

**MIAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee**  
**Fall 2007 Meeting/ September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Sunday) – 1:00pm**  
**Bethel University- Robertson Physical Education Center – Room #227**

**Present:** Jacci Mattern and Brian Jungwirth (AUG); Brad Dahlman and Liz Glesne (BU); Matt Toppin (GAC); Sara Burns and Colin MacFarlane (HU); Marisa Raether and Marie Goodwin (MAC); Jackie Hoeft and Megann Koerner (CSB); Erika Kriechbaum (CSC); Trent Novotny and Dusty Clintsman (SJU); Kasey Schultz (SMU); Christina Roberts (STO); Holly Noble and Scott Mattke (UST); Doug Byrnes (HU); Dan McKane, Matt Ten Haken and Kelly Diercks (MIAC); Emily Pankow (National SAAC).

**I. Call to order – 1:05pm Kelly Anderson Diercks (MIAC)**

**II. Introductions**

National SAAC Member, Emily Pankow, was in attendance. She gave information about her first year as an NCAA National SAAC member and highlighted benefits of the position. Emily will be present at MIAC SAAC meetings so she can be a voice for MIAC SAAC at the national level while also having the opportunity to present national SAAC information to the MIAC. Individuals interested in becoming involved in National SAAC should look on the NCAA website for additional information ([http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/membership\\_svcs/saac/d3/index.html](http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/membership_svcs/saac/d3/index.html)).

**III. Officer Duties and 2007-2008 Officers (Kelly Anderson Diercks)**

Chair: Holly Noble (UST); Chair meetings; work with advisor to set meeting agenda; represent Committee as required.  
Co-Chair: Trent Novotny (SJU); Chair meetings in absence of Chair; assist Chair; monitor Committee work.  
Secretary: Jackie Hoeft (CSB); Record minutes; maintain attendance records; prepare legislation; and record votes.  
Treasurer: Brad Dahlman (BU) and Liz Glesne (BU); Work with Advisor on financial issues

**IV. NCAA Grants (Kelly Anderson Diercks)**

- Anderson recapped the success of the previous year's Sportsmanship campaign and provided a few examples of the items purchased by institutions utilizing the funds provided by the NCAA. Some of these included: signs, posters, sandwich boards and t-shirts. It was discussed whether to continue the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Teams through the next year, and committee was in favor. Overall, it was noted that the campaign did a great job in promoting sportsmanship at each institution.
- Anderson then introduced this year's Diversity and Gender Equity campaign. This campaign highlights acceptance and knowledge of social responsibility and integration in athletics. Each institution's Athletic Director is asked to put together a proposal for use of the money provided by the NCAA. Ideas from institutions across the MIAC were introduced to generate ideas for undecided schools.
- The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Athletics was also discussed by Diercks. There were posters and banners made to celebrate the occasion, and the MIAC website (<http://www.miac-online.org/Sports/gen/2007/25thanniversary.asp>) has also posted feature stories, past championship stats and historical information.

**V. Conference SAAC Projects (Kelly Anderson Diercks and Matt Ten Haken)**

- Toys for Teens: The MIAC SAAC agreed to make this traditional, yearly project an ongoing activity. Each institution is responsible for collecting toys and/or monetary donations to bring to the event. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, all institutions will bring representatives and meet for the Kare 11 evening news (10pm) to present the donation. Institutions that are farther away from the twin cities may donate to a local chapter of Toys for Teens. It was suggested that institutions begin promoting the event around mid to late October to generate greater success in donation totals.
- The success of the Habitat for Humanity activity in May 2007 was discussed, and it was agreed that next May another Habitat for Humanity event will take place on a Saturday to be determined. It was noted that last year Habitat for Humanity proved to be a rewarding experience for all schools across the MIAC. This year, the hope is to generate an increase in attendance and be an opportunity for athletes from across the MIAC to interact. The exact location and date will be decided at a later date.
- Ten Haken introduced a blood drive as a potential new SAAC project. This proposal was designed in reaction to the 35W bridge disaster to provide help to the community. It was suggested that through the year SAAC members could tally numbers of athletes (or recruits of athletes) that donate blood. It was noted that SAAC will not actually be running the blood drive, but they would merely be tallying the numbers of units donated for their institution. A competition between schools was suggested, but details could not be agreed on. Reps are asked to take this information back to respective campuses and discuss options and generate suggestions from student-athletes. It was suggested that this year be a trial period with a potential official campaign to begin next year.

**VI. MIAC and NCAA Rules (Dan McKane - Handout)**

NCAA 2007:

Non-traditional season – allows athletes to participate in a non-traditional season without being charged a season of participation with the exception of participating in the alumni contest.

Medical updates – Requires all athletes to undergo a medical examination prior to initial participation in any conditioning, practice or competition activities and an updated medical history every year thereafter.

2008 NCAA Proposals:

Male Practice Player use – Limitations put on male practice player use in a women's sport would be limited to one practice per week and the male participants would not exceed half the number of student-athletes of a typical starting unit in the sport.

Text messaging – Electronic communication between prospective student-athletes is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. This prohibits institutions from sending intrusive and impersonal forms of electronic information (i.e. text messaging and instant messaging) while returning to more prominent use of telephone conversations and electronic mail sent to computers.

Online Courses – This specifies the use of online courses for purposes of academic standing or satisfactory progress shall be determined by the regulations of the certifying institution regardless of whether the online courses are taken through the certifying institution or through another institution.

Safety Training – At least one individual employed by the institution who is certified in first aid, CPR and AED use and familiar with the institution's emergency plan activation policies must be present at each athletically related activity involving student-athletes.

MIAC:

Travel Squad – Teams may travel as many team members as they want but can only dress the number listed in each sport code. Players may not switch who is in uniform once the contest begins. Extra teammates traveling may get into contests free and can sit on the bench or wherever appropriate space is available. There will still be no limits for home teams.

NCAA Hot Topic:

NCAA Membership Issues – Concerns have been expressed that Division III is becoming too large and cite access to NCAA Championships along with varied athletic philosophy as major issues to why there is a perceived need to examine the structure. A possible Division IV was proposed and will be discussed further. The NCAA website ([www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org)) is a good resource for this issue.

#### **VII. Facebook/MySpace Discussion** (Kelly Anderson Diercks)

Anderson introduced the concerns of Facebook and other online websites for student-athletes. A brief video from ESPN was shown that gave examples and stories from other teams across the country. (ESPN story: <http://sports.espn.go.com/broadband/video/videopage?videoId=2991868&cate>). It was suggested that some "Code of Conduct" be formulated from MIAC SAAC members to benefit the entire MIAC. Successful policies from some institutions were shared, and main concerns to be addressed include: 1. Student-athlete safety; 2. Image of students, institution and MIAC; 3. Impact on future opportunities of Student-Athletes. Further discussion on this topic and possible committee formation will be addressed at future meetings.

#### **VIII. New MIAC Website Demo** (Matt Ten Haken)

The new MIAC website ([www.miac-online.org](http://www.miac-online.org)) was launched in August. The website includes game calendars for all sports of each institution. Each school has their own individual link that includes pictures, standings, and recent news. Also, information about SAAC and other historical items are also posted. Results of contests will be immediately posted after the completion of a competition which is possible by a the new system which allows SIDs to log in and enter scores.

**Adjourned:** 3:00pm

#### **Next MIAC SAAC meetings**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Minutes by Jackie Hoeft (CSB), MIAC SAAC Secretary