

MIAC SAAC Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
December 8, 2013

Present: Kelsey Hlavac, Kelly Anderson Diercks [AD Liaison] (AUG), Danny Shields (CAR), Domenic Fraboni (CON), Pat Tracy (GAC), Leeanna Manthe, Rannon Arch (HU), Max Soghikan, Anna Munson (MAC), Sam Imholte, Haley Chatelaine (CSB), Matthew McCormack (SJU), Kristen Thelen (SMU), Nina Bukowski (SCU), Emma Crumley, Chris Paradise (STO), Paige Brimeyer (UST), Dan McKane, Megan Gaard (MIAC)

1. Welcome and Attendance

2. NCAA National SAAC Update (Domenic Fraboni, Concordia)

- 2014 NCAA Legislation Proposals: The Committee reviewed each proposal and provided feedback, concerns and asked questions of the MIAC Staff
 - The Committee was advised to contact Domenic Fraboni (CON) or Megan Gaard (MIAC) with any additional feedback for the proposals prior to NCAA Convention (Jan. 15-18, 2014)
- Special Olympics: Since Division III partnered with Special Olympics, \$115,000 has been raised and 280,000 hours have been spent volunteering
 - It was suggested to the Committee to record and report Special Olympics activities to the NCAA and Megan Gaard for recognition on both websites
- 360Proof: The NCAA has launched an initiative called 360Proof to assess alcohol use on campuses and educate about campus alcohol tendencies - 360proof.org

3. 2014 NCAA Convention Legislative Proposals (Dan McKane, MIAC)

- McKane described the process for how proposals are created and voted on. McKane gave a summary of the 11 proposals for 2014 specifically looking at Proposal 2-1, 2-8, 2-5, 2-6 and 2-2. McKane emphasized making the student-athlete voice heard by raising questions, comments and concerns on the conference call and discussing those items with administrators, coaches, and student-athletes at each institution.
- Proposal 2-1: Sports Safety Package. This three prong proposal will be voted on three separate times.
 - Prong 1: Requires the reporting of fatalities, near-fatalities, and catastrophic injuries . The NCAA wants to track potentially dangerous trends across all sports
 - Prong 2: Requires certification of all coaches who work full-time at an institution (Ex. 50% Coach, 50% Admissions) in CPR/AED/First-aid, whether or not they are the head coach
 - Prong 3: Requires licensed physician to oversee each sport at your institution. Liability issues for physicians and institutions are still being discussed
- Proposal 2-8: Duration of Ineligibility for Street Drug Use at NCAA Championship
 - If a randomly selected athlete fails a drug test for street drug use at the NCAA Championships, he or she can return to play during the next season 50% of the way through, rather than being ineligible for the entire next season and charged for competing in that season
 - If this proposal is passed, student-athletes who were previously suspended, would not gain another half season of eligibility back
- Proposal 2-5: Football Helmet Use in Non-Traditional Season
 - This proposal allows for use of football helmets during the non-traditional strength and conditioning season
 - Question: Why would they need helmets if it's a non-contact season?
 - A majority of the Student-Athletes believed this was unnecessary and would lead to wanting further pads
 - One member was in favor of this proposal as it could help prevent concussions during training
- Proposal 2-6: Establish Ice Hockey Acclimatization Period and First Contest/Practice Date
 - This proposal would change the ice hockey preseason start date, would add a 5-day on ice acclimation period for each student-athlete and would allow for a pre-season scrimmage
- Proposal 2-2: Elimination of Scouting at Exhibition Contests
 - This proposal prohibits coaches from scouting at exhibition games and scrimmages
 - Currently only prohibited from scrimmages
 - This would clear up confusion between what is classified between an "exhibition" and a "scrimmage" by simply prohibiting scouting at both events

4. Special Olympics (Megan Gaard, MIAC)

- The Polar Plunge, an event that raises money and awareness for Special Olympics, allows people to jump into a frozen lake between the months of January to March. More information can be found at plungemn.org
- Gustavus SAAC was highlighted in the monthly NCAA Special Olympics story poll for their partnership with Special Olympics at their spring football event last year.
- It was recommended to the Committee to report their Special Olympics involvement to the NCAA and MIAC Office for recognition on their websites. The process for reporting can be found at: http://web1.ncaa.org/surveys/d3_special_olympics.html
- Each Institution shared Special Olympics involvement plans for this year:
 - Augsburg SAAC volunteered at State Regional Bowling in Lakeville this Fall
 - Carleton SAAC is raising money for the Polar Plunge. Danny Shields asked for the Committee to reach out to him with ideas for fundraisers
 - Concordia SAAC is putting together basketball and volleyball clinics for the Special Olympians and planning a Special Olympics day at a varsity basketball game
 - Gustavus SAAC plans to run a Football event, swim meet and track meet along with participating in a Polar Plunge
 - Hamline SAAC is working with Special Olympics coordinators to set something up
 - Macalester SAAC volunteered at a golf clinic in fall and plans to partner with Macalester volleyball to set up a Polar Plunge
 - Saint Benedict SAAC is setting up a fundraising event and plans to partake in the Polar Plunge
 - Saint John's SAAC is planning two fundraising events for the spring and working to get more community involvement
 - Saint Mary's SAAC is planning to host a Special Olympics basketball tournament
 - St. Catherine SAAC is planning to host a basketball tournament but needs solidify off-campus facilities
 - St. Olaf SAAC is raising money for Special Olympics by selling snacks and is planning a basketball event in February
 - St. Thomas SAAC is working with the Special Olympics club and is trying to get more athletes involved

