

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Harrisburg, PA
May 24, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dillman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. May 24, 2005. The following were in attendance:

President Jessica S. Kozloff – Bloomsburg University (participated during Financial Report by conference call)
President Angelo Armenti, Jr. – California University
President Wallace C. Arnold – Cheyney University
President Joseph P. Grunenwald – Clarion University
President Robert J. Dillman - East Stroudsburg University
President Tony Atwater – Indiana University
President F. Javier Cevallos – Kutztown University
President Keith T. Miller – Lock Haven University
Interim President David Werner – Mansfield University
President Francine G. McNairy – Millersville University
President Anthony Ceddia – Shippensburg University
President Robert M. Smith – Slippery Rock University
President Madeleine Wing Adler – West Chester University
Steve Murray, Commissioner

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Smith) That the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting be approved as presented.

SECONDED: (Grunenwald)

MOTION PASSED

III. REPORTS

A. Commissioners Report – Mr. Murray

Mr. Murray made the following announcements:

1. A Missed Class Time Taskforce began review of missed class and institutional schedules in the Spring Season
2. Discussed some of the initiatives for conference awareness, promotions and marketing
3. Distributed data regarding the NCAA graduation rates in the PSAC

B. Finance – President Kozloff

President Kozloff presented the Conference's financial report.

MOTION: (Adler) That the PSAC hire Carlin Chesick to the full-time position of Assistant to the Commissioner.

SECOND: (Grunenwald)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Grunenwald) That the PSAC apply for participation in the NCAA Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant Program during the 2006-07 academic year in order to pursue funding for the development of a fourth full-time position in the conference office.

SECOND: (Cevallos)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Miller) That the tentative 2006-07 budget be adopted with a projected dues increase of \$1,250.

SECOND: (Adler)

MOTION PASSED

- Note: This motion was passed prior to the Board's decision regarding providing complimentary admissions to PSAC Championships for all students at member campuses under the Controversial Items.

C. NCAA Presidents Council – President Grunenwald

President Grunenwald presented the key issues the NCAA Division II Presidents Council recently discussed including; The future of Division II Football, Regional Realignment, Native American Imagery, Division II Television Initiative, Crowd Control and Issues Related to Initial Eligibility from High Schools that may not meet acceptable standards.

D. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Mr. Murray

Mr. Murray updated the Board on the PSAC's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee activities including the formulation of a Strategic Plan for the PSAC SAAC

MOTION: (Grunenwald) To adopt the PSAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's Proposed Strategic Plan and initiatives for the 2006-07 academic year.

SECOND (Cevallos)

MOTION PASSED

See Supplement 1

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Television Opportunities

The Board received copies of a proposed television production agreement with the Pennsylvania Cable Network. The Board discussed the options and will schedule a meeting with the involved parties later in the Summer.

B. Webcasting Opportunities

The Board delayed any discussion regarding webcasting agreements until it's meeting in August.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Items – President Dillman

MOTION: (Smith) To reaffirm the Chairman of the Board's passage of Consent Items from the Fall and Spring Legislative Cycle.

SECOND: (Adler)

MOTION PASSED

See Supplement 2

The Board was advised by Commissioner Murray of the issues regarding cheerleader safety, restrictions and guidelines and reviewed a series of Recommendations Regarding Cheerleading Safety. Within the Spring Consent Items, a recommendation to "ground" cheerleaders was approved by the Chairman until a review and series of recommendations could be brought forward for action by the Board.

MOTION: (Adler) To accept the Recommendations Regarding Cheerleading Safety for inclusion in the PSAC's policies and guidelines for cheerleading

SECOND (McNairy)

MOTION PASSED

See Supplement 3

- Note: With the passage of this motion and the implementation of these recommendations, cheerleaders are no longer "grounded" from performing stunts at athletic contests.

B. Controversial Items – President Dillman

MOTION: (Werner) To eliminate the PSAC Letter of Intent and any limitations on the number of National Letters of Intent signed for purposes of enrollment in 2007-08.

SECOND: (Smith)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Smith) That students at PSAC member institutions will not be charged admission to attend conference championship events.

SECOND: (Harpster)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (McNairy) That in the sport of football by the 2007 season the conference would have a limit of 80 squad members by 48 hours prior to the first date of competition.

SECOND: (Grunenwald)

MOTION FAILED

MOTION: (McNairy) That in women's soccer beginning in the 2007 season to begin a double round robin in the division and full cross-over with the opposite division.

