizes up to 64 in team sports (except football – 32 teams).

**Internship** – The MIAC has applied for a NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grant. If approved, a two year internship will begin this August. This person will be a co-advisor for the MIAC SAAC.

**Grant** – The MIAC will receive over \$40,000 from a new NCAA Grant Program starting next year. There are three tiers where money is classified. The Conference is establishing a committee to assist with how we utilize the money and the SAAC chair will serve on this committee.

### **V. Toys for Teens** (Dan McKane)

The annual toy drive was a huge success this holiday season. Institutions collected toys and cash for donations. Most collected toys at events and banquets, other sold T-shirts and donations at team functions. On Dec. 15 we dropped off toys at KARE 11 and had six full vehicles. McKane would like to plan a larger gathering next year.

### **VI. NCAA SAAC Grant** (Dan McKane)

The MIAC received \$2,600 to operate conference SAAC this year. We issued \$150 to each institution for use on campus which must go to campus SAAC programming. We will need to determine how we want to utilize funds for next year; which we will be receiving \$2,000. SAAC members gave examples of how they utilized their grant money. Examples included half-time prizes, banquets, and refunding travel to the conference SAAC meetings.

### **VII. MIAC Sportsmanship Program** (Dan McKane)

The MIAC is developing a sportsmanship plan to begin in the fall of 2006. It will focus on educating fans, students and coaches of what is acceptable. McKane requested feedback on the initial plan. The MIAC will receive over \$15,000 from the NCAA to develop a sportsmanship program for next year. SAAC members discussed the sportsmanship plan and sportsmanship in general in the conference. They weren't sure of how effective having the sportsmanship rules on posters and read during the pregame would be. SAAC felt it needed to start from the student-athletes (playing and in the stands) showing good sportsmanship.

### **VIII. MIAC Ineligible Student-Athlete Penalties** (Dan McKane)

McKane reviewed proposed ineligible-student athlete penalties with the SAAC. Some members of SAAC felt the penalties may be too harsh on teams that inadvertently commit these penalties.

### **IX. National SAAC Update** (Dan McKane)

The MIAC National SAAC representative, Aaron Swanum of Hamline, was unable to attend today's meeting. McKane highlighted the national SAAC minutes and we will email them to MIAC SAAC. National SAAC is dealing with different issues than the MIAC SAAC is dealing with. National SAAC is working on a D3 sportsmanship statement. A large item for the national SAAC is a drug testing pilot in D3. The NCAA noted concern over the high use of steroid, methamphetamine and street drugs among D3 student-athletes. A few had concerns over drug testing during the season, but consensus was that student-athletes should be held to higher standard. Some conference schools already are doing drug testing. The main purpose of the drug testing will be for student-athlete education.

### **X. SAAC Best practices and Campus Updates** (Dan McKane)

SAAC members held an open forum to discussed what is and is not working on there campus. Gustavus made a website to educate student-athletes on nutrition, performance, the banned drug list, and Gustavus' new drug testing policy. They also do half-time contests with prizes like IPODs and gift certificates. Bethel is creating a website and trying to get other student-athletes involved. Saint Benedict and Saint John's had an athletic formal that raised \$1,300 for Special Olympics. Saint Benedict has a detailed SAAC structure where SAAC reps have to report to the team and coach after each meeting. St. Olaf will host an end of the year banquet and raised \$600 for Northfield Youth Sports with Carleton SAAC. Carleton is currently planning their triathlon. They host two meetings a month that last no longer than one hour each. St. Thomas is finishing a mural and may host a speaker from the Knight s of Columbus. Augsburg is attempting to increase fan attendance at contests and are starting to do give-aways. St. Catherine is looking to increase communication and participation in their SAAC. Macalester partnered with Hamline for Hoops for Hunger food drive. They are also doing a "Kid Day", and an overall team competition called the "Kofi Cup". Hamline is attempting to get a more active SAAC. They have started labeling big contests, "Code Red" games to increase attendance.

### **XI. Election of new officers for 2006-2007** (Dan McKane)

Chair: Chris Lutz, Hamline

Co-Chair: Matt Topeff, Carleton

Secretary: Jill Burgard, Saint Benedict (*amended after meeting to evenly distribute institutional involvement*)

Treasurer: James Bechdol, St. Olaf

### **Next Meeting**

Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 1:00pm (Augsburg)

**Adjourned:** 2:44pm