5. MIAC and NCAA Update (McKane)

- MIAC: McKane provided a conference update.
 - There is work being done by the MIAC Playoff Review Committee which involves putting a model and philosophy in place for equity between sports in the end-of-season conference playoffs
 - Model - The model allows no greater than 50% rounding up for total teams in playoffs (soccer increases from 4 to 6 teams; men's tennis decreases from 6 to 5 teams)
 - McKane asked for feedback on how to handle double-elimination playoffs?
 - One member inquired about the increase of missed class time
 - One member suggested that more teams would allow for more play opportunities especially with the factor of bad weather
 - One member suggested spreading the playoffs over 2 weekends
 - Sportsmanship Policy: McKane described the new sportsmanship policy that was put in place to enforce appropriate behavior from coaches, officials, and student-athletes. One student-athlete was suspended for one game because of inappropriate social media use.
 - Incident Review Plan: This plan allows the MIAC Office the ability to review inappropriate conduct by a student-athlete or coach and can take action after the fact. This system has not been used yet this year.
 - Officials in ice hockey received a directive to ensure student-athlete safety by calling and enforcing safety rules. Too much contact has been happening after the whistle is blown. This directive has been issued to try to diminish this behavior.
 - Elite 22 Award: This new award honors the student-athlete with highest GPA at the Championship Site (team sports) or All-Conference (individual). The award has been very well received for fall sports.
 - Soccer Scheduling Matrix: The MIAC soccer coaches groups have proposed a scheduling matrix to be put in place for 2015. This matrix allows for more consistent scheduling of home and away contests and doubleheader games on Saturdays for men's and women's teams. Both the ADs and FARs have approved.
 - FARs want to get involved with Institutional SAACs. Institutional SAACs were encouraged to invite their Faculty Athletic Representative to a SAAC meeting and send them meeting minutes to foster a relationship between the two parties
- NCAA:
 - The NCAA Division III is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year

6. National Girls and Women in Sports Day (Gaard)

- This event celebrates girls and women's participation in sports
- It will take place at the Minnesota State Capitol February 5, 2014 at noon
- Gaard encouraged the Committee to talk with their SAAC Advisor or Senior Woman Administrator for more information
- National Girls and Women in Sports launched new website with videos from last year and will be updating the site with this year's theme soon (www.ngwsd-mn.com).

7. NCAA Division III week (Gaard)

- April 7-13, 2014 marks the third annual celebration of NCAA Division III week
- Gaard suggested brainstorming ideas for potential programming at your next Institutional SAAC meeting
- Provided below is a link to NCAA programming ideas:
<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/NCAA/Division+III/Division+III+Week>

8. MIAC Student-Athlete Leadership Conference (Gaard)

- The MIAC Office is planning the second MIAC Student-Athlete Leadership Conference for August 2-3, 2014 at Saint Mary's University
- The budget will allow for 10 student-athletes from each institution to attend. Each institution will decide the process for picking the attendees
- Event Topics for the conference include Leadership, Sportsmanship, Life After Athletics Panel, Team Chemistry, Low Ropes Course
- More information will be provided in January
- Contact Megan Gaard with ideas or questions

9. Institutional SAAC Best Practices (Gaard)

- Gaard highlighted information on SAAC Best Practices and Special Olympics involvement that was provided by the NCAA. General best practices were shared on the call.
- St. Catherine SAAC shared that their Wildcat Cup (school wide competition) was off to good start and they are still working on getting non-athletes involved
- Macalester SAAC shared that giving bonus points for their school wide competition to athletes that bring non-athlete to an athletic event or athletes that attend a non-athletic event was working well
- Gustavus SAAC has set a goal of 3200 total service hours across all sports for this year
- Carleton SAAC has fostered a good relationship with their FAR. She comes to meetings when invited
- Keep thinking of ways to use the \$190 allotted to each institutional SAAC

10. Next MIAC SAAC Meeting - Conference Call:

- February 16, 2014 at 1:00 PM

11. Adjournment - 1:52 p.m.