

MIAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Spring 2010 Meeting – Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 1 p.m.
Macalester College – Leonard Center – Hall of Fame Room

Present: Gaby Hamerlinck, Rick Wolke (AUG), Annie Beasley, Joel Cassens (BU), Katie Coleman, Jessie Obrecht (CON), Javan Copley (HU), Will Chen, Marie Godwin (MAC), Ambria Pfarr, Andrea Millerbernd (CSB), Kayla Bergerson, Kelley Holmes, Aryn Bell (SCU), AJ Sollom (SJU), Lindsey Hickman, Jacob Reinhart (STO), Nikki Arola, Sam Moen (UST), Dan McKane, Matt Ten Haken, Brittany Feser (MIAC)

I. Call to order – 1:08 p.m.

II. MIAC SAAC Community Service Projects (Brittany Feser/Marie Godwin)

Brittany told the group that our Rebuilding Together date is set for Saturday, April 24th. There will be 2 different shifts we can sign up for; 8:00 – 12 p.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. She is looking for about two SAAC members per institution and sign-ups will be via e-mail in her MIAC SAAC Weekly Update e-mails sent to everyone on Monday mornings.

We also talked about Special Olympics and whether or not we want this to replace our Toys for Teens drive. Had a vote which 13 people agreed we should work with the Special Olympics but want to get more information first. People are more apt to give their time than money but others thought more could be involved through Toys for Teens. This will be looked at again in our Fall '10 meeting.

III. FAR/Student-Athlete relationship and National SAAC discussion (Gaby Hamerlinck)

Gaby, MIAC SAAC Co-Chair, led this discussion and everyone went around the room to talk about their FAR and whether or not they have made contact or started to establish a relationship with this individual. Brittany and Dan stated that there has been a disconnect between faculty and athletics. SAAC needs to bridge the gap between athletics and faculty by working more with the FAR.

IV. Communication Strategies/Best Practices on campuses (Brittany Feser)

Five schools presented their events at this meeting: St. Catherine, Concordia, Macalester, and Hamline. We also had a handout from Saint Mary's to take back to institutional SAACs.

V. DIII National SAAC Update/Team Fundraising & Earmarking (Marie Godwin/Dan McKane)

Dan gave an update on legislation from the NCAA Convention in January. A summary of the nine rules that were passed include:

- a. De-regulate try out rule- coaches can coach kids beyond 50 miles away from school
- b. De-regulate b-ball rule- coaches can coach AAU b-ball now
- c. Facility monitoring- coach CAN be a monitor
- d. Non-traditional season- end date 5 days prior to finals
- e. Football acclimation period- can have 1 hour walk through session/day
- f. Alumni games- any time during season

Dan mentioned that the MIAC is trying to put proposal together to allow strength and conditioning coaches to work with athletes in off-season. Still need a co-sponsor.

Marie talked about team fundraising and earmarking thoughts, as part of her National SAAC update. Some believe the current rule is unfair based on the amount of effort of team members. Currently money raised goes to the team collectively- no ear marking. New rule wouldn't include sales, direct appeal, or ability donations. Marie provided an 'ILC Recommendation' sheet about earmarking that she received from the National SAAC. Took a vote: 15 in support, 3 abstaining

VI. National Student-Athlete Day (Will Chen)

Will talked about what this day is all about. It's on April 6th each year and is supported by the NCAA- celebrates student-athletes. MAC has a cookout, gives out t-shirts, has some sort of game/activity. He encouraged all institutions to celebrate.

VII. NCAA DIII Identity Update (Brittany Feser/Dan McKane)

- a. NCAA promotional video:
http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/ncaa+news/ncaa+news+online/2010/division+iii/platform+launch+highlights+diii+forum
- b. Brittany asked the group: Do we think it is a good representation of DIII?
 - a. For the most part, people liked the video although many expressed concern that it makes us seem like a "soft" division and that it did not put enough emphasis on the competitiveness and intensity of DIII sports.
 - b. Some suggested also having coaches/faculty in the video.

Dan stated that the NCAA is aiming to come out with 30 second clips for commercials. They will also be coming out with banners, posters, etc... to promote DIII. Each institution is getting \$1000 to help with promotion, but unsure when the NCAA will allocate the funds.

VIII. NCAA gambling/wagering Bylaw review (Dan McKane)

Dan stated that basically if you are putting something of value in and there is a possibility of getting something of value out, it's illegal. It's that simple.

IX. MIAC Student-Athlete Leadership Conference (Brittany Feser)

Brittany provided an overview of the programming for the MIAC Student-Athlete Leadership Conference which will take place summer of 2011. She asked if there was anything else the MIAC SAAC wanted added to the itinerary for the weekend.

- a. Day 1 at Saint Mary's (Friday)
 - i. Lunch
 - ii. DiSC assessment- Sarah MacInnis (NCAA)
 - iii. Split into small groups (mixed by gender, sport, institution)
 - iv. Discuss DiSC assessment, branding self, how to work with others, etc.
 - v. Student-athlete Olympics (DiSC groups against each other)
- b. Day 2 (Saturday)
 - c. Divide everyone into two big groups
 - d. 3-4 hours doing ropes course while other group does hiking, community service, etc... then switch
 - e. Dinner
 - f. Reconvene as a big group for speakers on leadership, D3 identity, nutrition, stress, health, etc.
 - g. Team-building activities
- c. Day 3 (Sunday)
 - a. DiSC groups- talk about SAAC at different institutions
 - b. Go back with people from own school to discuss weekend, reflect, ideas formulated, etc.

X. Sportsmanship Discussion (Brittany Feser/Dan McKane/Gaby Hamerlinck)

- a. MIAC Sportsmanship Committee wants to get the MIAC SAAC input: Should we change our "Be Loud. Be Proud. Be Positive." slogan?
- b. Some thought it was kind of cheesy- people were generally open to change- thought there was room for improvement.
- c. Others thought it was catchy and worked well and couldn't think of what could be better.
- d. Work for a coach/athlete down approach to sportsmanship because targeting fans is more difficult.
- e. New slogan vote: yes= 7, unsure= 10, no=2

XI. U.S. Census Grant (Dan McKane/Brittany Feser)

MIAC office received a grant and created MIAC t-shirts to be handed out at the men's and women's basketball and men's and women's hockey championship games. 580 t-shirts were ordered and will be thrown out at these sporting events.

XII. MIAC internship (Dan McKane)

MIAC will have semester long internships available for next year, starting in the Fall. Dan stated that if we know people who are interested or are interested yourself to apply. It pays \$500/month and is a great experience.

We ended the meeting by getting a picture of the entire MIAC SAAC group.

Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.

Minutes by Nikki Arola (UST), MIAC SAAC Secretary