

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

January 30, 2008

Those on the call:

Boston College – Abbey Hasebrook, Joe Maloy, Jody Mooradian, Dr. Robert Taggart (FAR)

Clemson University – Abbey Fernandez, Ginty Porter

Duke University – Allison Stankavage, Leslie Barnes

Florida State University – Matt Savage, Javier Garcia Tunon, John Lata, Yashiva Edwards

Georgia Institute of Technology – David Herren, Darryl Richard, Theresa Wenzel (SWA)

University of Maryland – Beth Gillming, Allison Houseal (Chair/National SAAC), Sarah Parbel, Laura Meckley

University of Miami – Emerson Davis, Hagen Weintraub, Connie Nickel

University of North Carolina – Eugenia Delbono, Cricket Lane

North Carolina State University – Ronnie Bouemboue, Keri Demar, Hannah Halteman, Tonya Washington

University of Virginia – Billie-Jo Grant, PJ Sullivan, Phil Gates

Virginia Tech – Jessica Botzum, Drew Weaver, Patricia Lovett

Wake Forest University – Sam Cronin, Alex Hirsch, Ashley Homitz, Cory Parr, Julie Griffin

Atlantic Coast Conference – Eric Wood

Attending portions of the call: Parker Goyer, former Duke student-athlete and Davis Whitfield, Assistant Commissioner

[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 began the call at 12:03 pm. Allison Houseal, *Chair*, welcomed the group and gave an overview of the agenda.
2. Approval of the October 19, 2007 Minutes. The minutes were approved with a spelling correction to NC State committee member Ronnie Bouemboue.
3. Championships Feedback. Davis Whitfield, ACC, shared the results of the championships survey distributed to the SAAC members who attended the fall in-person meeting. Committee members were asked to complete the survey by ranking the level of satisfaction at their most recent championship event in a variety of areas including the championships site, banquet, hospitality, gifts, officials, awards etc. The ranking system went from 1-5 with 1 reflecting a very poor experience, 2 a fair experience, 3 a good experience, 4 a very good experience and 5 an excellent experience. The survey revealed an overall average of 3.91. The championships staff will conduct another survey for the spring in-person ACC SAAC meeting attendees.
4. Coach for College Program. Ms. Parker Goyer, former Duke student-athlete, shared information about a coaching opportunity in Vietnam for NCAA student-athletes beginning this summer 2008.

Ms. Goyer is working with Mr. Robert Vowels, VP for Education Services at the NCAA, to gain approval but she wanted to get the word out and gauge the interest of ACC student-athletes. Send an e-mail to Ms. Goyer at parker.goyer@duke.edu for more information.

5. National SAAC Update. Allison Houseal, NCAA SAAC representative, provided a convention recap of the following 2007 legislative proposals;

Overrides-OPPOSED

2007-9 (Financial Aid and Max. Grant-In-Aid Limitations-Baseball)

2006-40 (Recruiting Materials-Electronic Transmissions)

Sent Out for Comment

2007-68-One Time Transfer-Baseball Non-Scholarship Student-Athletes

2007-73-One Year Period-Exception-Exhausted Eligibility or Medical Noncounter

Ms. Houseal also asked Eric Wood to inform the group of the criteria for a medical hardship waiver. Mr. Wood explained that a student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition for reasons of hardship, which is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness, which prevents you from completing a season. The injury must have occurred in 1 of the 4 seasons you are allowed, in the first half of the sports playing season and the student-athlete must not have participated in more than 3 or 30% of the scheduled contests. Send questions to Mr. Wood or contact your compliance staff on campus for more information.

6. Fall 2007 Sportsmanship Award Winners. Allison Houseal announced the Fall 2007 Sportsmanship Award winners as follows; Miami (M. Cross Country), Georgia Tech (W. Cross Country), Boston College (Field Hockey), Boston College (Football), Virginia Tech (Men's Soccer), Duke (Women's Soccer) and Boston College (Volleyball). Ms. Houseal encouraged the group to continue to take an active role in the voting process in order for the true winner to receive the award. Eric Wood reminded the group to focus on the teams that competed most graciously on the respective playing fields.
7. ACC Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Proposal. Eric Wood shared the leadership conference proposal put forward by the ACC Life Skills Director's. The proposal has been reviewed, in concept, by the governance structure during the fall meetings and will be reviewed in more depth at the ACC Spring meetings in April.
8. Next Meeting. Allison Houseal informed the group that our next in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday/Saturday April 11-12, 2008. We will conduct our normal business session and evening activity on Friday and conclude with a community service project in the Greensboro area on Saturday (dismissed by noon). 2008-09 meeting dates will be set in the April meeting.
9. Other Business. Eric Wood reminded the group that gambling on the Super Bowl and/or March Madness is prohibited and could cost you your eligibility. Mr. Wood also reminded the group that the ACC Futures Internship Program application deadline is February 1, 2008. Please see your Director of Academic Services if you would like to be a candidate for the interview process.