

MIAC SAAC Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Present: Kendall Christian (AUG), Penny Foore (BU), Alison Coogan (CAR), Domenic Fraboni (CON), Krystina Rasmussen, McDaniel Doe (HU), Liz Hermes, Jordan Falk (CSB), Matthew McCormack (SJU), Nina Bukowski, Ashton Weber (SCU), Sheridan Blanford, Ruth Hesse, Colton Rod (STO), Mariann Kukielka, Jeremy Hepler (UST), Megan Gaard, Dan McKane, Matt Higgins (MIAC)

Called to order: 1:04 PM

1. Welcome and Attendance

Megan Gaard (MIAC) welcomed all attendees and took roll call.

2. NCAA National SAAC Update (Domenic Fraboni)

Domenic Fraboni (CON) updated the group on National SAAC items. The NCAA is focused on 3 campaigns. Fraboni asked the group about their thoughts on implementing a sexual assault prevention statement before or during halftime of games much like the sportsmanship statement. Attendees were receptive to the idea and Fraboni plans to further explore the concept.

- a) "It's on Us" - NCAA campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault - www.itsonus.org
- b) Respect Campaign - ways to increase sportsmanship on campus
- c) 360 Proof - launched alcohol educational survey (draft of website: http://softlaunch.360proof.org/pfi/360_administration)

3. 2015 NCAA Convention Proposal Updates

Dan McKane (MIAC) discussed the 2015 NCAA legislative proposals.

- 2015-4: On Campus evaluations of Prospective Student-Athletes
- 2015-5: Football non-traditional segment
- 2015-6: 10% Maximum contest reduction
- 2015-7: Prospective student-athlete contact off campus after completion of sophomore year
- 2015-8: Athletic celebratory signing letter - McCormack (SJU) said SAAC did not support this. Blanford (STO) said their SAAC did.
- 2015-9: Contact at competition site each day of competition before arrival or after release
 - 2015-9-1: Contact at competition site each day of competition after release only
- 2015-10: Official visit opportunity January 1st of junior year
- 2015-14: Impact of ineligible student-athlete – nullification and fine structure

4. Special Olympics

Gaard (MIAC) encouraged institutions to partner with Special Olympics throughout the year as this is a Division III initiative. Report involvement to MIAC Office and NCAA (link below). Each institution reported on their involvement or future plans:

- Augsburg: Attended Regional Bowling Tournament.
 - Bethel: Attended Regional Bowling Tournament.
 - Carleton: Plan to discuss more involvement when they return from winter break.
 - Concordia: Participated in Regional Bowling Tournament in Fargo. Next semester, they intend to participate in Regional Basketball and host a Special Olympic Coaches' clinic.
 - Hamline: Hosted bean bag tournament and also plan on doing the Polar Plunge next semester.
 - Saint Benedict: Plan to participate in Polar Plunge and host a Zumba-thon to raise money for Special Olympics organization.
 - Saint John's: In the process of planning future involvement.
 - St. Catherine: Planning on volunteering with a Regional Basketball Tournament and would like to host an event in the spring.
 - St. Olaf: Have two dates set for Polar Plunge and plan to host a sports clinic in March.
 - St. Thomas: Hosting a swimming event with UST swim team and a Basketball Tournament in the spring.
- a) The NCAA report form can be found at www.web1.ncaa.org/surveys/d3_special_olympics.html
 - b) Minnesota Special Olympics Volunteer page: www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer

5. MIAC and NCAA Update (McKane)

McKane (MIAC) highlighted a few items from recent meetings with MIAC Athletic Directors and Faculty Athletic Representatives.

- a) AD/FAR meeting updates - Faculty Athletic Representatives and administrators are reviewing policy in regards to athletes missing class because of competitions. Communication with professors is very important. Invite FAR to SAAC meeting.
- b) Recruiting Calendar Proposal - Future MIAC proposal to implement 3 (fall, winter, spring) dead periods for recruitment
- c) Electronic Communication Proposal - Deregulation - Several on the call felt this type of communication is unprofessional and inappropriate but a good idea in regards to convenience. This takes away from the professional aspect of recruiting.
- d) MIAC Strategic Plan 2015-2019 – Reviewed a draft of the MIAC's next strategic plan.

6. National Girls and Women in Sport Day

Gaard (MIAC) informed the group about National Girls and Women in Sport Day. Each year, states across the nation celebrate women and girls participation in athletics. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 from Noon to 1 pm at the Minnesota History Center. Student-Athlete attendance is encouraged in order to show appreciation of athletic opportunities for women. If you are interested, speak with your SAAC Advisor or Senior Woman Administrator.

7. DIII week

Gaard reminded the group about NCAA Division III week. This is an excellent time to recognize student-athletes, academics, and community service throughout our athletic departments. The NCAA will celebrate Division III Week on April 6-12, 2015. This is the fourth annual celebration.

- St. Thomas: Plans to host a tennis shoe drive.
- Saint Benedict: Advertises "Why I Play" posters to highlight DIII.
- Hamline: All-athlete BBQ in the spring.
- St. Olaf: Conduct Inter-team friendly competitions (Olympic games).

8. Institutional SAAC Best Practices

Gaard opened discussion for SAAC best practices. There was limited discussion.

9. MIAC Facebook Page

Sheridan Blanford (STO) encouraged MIAC SAAC members to be active on the MIAC SAAC Facebook Page by sharing best practices, photos and ideas. www.facebook.com/pages/MIAC-Student-Athlete-Advisory-Committee/383711015113301?fref=nf

10. Upcoming SAAC Meeting

February 15, 2015, 1 p.m. via Conference Call

11. Adjourned: 1:59 PM