SECOND: (Smith)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Armenti) That in the sport of Softball, the Friday/Saturday mandated softball schedule will be changed to a Saturday/Sunday format for 2007.

SECOND: (Atwater)

MOTION FAILS

MOTION: (McNairy) That the softball schedule shift away from any Friday/Saturday format to mid-week games with a Saturday game alternating each week for the 2007 season.

SECOND: (Atwater)

MOTION FAILS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. August Presidents Retreat

The Board reviewed and revised the agenda for their August 16 Retreat in Bloomsburg

B. NCAA Football Issues

The Board received the document "Blueprint for a New Level of Competitive Football in Division II". The Board advised the chair and commissioner to form a taskforce to review the issues involved and advise the league's members of the conference's options and course of action.

C. Nominating Committee

Dr. Cevallos' presented the Board with a slate of candidates to serve as Executive Committee for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years. The slate of candidates was unanimously selected:

Chair: Dr. Dillman

Vice Chair: Dr. Armenti

Treasurer: Dr. Kozloff

At-Large: Dr. Cevallos

At-Large: Dr. Miller

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel issues.

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Harrisburg – to be determined

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Strategic Plan
(Adopted 3/06)**

*** 2006-07 Objectives in italics*

A. Goal: Promote civility and sportsmanship among PSAC student-athletes, fans, coaches and administrators, on and off the field

- 1. Objective: Purchase, distribute and display Sportsmanship Banners at PSAC athletic venues (Fall '06)*
- 2. Objective: Implement program that includes a student-athlete reading a sportsmanship statement over the public address system prior to each athletic contest (Fall '06)*
- 3. Objective: Review and develop process that requires participation in a pre-game formalized sportsmanship ritual between opponents prior to each athletic contest (Begin development in Fall '06 for implementation in Fall '07)*
- 4. Objective: Initiate process for creation of a Sportsmanship Award in the PSAC (Begin process in Fall '06 for implementation in Fall '07)*

B. Goal: Enhance the quality of communication and level of participation of student-athletes in the governance of the PSAC

- 1. Objective: A listserv will be developed to permit PSAC SAAC reps to have access to one another for questions (Fall '06)*
- 2. Objective:** During the preseason practice schedule for all PSAC teams, a presentation will be made regarding the role of SAAC and FARs within the governance of the PSAC.
- 3. Objective:** All campus SAAC minutes/or newsletters will be shared/available for other campuses to review.
- 4. Objective:** Review the PSAC SAAC website and campus SAAC sites for FAQ, minutes, contacts and links and make recommendations for improvements

C. Goal: Enhance the campus environment by promoting a better understanding of the student-athlete experience

- 1. Objective: PSAC SAAC establish a formal position on Conflict Avoidance Class Scheduling on campuses (Spring '07).*
- 2. Objective:** Develop a guide on the student-athlete experience and make it available to campus professors
- 3. Objective:** Develop a student-athlete academic performance handout highlighting academic success of student-athletes
- 4. Objective:** Establish a community service clearinghouse/compilation to be shared between campus SAACs.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
CONSENT ITEMS
2005-06 Academic Year**

From the Spring Legislative Cycle

1. That the conference begin the process to review associate membership, full membership, membership exiting or working with other conferences in relation to changing membership issues and sports sponsorship.
2. All sport committee meetings will be concluded no less than four weeks in advance of the Athletics Administrators meeting and coaches groups will meet no more than one meeting per year unless approved by the Athletics Administrator's Executive Committee.
3. That the sport committee meetings be assigned specific meeting dates by the conference office in an effort to consolidate meeting dates, with consideration for those sports committees that already meet at their conference championship
4. That in the sport of Volleyball, the assignor's fee be increased to \$200 for each program.
5. That all cheerleading activities at member campuses be "grounded" (no lifts or tosses) during athletic competition until the Athletic Trainers Task Force review and recommend policies for approval for safety considerations.
6. In the sport of swimming, for any incorrect/illegal or entries that have failed to have been made for the swim championships that for each individual mistake the institution will be fined \$100, but not more than \$300 per team). No student-athlete will be denied the opportunity to participate due to a coaching error.
7. That in the sport of basketball the balls provided for warm-up must be the same as the required competition ball.
8. That for the sport of basketball the home team be required to view the exchanged videotape prior to providing it to the visiting team.
9. That in the sport of basketball that in the event an exchanged videotape is unviewable or of poor quality that the home team will immediately remedy the situation with an overnight shipment of a new videotape.
10. That in the sport of football that in the event that the NCAA Football Rule permitting the reduction of halftimes to move from 20 to 15 minutes will not be used by the PSAC.
11. To amend the PSAC Football Operating Code IV-H to read:
 - H. Conference Film (Video) Exchange and Scouting
 1. First generation copy S-VHS (new tapes) videotapes will be exchanged
 - a. By April 1 of the preceding year, the first scheduled PSAC opponents will exchange three (3) videotapes of the previous season upon request. These tapes do not have to be the last three contests of the previous season, but may be any combination of the previous season. In the event a new head coach is hired in the off-season at the institution, than the Spring Exchange of videotapes is not required.
 - b. For early season games (second or third dates of the season), an equal number of videotapes will be exchanged from current season of play only. If one team has played only one game and the opponent has played two games, then only one tape (of the most recently played game, not corresponding date of play) will be exchanged.
 - c. For regular season games once each team has played at least three games, videotapes of the two most recent games will be exchanged ten (10) days prior to the scheduled contest between the two opponents. The videotape of the game immediately preceding the scheduled contest between two opponents will be exchanged by arrangement or no later than Sunday noon prior to the upcoming contest.

