

MIAC Student Athletic Advisory Committee Agenda

February 5, 2017

Conference Call

Attendees: Rachel Frantz, Lauren Jennings(AUG); No Representatives (BU), Charles Slocum(CAR); Hank Van Liew (CON); Jake Schmitz, Adam Peters (GAC); Keenan Jones, Mary Clare Couillard (HU); Jordan Black Mathews, Tre Nowaczynski (MAC), Macy Kelly, Sara Wennerstrand (CSB); Abby Conzemius, Shannon Strickland (SCU); Kenny Bergman (SJU); No Representatives (SMU); Megan Skelly (STO); Thomas Williams, Rachel Morris (UST); Dan McKane, Matt Higgins, Sheridan Blanford (MIAC)

Absent: Bethel & Saint Mary's

I. Called to Order: 1:01 p.m.

II. 2017 NCAA Convention Proposal Voting Results and MIAC Update (Dan McKane)

- a. McKane reviewed three of the nine 2017 NCAA Convention voting proposal results that pertained to the student-athletes. Proposal #2 failed, which would have allowed graduate participation at an institution other than where they received their undergraduate degree. Proposal #4 was approved, which provides every sport two exempt scrimmage opportunities. Proposal #6 was approved, which allows flexibility for track & field and swimming & diving to have different days off for student-athletes in their designated week. Final proposal votes can be found on Page 3.
- b. The MIAC will be conducting a survey of student-athletes regarding the Non-Traditional Season. Campus FARs will be administering the survey. It is the conferences hope to gain the student perspective regarding practice opportunities.

III. National SAAC Update (Sheridan Blanford)

Blanford review meeting minutes from the National SAAC meeting at the NCAA Convention. NCAA staff thanked our conference for our active involvement with Special Olympics. National SAAC meeting minutes can be found on Page 4.

IV. MIAC Leadership Conference (Blanford)

The third Leadership Conference will be held Aug. 5-6, 2017, at Saint Mary's. There will be a lot of cross-institutional interaction early in the event so relationships can be built. Ten student-athletes from each institution will be invited to attend. RSVP information was released to Athletic Directors on February 1, 2017 and are due March 15, 2017.

V. MIAC/UMAC Spring Speaker Series – Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well Being (Blanford)

The Speaker Series will be held on March 31, 2017 at Macalester. MIAC Conference SAAC members are invited to attend:

- a. MIAC/UMAC Speaker Series Information Page - http://miacathletics.com/forms/MIAC-UMAC_2017_Spring_Speaker_Series
- b. Event RSVP Page - http://miacathletics.com/forms/MIAC-UMAC_Spring_Speaker_Series_Attendee_Registration_Form

VI. Special Olympics Update

- a. Blanford traveled to the Special Olympics Unified Championship Schools Annual Conference on Feb. 7-10, 2017 in S. Carolina. She will provide a summary of the meetings to improve SAAC's involvement with Special Olympics.
- b. The MIAC will be holding a Unified Basketball Tournament on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Macalester. Many schools have committed to participating and if there is further interest, student-athletes should contact the MIAC office.
- c. The MIAC will be partnering with the UMAC in the fall for a MIAC vs. UMAC Unified Flag Football Game. The conference is in need of 15 student-athletes in total (10 to participate and five to help with logistics/event execution). Hamline, Augsburg, Carleton, Macalester, Saint Benedict and Gustavus showed interest.

VII. MIAC Strategic Plan Review (Blanford)

SAAC endorsed the following Strategic Planning Subcommittee recommendations:

- a. Potential Committee Recommendation - Concepts to Explore for a future proposal in April or Fall 2017:
 - i. Develop an online tool that allows for a student-athletes in the particular sport to provide comments on coaches' proposals that impact student-athletes. The process would be to have coaches (or ADs) in that particular sport share the link to the comment website (or poll) directly with student-athletes. All comments received would be provided to Athletic Directors prior to or during AD meetings in order to allow for student input regarding the impact of proposals.
 - ii. Starting in the Fall 2017, the MIAC SAAC Chair or Vice-Chair will serve on select strategic planning subcommittees. Additionally, one more conference SAAC member will serve on select strategic planning subcommittees. This representation will allow student-athletes to voice their thoughts on the subcommittees. It will also allow each student to bring back their thoughts to the larger SAAC group for updates and sharing during conference SAAC meetings.

