

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

September 9, 2009

Those on the call:

Boston College-Michael Hogan, Kyle McCarten, Allison Quandt
Clemson University-Jason Chatlosh, Ginty Porter, Larry LaForge (FAR)
Duke University-Eric Ness, Cameron Jones, Leslie Barnes
Florida State-Brianna Barry, Melanie Cabassol, John Lata
Georgia Institute of Technology-Christa Bagley, Sam Bendziewicz, Leah Thomas
University of Maryland-Jenny Collins, Laura Fellon, Krista Chmielewski
University of Miami-Meredith Hatic, Brittany Viola, Connie Nickel
University of North Carolina-Marcus Ginyard, Megan Owens, Kirk Urso, Cricket Lane
North Carolina State University-Sarah Merritt, Colton Palmer, Tonya Washington, Michelle Lee (SWA)
University of Virginia-Trey Miller
Virginia Tech-Tim Miller, Sarah Ameen, Pedro Grabner, Reyna Gilbert
Wake Forest University –Eli Robins, Camille Collier, Julie Griffin
Atlantic Coast Conference – Eric Wood

Attending portions of the call: Mr. John Blanchard-North Carolina

[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 Remarks. Eric Wood took roll and began the call at 12:00 pm.
2. April 3-4, 2009 Minutes. Minutes were approved. Brittany Viola referred the committee to item #10 where ACC SAAC members voted to implement a two year term with a requirement to attend at least 2 of the 4 in-person meetings. This policy will be effective for the 2010-11 academic year.
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. Clyde McCoy in that role from The University of Miami, Brittany Viola will chair the meetings/conference calls for the 2009-10 academic year. Dr. Larry Killough from Virginia Tech is scheduled to serve as President next year, making the Virginia Tech SAAC reps the vice-chairs for 2009-10. Dr. Carolyn Callahan from Virginia will be next in the rotation as President of the conference, making the Virginia SAAC reps secretary for this year. D’Andre Bell, Georgia Tech, was appointed as the National SAAC representative with his term expiring September 2010 with the option to serve 1 additional year through 2010-11.
4. Sportsmanship Award. Eric Wood reminded the group that sportsmanship should be a standing agenda item throughout the year at campus SAAC meetings. This strategy will hopefully result in a pool of candidates at the end of the year to choose from rather than trying to think back on the entire

academic year. The Conference Office is expecting 100% participation from the membership, by the March 31, 2010 deadline, and will recognize male, female and team nominees with certificates as the sportsmanship award winners for their respective schools. The candidates will then be considered for the overall ACC and NCAA awards. Mr. Wood provided last years NCAA application as a resource because it included sportsmanship examples to give each school an idea of what the ACC SAAC and NCAA sportsmanship committees are looking for.

5. NCAA's Respect Campaign. Mr. John Blanchard, Senior Associate Athletic Director at UNC & Chair of the NCAA's Sportsmanship Committee, joined the conference call to provide a brief history of this initiative. Mr. Blanchard informed the ACC SAAC that the NCAA has teamed up with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) to kick-off the Respect campaign with football teams across the country participating in a pre-game handshake. The expectation is that each institution will build on ideas like the pre-game handshake and continue to explore ways to address sportsmanship on their respective campuses. Mr. Blanchard will provide the ACC SAAC with a website containing ideas to assist with this initiative.
6. ACC SAAC Website. Brittany Viola, Chair, presented the feature schedule for the 2009-2010 SAAC *in ACCtion* series. The theme for this year's article submission is "going pro in something other than sports." Each campus SAAC is to submit an article on a current or former SAAC member who has secured an internship or full-time position in something other than playing professional sports. Ms. Viola referred the group to the feature schedule and asked that each article submission be accompanied by pictures. Eric Wood will be the contact in the Conference Office so feel free to give him a call with any questions or concerns. Also, at the request of previous SAAC members, the Conference Office has created an official ACC SAAC Facebook group. There is an ACC group already established but the official group will use the SAAC in ACCtion logo. Mr. Wood will invite the 48 SAAC members and 12 SAAC advisors to join the group as soon as it is ready to go with the website staff.
7. National Student-Athlete Day. The ACC SAAC supported the proposal from former National SAAC representative, Allison Houseal, to participate in a conference wide service project during the 2009-10 academic year. Eric Wood proposed using national student-athlete day as the date for all 12 ACC schools to be involved in a day of service. He encouraged everyone on the call to solicit feedback from their campus SAAC and come ready to discuss during the fall in-person meeting.
8. Meeting Schedule. Eric Wood reviewed the remaining 2009-10 ACC SAAC dates for conference calls. The second in-person meeting has been changed to a conference call so the format will now be 1 in-person meeting and 3 conference calls for the year. The itinerary for the October in-person meeting was included for your review and planning purposes. Mr. Wood will include a picture of the ACC staff attending the "Dinner with the ACC leadership" portion of the meeting. Please begin to work with your campus advisor to ensure you have representation at the meeting and on the next call in January. Brittany Viola 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 Miami, FL.

9. Other Business.

Travel Squad

Brittany Viola relayed a concern from the swimming & diving community regarding the elimination of non-scorers traveling to the ACC championship. He will also provide the language for the change to section II-4 of the ACC manual regarding squad sizes and championship reimbursement limits.

Internships

Mr. Wood informed the group that the interview dates for the ACC Futures Internship Program has been moved up from March to February 1-2, 2010. The program is open to all student-athletes who will be exhausting eligibility by the end of this academic year. Application information will be distributed to each campus during the month of September with a submission deadline of December 1, 2009. The salary for the internship is \$18,000 for 10 months; with 1 position here in the conference office in championships, 1 with Fox in Atlanta, 2 with Disney in Orlando, 1 with the Orange Bowl Committee in Miami and 2 with Sun Sports in Orlando. We are working with Under Armour in Maryland and ISP in Winston-Salem but their participation in the program is to be determined. Please see your Academic Support staff and/or the CHAMPS/Life Skills staff for more information. Mr. Wood also mentioned the NCAA internship positions which are all located at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis, IN. Please visit this link for more information (<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?key=/ncaa/ncaa/academics+and+athletes/scholarships+and+internships/ncaa+internship+program>). The submission deadline is December 11, 2009 for this program.