12. That in the sport of soccer to extend the conference's agreement with Select Sport America.
13. That in the sport of soccer, matches postponed due to weather must be rescheduled on the next common open date on the team's original schedules. All contests must be completed by the Sunday preceding the quarterfinal tournament matches.
14. That in the sport of field hockey matches postponed due to weather MUST be rescheduled for the first common open date and all regular scheduled play must be concluded by the final Saturday of regular season play. The Sunday prior to the conference championship must be left open in the event a make-up date is needed.
15. That in the sport of field hockey that 13 players be selected on both the first and second teams in a format that reflects 5 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 backs and 1 goalie.
16. That in the sport of field hockey that the conference conduct its championship in a four team, single-site tournament at the highest seed that has an on-campus artificial surface. Schedule of games will be determined by the host school, liaison and conference commissioner. Recommended semifinal game times are: Noon and 2:30 with a minimum of 45 minutes between first and second game and championship match at 1 pm the following day.

From the Fall Legislative Cycle

1. That the PSAC accept Roberta Butler as the assignor for the sports of Field Hockey and Lacrosse beginning in the 2006-07 Academic Year.
2. That the PSAC accept the Volleyball Officiating Fee Schedule agreement as follows:

2006	\$110 single match	\$75 subsequent matches in multiple match format
2007	\$115 single match	\$80 subsequent matches in multiple match format
2008	\$120 single match	\$85 subsequent matches in multiple match format
2009	\$120 single match	\$85 subsequent matches in multiple match format
3. That in the sport of Softball, rewrite the operating code IIB – 4 Postponements Due to Rain as follows: Games which are postponed because of rain must be rescheduled in the following order:
 - a. The next day following the mandated game and each subsequent date. If a team has a non-conference opponent scheduled in advance for *any of those* ~~that~~ dates, the opponent should be aware of the policy which requires that the non-conference game be canceled or rescheduled.
 - b. All games, including make-ups, must be scheduled before the last date of the original mandated schedule.
 - c. ~~It is understood that if a conference game cannot be made up and another mandated date has been reached, the day after the second date is the rain date for that second game, not the first one.~~
Whenever possible, in consultation with the Athletics Administrators, that if the day following the originally mandated game is also rained out, teams must switch home/away dates during the first half of the double round robin in order to reschedule the contest if conditions permit a switch.
 - d. If a university has concerns due to academics, the two coaches should turn the rescheduling of rained out games over to the respective athletic directors.
 - e. **Institutions are required to call the conference office with rescheduling changes.**
4. That hosts of the PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships must have an eight-lane track and it is strongly recommended, as per NCAA rule Section 12, Article 1, that the host site have a javelin runway composed of an artificial surface.
5. That in the sport of Track and Field, in alignment with the NCAA Championships and beginning with the 2006 PSAC Indoor and Outdoor track and Field Championships, the top eight finishers in each event will score (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1).
6. That the PSAC pursue the use of "Direct Athletics" to maintain the conference indoor and outdoor track and field performance lists.

