

MIAC Student Athletic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Video Conference

Attendees: Michael Redmon, Jenna Gerold, Michelle McAteer (Augsburg); Jivana Nagpal, Yuv Kataria (CAR); Gabe Duncan (CON); Andrew Hoppe, Renata Hernandez (GAC); Braeden Bourne (HU); Peyton Starks, Charlie Bonham (MAC); CeCe Miller, Sophia Jonas (CSB); Elsa Joy, Kaitlyn Blair (SCU); Max Doom, Matt Anderson (SJU); Tim Rizzo, Travis Miller (STO); Grace Hadlich, Luke Schemenauer, Rilee Dawson (CSS); Dan McKane, BJ Pickard, Emma Nelson (MIAC Staff).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with introductions.

2. NCAA Updates

Newly approved proposals from the 2023 NCAA Convention were reviewed. With the passage of new Division III playing and practice season regulations, the MIAC will be reviewing options over the next four months as the conference traditionally has had more restrictive practice rules. MIAC SAAC members provided initial feedback during the meeting which highly focused on matching the NCAA D3 new standards. The conference office will be seeking additional written feedback via email to ensure the student voice is heard. The NCAA is sponsoring a Career in Sports Forum in Indianapolis this June, with a March 3 deadline to register, so interested students should connect with their SAAC advisor in advance.

3. MIAC Updates

The MIAC will be conducting a Work in Sports Seminar for students interested in working in athletics on April 16 at Macalester from 9:30am until 2pm. Registration information and speaker list will be announced by March. The MIAC will be spotlighting student-athlete careers via social media. Emma Nelson, MIAC Assistant Director, is offering to join institutional SAAC meetings this spring to provide updates and hear the SAAC voice.

4. NCAA Division III National SAAC

The NCAA Division III National SAAC update was provided in the meeting materials. The MIAC is due for an Associate Member of D3 National SAAC. Nomination deadline is at the end of the week.

5. Special Olympics Partnership with NCAA DIII and MIAC

NCAA D3 continues to partner with Special Olympics MN. Several upcoming events for volunteer opportunities include : 1) Unified Sport Opportunities, 2) Unified College Championship Week (April 10th-14th), 3) Polar Plunge, 4) Student Athlete Ambassador Program,

The Minnesota contact for Special Olympics MN is Zak Armstrong (zak.armstrong@somn.org / 763-270-7173).

6. Open Discussion

The group engaged in an open discussion, sharing SAAC campus initiatives, highlighting successes and challenges, and Special Olympics involvement. A summary of highlights shared is included on the second page.

7. Adjourned – 8:41 p.m.

MIAC SAAC - Open Sharing – Campus Initiatives:

Augsburg

- Toy drive with ATCs
- Cancer fundraiser
- Polar Plunge
- Building deeper and stronger athletic community (dodgeball tournament with athletes)
- Feed My Starving Children

Carleton

- DEI Seminar
- Project friendship (buddy program)
- Graduation stole or pin

Concordia

- Golden Cobbs awards show
- Food pantry
- Elementary school book reading
- Career focus using student-athlete experience to build career

Gustavus

- Shoe drive
- Special Olympics
- Community night to increase engagement with community

Hamline

- Polar Plunge at White Bear Lake
- Clothing drive
- Gift baskets for ATC
- Mental health awareness game

Macalester

- Kofi Cup focused on team attendance at other teams games
- Civic engagement through youth coaching opportunities and young athletes program

Saint Benedict

- Paired with several service organizations focused on shoe and food drives
- Engaged game attendance with student body
- Mental health day off of practice option

St. Catherine

- Polar Plunge
- Attendance challenge
- Mental Health (Hidden Opponent)

Saint John's

- One Love and Consent
- Kids Fighting Hunger

St. Olaf

- T-shirt design contest
- Polar Plunge (best practices discussed for fundraising, sharing with family and on social media is critical)
- Change Committee (SA input regarding their experience)

St. Scholastica

- Fundraiser for facilities and fuel room
- Gregg bandana
- Special Olympics