

MIAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Sunday, February 17, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Present: Eric Dooley (AUG), Danny Shields (CAR), Dominic Fraboni (CON), Meagan Wanecke (GAC), Casey Benford (HU), Glafira Marcon (MAC), Kathryn Gaydos (CSB), Erin Stenseth (SMU), Chris Paradise (STO), Dan McKane, Matt Higgins, Afton Goebel (MIAC), Isaiah Goodman (Northwestern Mutual)

I. Call to order: 1:00 p.m.

Afton took attendance and explained the conference call.

II. Financial Presentation – Isaiah Goodman (Northwestern Mutual & former NCAA D3 National SAAC Chair)

Goodman talked about the NCAA and Northwestern Mutual's partnership. Goodman discussed several opportunities for internships around Minnesota with Northwestern Mutual and why he believes student-athletes make a good fit for these positions. He also explained that he is available to speak with anyone or attend institutional SAAC meetings to discuss what life after athletics is like as well as financial education. His email is Isaiah.goodman@nmfn.com.

III. DIII Week

Goebel discussed DIII Week and asked if anyone had started making plans, some had. Saint Benedict SAAC has been interviewing student-athletes and will post feature stories on their website. Macalester is hosting their annual ball this week as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Concordia is implementing an event like the ESPYS, which will be open to the public; St. Olaf is looking at doing something very similar. Goebel referenced a link to a website with different events and ideas ([link](#) - must be logged into NCAA site to access page). SAAC members were encouraged to continue meeting about this and planning events. Goebel encouraged everyone to share their events with the MIAC office staff.

IV. National Student-Athlete Day- April 6, 2013

Goebel discussed what National Student-Athlete Day is and highlighted different ideas on how institutions can celebrate. She provided a link to the National Student-Athlete Day website (www.ncasports.org) so SAAC members could learn more about the day as well as the different awards and events that can be used to celebrate.

V. Best Practice Discussion

Goebel asked SAAC members to highlight initiatives that are going on or coming up on their institutions as well as any Special Olympic involvement. Carleton is putting on an event for the patients from the Laura Baker House. Each Carleton sports team will sponsor a game at the event for the guests to participate in. They will also be putting together a timeline like photomontage of the sports at Carleton from the time they started to current day. Gustavus will be holding educational events about heart health. They will have a red out game (everyone comes wearing red for Heart Disease awareness), and will be attending local elementary schools to participate in Jump Rope for Heart events. Macalester will be hosting a career night with former Macalester student-athletes and will be attending local middle schools to discuss anti-bullying. Concordia will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. They also have many student-athletes who coach Special Olympic athletes/teams in the spring. They will be looking at bringing in a SO basketball team to play during halftime of one of Concordia's games. St. Thomas will be hosting the Special Olympic Spring games March 22-25. Most MIAC institutional SAAC's are looking at participating in Polar Plunge events.

VI. MIAC SAAC 2012-2013

Goebel shared a few ideas on best practice ideas. Ideas included inviting the MIAC SAAC Advisor, Compliance Officer, FAR, and SID to institutional SAAC meetings.

VII. Special Olympics

Goebel provided the link to report any Special Olympic involvement to the NCAA. She mentioned a couple SO events that are coming up now through the rest of the academic school year that are in need of volunteers. She also shared the link to the NCAA DIII SAAC website (<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/NCAA/Division+III/Special+Olympics+Home>) where everyone can vote through the end of February for Augsburg College for their work with SO Minnesota.

VIII. MIAC/UMAC Speaker Series

Goebel discussed the upcoming speaker series that will be held at Northwestern College on March 14, 2013. Student-Athletes are encouraged to attend the event. McKane mentioned that this would be a good event to attend if anyone is interested in having a career in athletics. Janet Judge will be discussing Title IX and Social Media and Nicole LaVoi will discuss Effective Motivational Strategies and Effective Communication. Registration for the event closes Monday February 18.

IX. Wagering Reminder

McKane reminded everyone that the NCAA prohibits student-athletes and staff from wagering on any sport that the NCAA sponsors. You cannot place a wager or pay an entry fee for an opportunity to win a prize.

X. NCAA Convention Report

McKane highlighted three of the 12 legislation proposals that were passed at the 2013 NCAA Convention in January.

Sickle Cell - To provide education regarding sickle cell trait for all students-athletes and provide additional mandatory education for those that do not confirm their status. Further, require confirmation of sickle cell trait status for all student-athletes not later than the 2014-15 academic year, including mandatory confirmation of status of all incoming student-athletes (first-year and transfers) in the 2013-14 academic year.

Electronic Communication with PSAs - To specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (for example, electronic mail, Instant Messages, text messages or facsimiles), including private communication through a social networking site, may be sent to a prospect (or the prospect's parents or legal guardians), provided the correspondence is sent directly to the prospect (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (for example, no use of public chat rooms, message boards or public communication through a social networking site).

PSA Fundraising - To allow prospects to participate in institutional fundraisers before their initial collegiate enrollment, provided the prospect has graduated and has forwarded the paid acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission or financial aid.

XI. NCAA Resources

McKane made members aware of the post-grad scholarships and internships that the NCAA offers. Grants are awarded to institutions and conference offices in the spring for different internships that student-athletes should be on the lookout for.

XII. MIAC Strategic Plan

McKane explained the logistics of the Elite 22 Award that the Academic Welfare Committee is looking at implementing. Higgins discussed ideas for the MIAC SAAC Challenge. Pros and Cons were shared from different members in regard to the challenge. It was decided that all MIAC SAAC members will bring the challenge proposal to their next institutional SAAC meeting for further discussion and will report those discussions back to the MIAC office in late March/early April.

XIII. National SAAC Update

Goebel and McKane discussed that the MIAC will have a student-athlete on the National SAAC committee starting next academic year. Six MIAC student-athletes were nominated for the position. From here the NCAA will make the final decision and announce it in the spring.

XIV. Adjourn: 1:48 p.m.