7. That in the sport of Track and Field, eliminate the provision for automatic qualification between the 5K and 10K for PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, beginning immediately.
8. That in the sport of Track and Field, to add the hammer throw to the PSAC Outdoor Championships, beginning in May 2006.
9. That each PSAC Basketball program must have and utilize a digital camera for videotape exchange by the 2006-07 season.
10. In the sport of Tennis, beginning with the 2006-07 championship cycle, the PSAC Individual Championship move to a Fall event scheduled to run the weekend following the ITA Championships (2nd weekend in October).
11. In the sport of Tennis, that Shippensburg and Bloomsburg be considered as future sites of PSAC Team and Individual Tennis Championships on a rotating basis until other campus facilities are improved.
12. That in the sport of Volleyball that the coaches develop a method to select all conference players by playing position or at least a defensive awardee.
13. That in the sport of Cross Country to increase the number of runners who earn All-PSAC recognition from 15 to 20 runners.
14. That in the sport of Track and Field to eliminate the single Athlete of the Year Award and select separate awards for Track Athlete of the Year and Field Athlete of the Year.
15. That in the sports of Baseball and Softball to eliminate the single Athlete of the Year and instead select separate awards for Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year in each division.
16. That in the sport of Baseball and Softball, redefine utility player by adding the following: Furthermore, a utility player is one who has played at least 60% of his/her games at a field position, including those played as pitcher. A player who meets the criterion of playing less than 50% of his/her games at one position, but has played 40% or more of his/her games as a designated hitter/player may be nominated as a designated hitter/player, but not as a utility player.
17. That in the sport of Tennis to reconfigure the All-PSAC team to consist of six singles players and three doubles teams. Players can be nominated as a singles player and/or as part of a defined double's team. The All-PSAC women's team(s) will have six all-conference singles players and three doubles teams in each division; there will one men's team consisting of the same configuration.
18. That in the sport of Football request that the coaches review the current number of selections at the positions of Defensive Line (5) and Linebacker (4) as well as the definition of those positions in order to insure appropriate representation for post-season awards.
19. For PSAC team sports that the minimum for all-conference criterion of participating in 75% of a team's total contests to be eligible for recognition be lowered to 66% of a team's total contests.

20. That in the sport of Softball, rewrite the operating code III-7-a-c NCAA Tournament Qualifier as follows for criteria to determine the NCAA automatic qualifier in the event the PSAC tournament can not be completed.
 7. a. Less than 7 games played – #1 seeds
 1. Head to head competition
 2. Common opponents with a winning percentage
 3. Coin toss
 - b. 7-10 games played
 1. Best record in tournament
 - c. Game 11 – (if game)
 1. Coin toss

21. That in the sport of Baseball, now that the automatic qualifier has returned for the conference championship and if the PSAC championship can not be completed, the PSAC representative will be selected as follows:
 - A) If six or more games have been played – best record remaining in tournament
 - B) If less than six games have been played – tied broken between divisional #1 seeds
 - Record in divisional play in regular season
 - Record versus divisional opponents by rank order of finish
 - Coin Toss

22. In the sport of Tennis, rewrite the operating code V-E-15 as follows:
In the event the tournament can not be completed, the champion would be determined by:
 - A. Men's Tournament
 1. highest seeded team remaining
 - B. Women's Tournament
 1. If the semifinals can not be completed, tie-breaker between the #1 seed teams from each division will be:
 - a. regular season head-to-head results
 - b. results vs. common opponents
 - c. highest regionally ranked team from most recent NCAA ranking
 2. If the semifinals are completed, tie-breaker from remaining teams will be:
 - a. Regular season head-to-head results
 - b. Results vs. common opponents
 - c. Highest regionally ranked team from most recent NCAA ranking.

23. That the 2007 Eastern and Western Softball Schedule be adopted as presented.

24. That the 2007 Eastern and Western Baseball schedules be adopted as presented.

25. That the 2006-07 and 2007-08 Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules be adopted.

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
May 2006
Board of Directors Meetings**

Recommendations Regarding Cheerleading Safety

The Cheerleading Review Committee submits the following recommendations for adoption by the PSAC and its member institutions:

- 1. That in accordance with NCAA recommendations, all PSAC cheerleading advisors are required to be safety certified by August 2006. The conference recommends that the cheerleading advisors participate in the AACCA (American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors) safety certification program.**
- 2. That all PSAC cheerleading advisors must be present at practices and athletic events (home or away) when their institution's cheerleaders are performing.**
- 3. That all cheerleaders will have physical examinations conducted in the manner similar to student athletes at the respective member institutions prior to participation.**
- 4. That all cheerleaders will be required to provide, or will be provided, the same level of institutional medical insurance coverage as provided student athletes at the respective member institutions prior to participation.**
- 5. That the PSAC Cheerleading Restrictions will be reviewed and amended annually, as appropriate, with any recommendations or changes in the AACCA guidelines.**
- 6. Institutions should review their coverage and liability in regard to cheerleader participation on camps, clinics and competitions.**