



MINUTES
ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Telephone Conference
Sunday, March 22, 2009

PARTICIPANTS:

DAYTON	Kelly Blumenschein, Nikki Dzubay
DUQUESNE	Kathleen McNish
FORDHAM	Ryan Campi, Gina Giambanco
LA SALLE	Shannon Halleran, Brandon Hargraves
MASSACHUSETTS	Will Ortiz
ST. BONAVENTURE	Dan Eisemann
SAINT JOSEPH'S	Krysta Contino
SAINT LOUIS	Lauren Woods
TEMPLE	Josue Louis
XAVIER	Mark Febus, Katie Wetterau
ATLANTIC 10	Kelly Webb

The call was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Webb.

1. Approval of February 22, 2009 Conference Call Minutes.

The minutes of the February 22, 2009 conference call were unanimously approved.

2. 2009-10 Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Representative Information.

Webb explained the process the NCAA uses to select conference representatives for the Division I SAAC with the group. Webb noted that the Atlantic 10 Conference's current representative, Brian Alas (Richmond), is eligible for a one-year reappointment, but the A-10 will accept nominations from any other interested committee members. Webb explained that individuals who are interested in being nominated to serve on the Division I SAAC should email her with a brief (100-150 word maximum) statement outlining their interest in serving on the Division I SAAC by April 1, 2009. Webb noted that the Conference will then narrow nominations down to three individuals and the NCAA will select who will become the A-10 representative on the Division I SAAC.

3. 2009 Atlantic 10 Annual Meeting – A-10 SAAC Information to Athletics Directors.

Webb explained that information from the A-10 SAAC will be included as part of the agenda at the A-10 Annual Meeting in May 2009. Webb noted that she will prepare any meeting materials, including the conference-wide community service project information packet and a summary sheet of on-campus SAAC activities. Giambanco and McNish volunteered to assist Webb by editing and proofreading any meeting materials. Ortiz noted that a summary of the sports clinic hosted by the A-10 SAAC in conjunction with its annual meeting should be included to further illustrate the community service efforts by the committee. Louis noted that information regarding the NCAA "RESPECT" sportsmanship initiative and the ideas campus SAACs have implemented or will implement to improve sportsmanship should also be included.

4. Campus SAAC Updates.

A. Dayton.

Dzubay noted that the SAAC at Dayton received administrative approval to host a Powerade pong tournament in conjunction with National Student-Athlete Day. Dzubay explained that there will be an entry fee for each team, and that the money raised will go toward a scholarship fund. Dzubay offered to share materials pertaining to the event via email with the group.

B. Fordham.

Giambanco shared that Fordham recently held a very successful fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital where themed gift baskets were raffled off.

C. Massachusetts.

Ortiz noted that Massachusetts will be hosting a panel of speakers for student-athletes as a Life Skills event on April 7, 2009. Ortiz noted that he had been working closely with Tammy Drummond, his director of student-athlete academic services, to plan the event and that panelists will include a former NFL player and the creator of www.campuslive.com.

D. Saint Joseph's.

Contino noted that her institution's SAAC is planning a group outing to a Phillies game in April where student-athletes buy the game tickets and the SAAC will provide bus transportation to the game. Contino added that SJU is currently collecting items to make Easter baskets for needy families in the Philadelphia area. Contino noted that Temple is also participating in the Easter-basket donation and told Halleran and Hargraves to contact her prior to April 7, 2009 if La Salle would also like to participate.

E. Temple.

Louis noted that Temple will host its annual "Sober Bowl" event to promote alcohol awareness among student-athletes at a local bowling alley at the end of March. Louis noted that in addition to working on the Easter donations with SJU, his campus SAAC is also organizing events for Temple's "Spring Fling Week," which will be held in mid-April.

5. Next Conference Call.

The committee's next call will take place Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 8 PM Eastern Time. Webb noted that although a call is tentatively scheduled for May, the April call may be the final one for the 2008-09 academic year in order to accommodate finals schedules and graduation events. Webb explained that since the April call is also the last one prior to the A-10 Annual Meeting, its importance mandates that committee dedicate an entire hour block of time for the call on April 26, 2009.

6. Adjournment.

The call was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The minutes were recorded by Webb.