

MIAC SAAC Meeting Agenda

December 6, 2015

Conference Call

Welcome and Attendance: Rachel Frantz (AUG); Jordan Bolenger, Dom Fraboni (CON); Ethan Forney, Jessica Niedermayer (GAC); Keenan Jones (HU); Jordan Black (MAC); Liz Hermes (CSB); Ashton Weber (SCU); Matt McCormack (SJU); Abbey Schneith (STO); John Kirtland (UST); Kelsey Whaley, Dan McKane, Matt Higgins (MIAC)

1. Meeting opened: 1:01 p.m.

2. NCAA National SAAC Update (Domenic Fraboni)

Fraboni discussed "[Division III SAAC: Your Voice Matters](#)" video which student-athletes were to watch at compliance meeting. Intention of the video was to outline the focus of SAAC, their initiatives, and the voice SAAC has nationally. Fraboni encouraged members to watch the video.

3. 2016 NCAA Convention Proposal Review (Dan McKane / Domenic Fraboni)

All 10 proposals were reviewed. The deregulation of prospect communication, which the MIAC is sponsoring, was discussed. It was stated that National SAAC does not support the public communication aspect of the proposal. There is a possibility the proposal will be split to replicate the Division I and Division II current rule of connecting/following/friending. Other proposals were discussed and Fraboni provided National SAAC opinion on each of them.

4. It's On Us (Kelsey Whaley)

Whaley thanked SAAC members for helping with the MIAC's launch of the [It's On Us campaign](#) in early October and encouraged schools to keep pushing it forward. Fraboni also thanked members and asked MIAC SAAC to help create a best practices list for launching a campaign on campuses.

5. NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum (Phoenix; April 7-10, 2016) (Dan McKane)

McKane encouraged SAAC members to consider registering for the event. SAAC members should talk to their administrators if they are interested. The event engages student-athletes, coaches, and administrators through the exploration of leadership skills, personal values, core beliefs and behavioral styles. MIAC institutions are able to register for this event. Registration deadline is Dec. 16. [Link](#)

6. Special Olympics

MIAC SAAC members shared their upcoming and recent events that they have done with Special Olympics. Concordia was recently recognized with for their involvement with Special Olympics. Concordia, Gustavus, Saint Ben's and Saint John's shared their upcoming events. Many are doing bean bag tournaments, polar plunge, swim and track meets, basketball tournaments and camps. Groups were encouraged to continue their involvement with Special Olympics with Polar Plunge season coming up. Whaley encouraged SAAC members to inform the MIAC office when they have upcoming events and to let the NCAA know how they are staying involved with SAAC. The NCAA report form can be found at www.web1.ncaa.org/surveys/d3_special_olympics.html

7. MIAC and NCAA Update (McKane)

McKane discussed the MIAC's adaptation of a conference hazing statement and informed that it will be going to the Presidents for review in a week. There is a new code of conduct in golf, volleyball line judges for conference matches assigned by the conference, and baseball's playoff move to Saint John's were discussed. SAAC members were also informed of the potential for a proposal to change the MIAC undergraduate rule for allowing eligibility if a student was pursuing a second major and a proposal to change the 24 credit rule not applying to transfer students.

McKane's NCAA update included sport contest reduction, which was referred to a committee after last year's convention. After a student-athlete and administrator survey, overall reduction of contests limits was not favorable and athletes liked the non-traditional season. McKane alluded that there may be several potential proposals to change playing and practice seasons for the 2017 NCAA Convention. Fraboni said National SAAC has been very vocal about contest reduction.

8. National Girls and Women in Sport Day (Kelsey Whaley)

Each year, the nation celebrates women and girls participation in athletics. This year's local event is scheduled for February 3, 2016 from Noon to 1 pm at the Minnesota Historical Society. SAAC members were encouraged to attend and contact their advisors or Kelsey with any questions.

9. DIII week

MIAC SAAC members were asked if they had started preparing for DIII week 2016. Concordia will hold the Golden Cobber Awards and Hamline holds a BBQ for student-athletes during DII week. Members were encouraged to start thinking about it. DIII Week will be discussed in February.

10. Institutional SAAC Best Practices

MIAC SAAC representatives shared best practices for holding members accountable for volunteering experiences. St. Olaf has begun partnering with other groups on campus and has had some success with that.

11. Upcoming SAAC Meeting

February 7, 2016, 1 p.m. via Conference Call (one hour call)

12. Adjourn: 1:51 p.m.