

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

September 9, 2008

Those on the call:

Boston College – Michael Hagan, Syringa Ko, Becky Zavisza, Jody Mooradian, Carly Pariseau (Compliance)

Clemson University – Ginty Porter

Duke University – Addison Nudding, Matt Williams, Leslie Barnes

Florida State-Brianna Barry, Melanie Cabassol, Javier Garcia-Tunon, John Lata

Georgia Institute of Technology – Way Jo Lee, Leah Thomas, Theresa Wenzel (SWA)

University of Maryland – Allison Houseal, Danielle Keeley, Laura Meckley

University of Miami – Caitlin Augustin, Connie Nickel

University of North Carolina – Alyssa Francona, Cricket Lane

North Carolina State University – Ronnie Bouemboue, Emily Street, Tonya Washington, Donn Ward (FAR), Demar Bonnemare (Life Skills)

University of Virginia – Catherine Chambers

Virginia Tech-Steve Bumbry, Beth Walker, Reyna Gilbert

Wake Forest University – Ashley Homitz (Chair), Julie Griffin

Atlantic Coast Conference – Eric Wood, Lindsey Babcock

Attending portions of the call: Heather Hirschman (ACC), Kris Pierce (ACC) and Stuart Smith (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 began the call at 12:01 pm.
2. April 11-12, 2008 Minutes. Minutes were approved as written.
3. Conference SAAC Positions. Eric Wood shared that the chair rotation for the conference SAAC would reflect the FAR serving as the President of the conference for that particular year. With Dr. Richard Carmichael in that role from Wake Forest University this year, the Wake Forest SAAC reps will chair the meetings/conference calls for the 2008-09 academic year. Dr. Clyde McCoy from Miami will serve as President next year, making the Miami SAAC reps the vice-chairs for 2008-09. Dr. Larry Killough from Virginia Tech will be next in the rotation as President of the conference, making the Virginia Tech SAAC reps secretary for this year. Allison Houseal was re-appointed as the National SAAC representative after an outstanding year of service with her term expiring September 2009. Mr. Wood will be soliciting candidates to replace Ms. Houseal during the spring 2009 SAAC meeting-3 ACC candidates will be forwarded to the National SAAC committee for consideration
4. Championship Evaluations. Kris Pierce, Assistant Director of Championships, joined us on the call to share the new process for the staff to solicit feedback from student-athletes on their championships experience. Although we will discuss this agenda item again during the in-person

meeting, Ms. Pierce encouraged the committee to review the proposal with campus SAAC reps and email suggestions/comments to her at kpierce@theacc.org or to Mr. Davis Whitfield, Associate Commissioner for Championships at dwhitfield@theacc.org.

5. Sportsmanship Award. Eric Wood shared the current sportsmanship award ballot and encouraged the committee to come prepared to discuss new criteria. The two major areas of concern include the removal of coaches from the voting process and whether or not to change the award from a team award to an individual award.
6. Update on National SAAC. Allison Houseal, National SAAC Rep. for the ACC, provided two informational items created by the national SAAC for all student-athletes. The first document was titled "Top Ten Things to Know About the NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program" and the second document was titled "Information Related to the White Case Settlement." Please review these documents and share with your campus SAAC. If you have questions related to either document feel free to contact Ms. Houseal via e-mail which can be located on the official SAAC roster at <http://www.theacc.com/saac/committee.html>.
7. ACC Leadership Conference Update. Caitlin Augustin, Miami, attended the ACC International Academic Collaborative (ACCIAC) Leadership Conference this past year. Caitlin was disappointed when she discovered there were only 3 ACC student-athletes in attendance and so she wanted to get the word out about the conference and shared a proposal for the SAAC to consider. This particular leadership conference allows for 4 students (not just student-athletes) to attend per institution and it takes place in February hosted by the VP of Student-Affairs on each campus. Please have your campus advisor reach out to the VP for Student Affairs on campus to ensure 1 of the four student spots is filled with a student-athlete and come prepared to discuss Ms. Augustin's proposal.
8. ACC SAAC Website. Heather Hirschman, ACC Website Coordinator, presented the feature schedule for the 2008-09 SAAC in ACCtion series. The theme for this year's article submissions is sportsmanship and we are asking each institution to submit a two-page document sharing a story about a specific act of sportsmanship demonstrated by a student-athlete towards an opponent. The act of sportsmanship did not have to occur during this 2008-09 academic year. Stuart Smith, ACC Website intern, will be contacting the campus SAAC advisor according to the feature schedule but the expectation is that the articles will be written by the student-athletes.
9. Future Meeting/Conference Call. Ashley Homitz, Chair, reviewed the remaining 2008-09 ACC SAAC dates for conference calls and in-person meetings. The itinerary for the October in-person meeting was included for your review and please begin to work with your campus advisor to ensure you have representation on the next call in January. Ms. Homitz will be representing the ACC SAAC at the fall meeting of the Faculty Athletics Representatives, Athletic Directors and Senior Woman Administrators to be held in Winston-Salem, NC.
10. Other Business. Melanie Cabassol, FSU, inquired about the venue for the ACC swimming and diving conference championship. Eric Wood will forward the concern to the championships staff for a response via e-mail. Theresa Wenzel, SWA Liaison from GT, shared that the GT facility is not available on an annual basis.