VIII. Division III Week (Blanford)

NCAA Division III Week is April 3-9, 2017. Blanford reviewed the NCAA expectations of the week as well as the MIAC Plan for 2017.

- a. NCAA Division III Week Resource: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/division-iii-week-2017>
- b. MIAC Division III Week Resource – 2015: http://www.miacathletics.com/about/division_III_week/2015_homepage

IX. Best Practice Sharing:

Each institutional SAAC gave a brief update on the structure, program or initiative that makes their campus SAAC unique and one specific area they believe their institutional SAAC can improve.

- **Augsburg-** Has 5 committees within their SAAC. This structure delegates responsibilities for all participants to gain campus support and create community outreach. Augsburg's SAAC wants to work on getting the athletic community excited about getting being a part of SAAC.
- **Carleton-** Has an Executive Board made up of eight members who meet every other week before the larger SAAC meeting, where all student-athletes are able to attend. They believe this structure improves SAAC's ability to engage the athletic student body to attend more events and competitions. Carleton's SAAC wants to work on increasing their involvement with Special Olympics, engaging the campus student body and also connecting/partnering with campus student organizations.
- **Concordia-** Has an annual Golden Cobs Award Show that commemorates every team at the end of the year. At the award show, the athletic department hands out specialized awards to student-athletes for specific accomplishments throughout the year. It is unique because the larger campus committee attends this event as well. Concordia's SAAC wants to improve on widespread involvement while committing to 3-4 well thought out and planned events rather than stretching themselves too thin.
- **Gustavus-** Has Hill Crew, an organization separate that specifically focuses on improving attendance and sportsmanship at all athletic events. Hill Crew also has an attendance app. that marks who is at sporting events and gives rewards to people who attend events. Gustavus' SAAC wants improve on finding and investing in the student-athletes who want to be a part and committed to SAAC.
- **Hamline-** Has 5 committees within their SAAC that focuses on areas in social media, community outreach, campus support, etc. Hamline also has the Piper Cup. This program allows student-athletes to compete to be the most well rounded team and are awarded points throughout the year for select accomplishments. They also have a SAAC representative that is involved in Student Government to make communication and involvement through the campus community easier. Hamline's SAAC wants improve on creating better student relationships amongst athletic teams.
- **Macalester-** Has a strong volunteering presence throughout St. Paul where they have partnered with the same groups for many years. They want to improve on participation for both SAAC members at events and competitions as well as the MAC community.
- **St. Benedict-** Has the Blazer Bowl to increase student athlete participation at events and competitions. They do a lot of work with Special Olympics throughout the year. St. Ben's SAAC improve on community involvement.
- **St. Catherine-** Has the Wildcat Cup to increase involvement and support of student-athletes. They would like to improve involvement with alumni.
- **St. Johns-** Has a working relationship with the "Kids Fighting Hunger" program and puts a heavy emphasis on community involvement and fundraising. They would like to improve on increasing attendance in the Cities to other MIAC SAAC events.
- **St. Olaf-** Has a strong connection with their on-campus Career Center to focus on professional development. Recently they have implemented mandatory meetings for each team and coach to meet with career coach. They have also implemented a women's leadership conference/committee. Their goal is to improve on student body involvement as a whole
- **St. Thomas-** Are involved with Green Dot initiative where they set out to raise awareness on sexual assault throughout the athletic department and campus community. They would like to improve on getting more student athletes active on campus.

X. **NCAA Wagering (McKane)**

McKane shared a friendly reminder that gambling on collegiate and professional sports is not permissible under NCAA rules. Wagering or gambling is defined as something of value going in and something potentially of value coming out. It is not legal to place a wager or pay an entry fee for an opportunity to win a prize. If a student-athlete is caught gambling, they lose a year of eligibility. It is legal to enter a free contest as long as there is no entry fee.

XI. **MIAC SAAC - Thank you! (Blanford)**

Blanford shared conference appreciation for the student-athletes and the time that they have taken to be a part of the group. Blanford will continue to provide feedback/support to improve SAAC's around the conference and move them forward.

XII. **2017-18 Meeting Dates**

Sept. 17, Dec. 3, Feb. 11.

