

**MIAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**  
**Fall 2008 Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 7th, 2008 – 1 p.m.**  
**Hamline University- Klas Center- Room 209**

**Present:** Brian Jungwirth and Kelly Anderson Diercks (AUG); Erica Hormig and Tim Madson (BU); Bobby Schmitz (CAR); Anna Tinkham (CON); Laura Hanson and Christine Wicker (GAC); Alex Askew and Javan Copley (HU); Amanda Cagan (MAC); Heidi Golliet and Ashley Davenport (CSB); Sarah Meissner and Andrea Boser (CSC); Trent Novotny (SJU); Karin Christenson and Laura Cook (STO); Rorak Hooten and Katie Theisen (UST); Marie Godwin (National SAAC, MAC); Dan McKane, Matt Ten Haken and Brittany Feser (MIAC)

**Call to order: 1:15 p.m.**

**1. Introductions**

**2. Review the MIAC SAAC Mission Statement**

The MIAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) supports student-athletes by providing the communication of ideas and concerns between student-athletes and the MIAC within a structure that will promote active involvement. MIAC SAAC is also committed to engaging in campus and community service projects and to serving as positive role models for their peers and younger student-athletes.

**3. Conference SAAC Service Projects (Brittany Feser)**

- a. Toys for Teens: Toy drop off will be Thursday, December 18 at the 10 p.m. broadcast at KARE 11. A sign-up sheet to see who is attending the event will be sent via email. The group discussed the collection process. Ideas to increase collection include: Collect money/toys at winter games, athletic banquets, holiday banquets, hold raffles, post signs and insert flyers in PO Boxes.
- b. Rebuilding Together: A Saturday in the middle of April will be scheduled to avoid spring championships, finals, and with the hope of decent weather. More details will be available in early 2009. Begin generating interest within your SAAC groups. Will involve building projects, painting, carpentry, siding, etc. Two people from each institution are requested.

**4. NCAA SAAC Grant to MIAC (Brittany Feser)**

Checks were distributed to Athletic Directors for \$185 in November. Dollars must be used towards SAAC operations on campus. Many use to fund SAAC meeting meals or travel stipends to attend MIAC SAAC meeting. It was suggested that one use for the funding could be having senior student-athletes divided up by major with freshman/under-classmen student-athletes interested in the particular major meeting them for a study session/tutoring.

**5. MIAC Athletic Director's and Faculty Athletic Representative Meetings Update/Review (Dan McKane)**

The MIAC ADs and FARs met recently. A few highlights from the meetings follow:

- a. Baseball: First conference doubleheader to be played in the Metrodome this year.
- b. Soccer: Change in standings, win worth three points instead of two. Tie remains at one point.
- c. Golf: Possibility of live online scoring for championships.
- d. Volleyball: Additional one minute to conduct a promotion between second and third set.

**6. NCAA Convention Legislation- January 2009 (Brittany Feser)**

A handout of 2009 NCAA Legislation was distributed and key items were reviewed.

- i. (#2) Students supported the opportunity to allow coaches to have the flexibility of providing position specific voluntary workouts in the off-season to student-athletes.
- ii. (#3) August 15<sup>th</sup> as first permissible practice date for fall sports (excluding football). Felt this gives a competitive edge to schools with a later start date (more practice opportunity), more heat-related illnesses a possible, and discourages summer study-abroad programs.

- iii. (#6) Would remove the one day off per week rule for teams in conference post-season play. Members expressed concerns on both sides of the issue. Some stressed the need for a break to study (sometimes over finals). Most approved of getting rid of the day-off requirement so it can be used to prepare for playoffs, whether that includes an actual practice, shoot-around, or watching film.
- iv. (#9) Would require the Head Coach be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use. A few institutions already require their coaches to be certified. Students felt this was a good item that helped towards student-athlete well-being.

**7. NCAA 'White Papers' (Brittany Feser) (Attachment)**

Reviewed handout summarizing the NCAA White Papers. Focused on student-athlete issues.

- i. (#2) Discussed promoting DIII identity through specific marketing and branding efforts.
- ii. (#3) Reviewed possible consideration in financial aid packages for athletic leadership experiences. Questioned the possible issues with awarding aid based on athletic leadership, taking into account the following: named captain often a popularity contest, best player is not always best leader, low standards in some high schools, possibly no captains, or all seniors are captains.

**8. DIII National SAAC Representative Update (Marie Godwin)**

Screening of pre-game music has become a discussion on the national level. Some schools require A.D. approval for music as music reflects on your institution and should be screened for profanity and offensive lyrics. It was questioned if music should cater to the fans or the athlete's preferences. Many SAAC members felt it should be left up to the student-athletes to make wise choices for pre-game music.

**9. SAAC Best Practices and Recommendations for SAAC meetings (Brittany Feser)**

- a. Suggestions to improve SAAC meetings on campuses include: Arrange tables in circle for better communication, conduct ice-breakers, include sport updates, delegate responsibilities to smaller committees, and create leadership positions.
- b. Institutional SAAC on-goings: Continue to promote SAAC awareness on campus, pack the gym events, athletic banquet/benefit (spring), kids club during basketball games, halftime clinics, autographs afterwards.

**10. SAAC websites (Brittany Feser)**

Due to agenda length and discussions, SAAC websites will be addressed at the February meeting.

**11. NCAA Leadership Conference: Two Separated conferences (Brittany Feser)**

- a. NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference: All divisions involved. Next opportunity is May 25-29, 2009 in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Resort. Deadline for submitting registration is soon approaching.
- b. NCAA DIII Student-athlete Leadership Conference for the MIAC is October 16-19, 2009.

**12. Sportsmanship**

Due to agenda length and discussions, sportsmanship will be addressed at the February meeting.

**13. Spring Meeting**

February 15, 2009 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. at Hamline University.

Meeting adjourned: 2:51 pm

Minutes taken by: Erica Hormig