

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Lock Haven, PA – March 20-21, 2010
MINUTES**

Attendance – Day 1: Ben Safran (BU), Sarah Grawe (BU), Chad Tipton (Cal), Christina Lysun (Cal), Bruce Kennedy (Chey), Samantha Veights (Clar), Rich Eckert (Clar), Kristina Perri (ESU), Dave Luthy (ESU), Hilary Weismiller (Edin), Marge O’Leary (Gan), Rosie Cooper (Gan), Heather Robbins (IUP), Jessica Bodkin (IUP), Steve Coffey (KU), Jamie Celia (KU), Jen Williams (LHU), Lizz Finneran (LHU), Morgan Habfer (Mans), Sydnee Reeves (Mans), Gui Alves (MC), Lauren Rinaca (MC), Steve Roberts (Mill), Lauren Puglia (Mill), Eric Haidinger (Ship), Anna Kinard (Ship), Skyler Brosse (SRU), Erin Moran (SRU), Zac Tassone (WCU), Michelle Powers (WCU), Steve Murray (PSAC), Carlin Chesick (PSAC)

Attendance – Day 2: Ben Safran (BU), Sarah Grawe (BU), Chad Tipton (Cal), Christina Lysun (Cal), Samantha Veights (Clar), Rich Eckert (Clar), Kristina Perri (ESU), Dave Luthy (ESU), Hilary Weismiller (Edin), Marge O’Leary (Gan), Rosie Cooper (Gan), Heather Robbins (IUP), Jessica Bodkin (IUP), Steve Coffey (KU), Jamie Celia (KU), Jen Williams (LHU), Lizz Finneran (LHU), Morgan Habfer (Mans), Sydnee Reeves (Mans), Gui Alves (MC), Lauren Rinaca (MC), Steve Roberts (Mill), Lauren Puglia (Mill), Eric Haidinger (Ship), Anna Kinard (Ship), Skyler Brosse (SRU), Erin Moran (SRU), Zac Tassone (WCU), Michelle Powers (WCU), Steve Murray (PSAC), Carlin Chesick (PSAC)

Informal Session: Prior to the formal meeting, the SAAC members participated in a networking session with Amanda Conklin from NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs. Also, Jim O’Keefe from BlueChip Career Network led the SAAC members in various discussions centering on career opportunities and tips when searching for jobs after graduation. To conclude the first day, a dinner etiquette presentation was held by Diana Zeisky, an etiquette professor from Penn State.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September, 2009 PSAC SAAC meeting were reviewed and approved.

PSAC Update: The 2010 Fall Sports Festival will be held in Louisville this year. Anna Kinard from Shippensburg will continue to serve in her role as East chair. Skylar Brosse was selected by SAAC to represent the West.

NCAA Update: Phase II of Life in the Balance was reviewed with SAAC members. The next steps to be reviewed included: maximum number of contests or dates of competition for sports that were not modified in Phase I, the list of annual and discretionary exemptions, nonchampionship segment, and the 20/8-hour rule, skill instruction and counting contests.

Division II Update: Rich Eckert (Clarion) our National SAAC rep discussed the Make-A-Wish campaign and reminded everyone of the deadline this summer. In addition, with Rich’s graduation his term will end January 2011 and a new PSAC national SAAC rep must be named. The conference must submit 4 names to the NCAA for consideration. Nominations are due October 1, 2010.

NCAA Strategic Grant Program: The Division II Strategic Initiative Grants were discussed and if the grants continue to be useful to campus SAACs. The SAAC voted that IUP and Cheyney would not receive their full \$600 for 2010-2011 because they did not have full representation and participation during the 2009-2010 SAAC meetings. Each school will receive \$400. The remaining funds will be used for the Conference SAAC meetings.

SAAC Strategic Initiatives: The conference sportsmanship award will again take place this summer. Ideas were discussed to develop a conference slogan. SAAC members were encouraged to bring up ideas at campus SAAC meetings. Slogan ideas will be discussed at the next spring meeting where a slogan will be chosen.

Conference SAAC Project – Make-A-Wish: Make-A-Wish continues to be the conference and national SAAC project. The deadline to submit money is June 21, 2010. Currently, only two institutions have donated, but the goal is to have full participation and to be among the top 5 conferences in money raised.

Future Meeting Dates/Planning: Tentatively, the PSAC SAAC Fall meeting will take place Sunday, September 26, 2010 by teleconference from three sites – Kutztown, Lock Haven, and Slippery Rock. The spring meeting is tentatively planned for Saturday and Sunday March 19 & 20, 2011. Ideas for professional development included nutrition, conflict resolution, leadership, interviews/resumes and LGBT issues.