XIII. **Adjourn: 2:02pm**

2017 NCAA DIVISION III BUSINESS SESSION LEGISLATIVE VOTING RESULTS

NO. 1	<p>MEMBERSHIP -- INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE Summary: To specify that an active member institution shall: (1) establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; and (2) designate an athletics healthcare administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery.</p>	Passed 454-22-1 Effective 8/1/17
NO. 2	<p>ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT TRANSFERS Summary: To permit a graduate student to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the institution of his or her choice.</p>	Failed 175-291-14
NO. 3	<p>FINANCIAL AID -- OUTSIDE SOURCES -- CHOICE OF INSTITUTIONS Summary: To amend the limitations of outside financial aid awards to preclude the donor of an outside aid award that considers athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance from restricting the recipient to attend a specific institution.</p>	Passed 453-25-1 Effective 8/1/17
NO. 4	<p>PLAYING & PRACTICE -- STANDARDIZATION OF EXEMPTIONS Summary: To standardize annual contest and date of competition exemptions. Specifically, to allow each sport to exempt participation in the following: (1) conference championship; (2) season-ending tournament; and (3) two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices. Additionally, to allow the two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices to occur prior to the first permissible contest date in all sports other than wrestling.</p>	Passed 428-35-0 Effective 8/1/17
NO. 5	<p>PLAYING & PRACTICE -- FIELD HOCKEY & LACROSSE SCRIMMAGE Summary: To allow field hockey and lacrosse teams to conduct an exempted scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice with outside competition prior to the first permissible contest or date of competition.</p>	<i>Rendered Moot by Passing of Proposal No. 4</i>
NO. 6	<p>PLAYING & PRACTICE -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- TRACK & SWIMMING Summary: To eliminate the requirement that the mandatory day off for track and field and swimming and diving programs be the same day for every student-athlete.</p>	Passed 313-133-28 Effective Immediately
NO. 7	<p>RECRUITING -- DEREGULATION OF CAMPS AND CLINICS Summary: To deregulate the tryout events and camps and clinics legislation to allow institutions to host or conduct events involving prospective student-athletes, provided those events are: (1) open to the general public; and (2) do not offer free or reduced admission to prospective student-athletes.</p>	Passed 453-23-1 Effective Immediately
NO. 8	<p>MEMBERSHIP -- SIZE OF PROVISIONAL OR RECLASSIFYING CLASS Summary: To limit the total number of participants in the provisional or reclassifying membership program to not more than 12 institutions.</p>	Passed 440-27-8 Effective 8/1/17
NO. 9	<p>LEGISLATION -- ELIMINATION OF WINDOW OF RECONSIDERATION Summary: To eliminate the opportunity to reconsider an amendment following confirmation of an affirmative or negative vote on that amendment by the presiding officer.</p>	Passed 369-105-1 Effective 8/1/17

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National SAAC Highlights- January 2017

- National SAAC Elections
 - Previous vice-chair elect, Joe Weber (UT Dallas), received the NCAA post-graduate internship and was replaced by Alaina Woo (Pamona Pitzer)
- 7 of 8 new National SAAC were able to join us at 2017 Convention
 - Madison Burns- Randolph Macon College
 - Parker Hammel- Wartburg College
 - Kelsey Morrisison- University of Valley Forge
 - Matthew Knigge- Vassar College
 - Mikayla Greenwood- Illinois College
 - CJ Paketis- MacMurray College
 - Cedric Fry- Carthage College
 - Ryan Booth- Norwich University (Unable to attend)
- Game Environment Update
 - Final draft of student-athlete letter to supporters
 - Selected two student-athletes to represent our voice at the Disney Institute this February
- Committee Updates
 - Student-athletes entering roles of representatives on Division III only and association wide committees and working groups
 - Emphasis upon institution providing training and resources to both athletic staff and student-athletes
- Legislation
 - 8 of 9 SAAC supported proposals passed (only the "Graduate Transfer" piece failed)
- Unified Special Olympics
 - Participated in unified flag football event with Special Olympics Tennessee
 - Met with Special Olympics North America to discuss best practices for strengthen the Division III Partnership, specifically the "Rivalry Series"
- Common Ground Think Tank
 - Unanimously endorsed the "solidary statement" generated by the Common Ground Think Tank

Additional Resources

- Your Voice Matters- Find out the student-athlete role in the NCAA and why your voice matters; [Video](#)
- It's On Us- NCAA partnership with initiative to address sexual assault on college campuses; [Video](#)
- Division 3 Monthly Update- Stay up to date with what is going on in Division III by watching monthly updates and reading the monthly report; [Dec/Jan Update](#)

Future In-Person Meetings

- April 23rd & 24th (Indianapolis)
- July 15th & 16th (Indianapolis)
- November 12th & 13th (Indianapolis)