

**MINUTES OF THE
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL**

January 30, 2009

Those on the call:

Boston College – Michael Hogan, Becky Zavisza, Carly Pariseau
Clemson University – Corey Brown, Rachel Regone, Becky Bowman
Duke University – KayAnne Gummursal, Leslie Barnes
Florida State University –Melanie Cabassol, Javier Garcia-Tunon, John Lata
Georgia Institute of Technology – Jason Haniger, Quinton Kelley, Leah Thomas, Theresa Wenzel
University of Maryland – Allison Houseal
University of Miami – Meredith Hatic, Brittany White, Connie Nickel
University of North Carolina – Brock Baker, Cricket Lane
North Carolina State University – Jason, Demar Bonnemare, Tonya Washington
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University –Melissa Martin, Cory Parr, Julie Griffin
Atlantic Coast Conference – Eric Wood

Those unable to join the call: UVA, VT (provided incorrect call-in information from ACC)

[Note: While certain items in the agenda may have been acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes and listed in order of the agenda for convenience of reference. These minutes reflect only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) that occurred.]

1. Welcome and Introduction. Eric Wood took roll and welcomed the SAAC back to the spring semester following the holiday break. With 1 additional item added to the agenda on behalf of the ACC Championships department, the conference call began at 12:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the October 3, 2008 Minutes. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Championships. Davis Whitfield, ACC Associate Commissioner for Championships, asked Eric Wood to remind the SAAC about the purpose of the feedback surveys as well as overall survey etiquette. Mr. Wood explained to the group that our championships department implemented a new initiative, using Survey Monkey, to secure feedback from student-athletes following their participation in ACC championship events. Our office wants to hear about the issues related to venues, travel & logistics, hospitality, hotel accommodations, participant gifts etc. The SAAC was reminded to encourage their peers to use mature language and to take full advantage of this opportunity to affect positive change in the overall championships experience.
4. Sportsmanship Update. The 2008-09 SAAC sportsmanship proposal was approved effective immediately in order to take advantage of the March 31, 2009 submission deadline. The sportsmanship subcommittee will review the nominations from each campus and present the finalists

to the overall conference SAAC. The Overall winners will be sent to the ACC Sportsmanship Committee as a recommendation for the NCAA Sportsmanship Award. NCAA nominees must be sent from the Conference Office.

5. National SAAC Update.

Allison Houseal was unable to join us on the call at this time as a result of the incorrect call-in information provided by the Conference Office. Ms. Houseal will provide a best practices document during the Spring 2009 meeting created by the NCAA National SAAC on “Developing a Campus SAAC.” We hope the committee reviews the document and uses the ideas that work best for their campus. Eric Wood reminded the committee that we will need a replacement for Allison as the National SAAC representative. Please e-mail or call him if you are interested in the position.

6. SAAC in ACtion Articles. Eric Wood encouraged the committee to share the sportsmanship articles from other schools with your campus SAAC. We have had some great articles this academic year about department wide initiatives, but many schools are having a hard time finding student-athletes to write about. Please continue to discuss your sportsmanship as a SAAC in order to build a pool of candidates and raise awareness amongst your peers.

7. Conference Wide Community Service. Allison Houseal asked the committee to be thinking about the possibility of doing a conference wide community service project next year. There were examples on the National SAAC of canned food drives, coin drives, used athletic shoes drive etc. Please be prepared to discuss these options for next year and e-mail Allison or Eric with any ideas. We will be asking your SAAC advisors to submit your community service hours for the year as a campus student-athlete population in order to compile the amount of service hours completed as a conference.

8. Other Business. Our next in-person meeting is scheduled for April 3-4, 2009. We will conduct our normal business session and evening activity on Friday and conclude with a community service project with the Greensboro Urban Ministries on Saturday (dismissed by noon). 2009-10 meeting dates will be set in the April meeting.