

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

October 2, 2009

Those in attendance:

Boston College-Mike Hogan, Carolyn Swords

Clemson University-Lauren Klas, Tyler Morey, Larry LaForge (*FAR-Advisory Team*)

Duke University-Anne Marie Gordon, Leslie Barnes (*Advisory Team*)

Florida State University-Melanie Cabassol

Georgia Institute of Technology-Deja Foster, Megan Manning

University of Maryland-Jennifer Collins, Jessalyn Crawford

University of Miami-Meredith Hatic, Brittany Viola (*Chair*)

University of North Carolina-Caroline Hartmann

North Carolina State University-Sarah Merritt, Michelle Lee (*SWA-Advisory Team*)

University of Virginia-Monica Wright

Virginia Tech-Pedro Graber, Tim Miller

Wake Forest University-Camille Collier, David Weaver, Kirsten Elleby (*Compliance-Advisory*)

Atlantic Coast Conference-Eric Wood

Attending portions of the meeting: Associate Commissioner Shane Lyons, Associate Commissioner Davis Whitfield, Director of Compliance & Governance Lindsey Babcock, Championships Intern Alyssa Francona.

[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 welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioner Swofford to address the committee. Commissioner congratulated the Coastal Division on tying the ACC SAAC bowling series (2-2) and gave the committee their charge for the year. Brittany Viola, University of Miami, officially called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and introduced herself to the group as this years chair. Ms. Viola welcomed the committee members and SAAC Advisory team members and led the group through introductions. Eric Wood addressed a few housekeeping duties, thanked everyone for their participation and enthusiasm during the evening bowling activity and encouraged the same energy for the business session.
2. Review of September 29, 2009 Conference Call Minutes. Brittany asked the group to review the minutes for approval. The minutes were approved with corrections to the attendance list.
3. Championships Experience. Davis Whitfield and Alyssa Francona (former UNC SAAC rep.) addressed the SAAC regarding their experiences while participating in ACC championships and provided a general Olympic Sport Championship overview. The overview included championship sites, the sport committee structure, participant gifts, hospitality and banquets, complimentary admissions policy, awards and travel. Ms. Francona reminded the SAAC

that ACC staff will e-mail a survey link to head coaches, sport administrators and Senior Woman Administrators immediately following the ACC championship. There will be an opportunity for student-athletes to complete the survey as well. Ms. Francona encouraged the SAAC to remind their teammates to use mature language when providing feedback as she will be the staff member reading and compiling the information. The survey link idea was a response to the SAAC's request to provide an opportunity for participants to provide feedback to the Conference Office. Ms. Francona then distributed a survey to each SAAC student-athlete in attendance that participated in an ACC championship and requested they submit completed surveys to Eric Wood prior to their departure from the office. She also distributed a Post Championships Survey to be completed by campus SAAC representatives and returned to Eric Wood. Finally, Mr. Whitfield addressed the ACC policies related to the elimination of non-scorers from swimming & diving and the limits on intra-conference travel squad sizes.

4. 2009 NCAA Proposed Legislation. Lindsey Babcock, Director of Compliance and Governance, reviewed the process of how a legislative proposal from the membership becomes a bylaw. The membership is currently in the initial consideration stage for each proposal to the NCAA Legislative Council. Ms. Babcock shared that some proposals will be approved as emergency legislation January 2010 and some may go through a 60-day comment period to be considered again in April 2010. Each institution will receive a voting chart to take a position on the proposals related to student-athlete well-being. The voting chart is due back to Eric Wood via fax or e-mail by the end of the business day on **October 29, 2009**. Please have a member of the compliance staff in attendance for assistance but the presentation of the proposals should be conducted by the SAAC representative.

5. ACC Inter Academic Collaborative (IAC). Eric Wood reminded the SAAC about the leadership conference portion of the ACC IAC. Florida State is hosting this year (February 19-21, 2010) and he encourages each campus SAAC advisor to contact the Student Affairs Office on main campus to ensure student-athletes receive a spot. Last year we had 9 student-athletes in attendance and our hope is to have each institution represented annually.

6. NCAA Playing & Practice Seasons. In light of recent allegations from football student-athletes at the University Michigan regarding the amount of time spent practicing, Eric Wood shared a document used by the National SAAC defining countable athletically related activities. He encouraged the ACC SAAC to use this document to get educated on what activities counted within the weekly time limitations before making accusations. Kirsten Elleby, Wake Forest University's Director of Compliance, shared how she monitors the 20 hour/week in season activities & 8 hour/week out of season activities and Michelle Lee, SWA at NC State, provided insight to NC State's monitoring efforts as well. Ms. Elleby encouraged SAAC student-athletes to tell the truth, when asked by Compliance, in order for them to ensure coaches are abiding by the playing and practice season regulations and giving student-athletes ample time to study.

7. Conference Wide Community Service Day. Allison Houseal, former Maryland SAAC representative and former ACC SAAC representative to the NCAA, proposed a conference wide community service project during the 2008-09 academic year for consideration. The ACC SAAC approved the concept during its Spring 2009 meeting and was asked to come to the Fall 2009 in-person meeting with recommendations. Eric Wood proposed using National Student Athlete Day (April 6, 2010) as the day for the initiative. The group discussed collecting surplus (not used) athletics gear to be donated to the troops. Mr. Wood asked each representative to check with their campus advisors, particularly those at state institutions, on whether or not they could participate in such an initiative and confirm on the January conference call. Tim Miller (VT SAAC) suggested using Operation First Response-a wounded warrior program that VT is looking into on their campus.

It was MOVED to:

“Adopt Operation First Response as the recipient of the surplus athletics gear for the conference wide community service project, to be distributed by each campus SAAC on National Student-Athlete Day, April 6, 2010 (10-0-2).”

Mr. Wood will meet with Amy Yakola, Associate Commissioner for Public Relations & Marketing, to see if there are any issues with using this organization.

8. ACC Futures Internship Program. Eric Wood informed the SAAC that the application information for the program would be sent via e-mail on October 2, 2009 to each Director of Academic Support Services, AD's, SWA's and CHAMPS/Life Skills Directors. If you are graduating this spring 2010, exhausting your athletics eligibility and are interested in working at the ACC office in championships or with one of our internship partners, please let one of the campus staff members listed above know as soon as possible. Each institution may only nominate 3 candidates with applications due by December 1, 2009. The ACC internship salary is \$18,000 for 10 months plus medical benefits. Feel free to contact Mr. Wood if you or your teammates are interested. The NCAA internship program deadline is December 11, 2009 and those positions are all housed at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. The NCAA internship salary is \$24,000 for 12 months with medical benefits. Please refer to the NCAA website for more information.
9. Sportsmanship. Each SAAC representative was provided with website information for the NCAA's Respect Campaign. The website provides a guide for campus implementation of initiatives to address fan behavior and creating a campus culture of sportsmanship. Please remember that the ACC SAAC Sportsmanship Award should be a standing agenda item at campus SAAC meetings and the deadline for submission is March 31, 2010.
10. Upcoming Conference Calls. The next conference call is scheduled for January 27, 2010 and the final call for the year is scheduled for April 7, 2010. Both calls are scheduled for noon and our hope is that every school is represented on the call.