

MINUTES OF THE  
MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE  
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mountain West Conference Office  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

May 20-21, 2006

Those participating:

Andrea Taylor, Air Force Academy  
Katie Montgomery, Brigham Young University  
Liz Young, University of New Mexico  
Josh Ulibarri, San Diego State University  
Ashley Davis, TCU, Chair  
Deanna Appuglise, UNLV  
Casey Evans, University of Utah  
Matt Brunk, University of Wyoming  
Lisa Danner, Mountain West Conference  
Carolayne Henry, Mountain West Conference  
Kelly Slater, Mountain West Conference

Those unable to participate: Jennifer Gardner, Colorado State University, Breda Bova, University of New Mexico, Joint Council Representative.

[Note: These minutes reflect only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”). The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group; all salient discussion is included in the recording secretary’s notes on file in the Conference office.]

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by the chair, Ms. Davis. Members were present as noted above.

1. Review of November 12-13, 2005 Minutes. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of its November 12-13, 2005 in-person meeting as distributed.
2. MWC Championship Gifts. The committee was presented possible championship gift options including backpacks, teardrop bags, hooded sweatshirts, blankets, watches, travel bags, camping chairs, rain jackets, robes and golf umbrellas. The committee recommended the following four-year rotation of championship gifts:
  - 2006-2007 - Double-sided blanket (grey/black).
  - 2007-2008 – Backpack (black, lap-top holder, strong shoulder straps).

- 2008-2009 - Hooded sweatshirt (charcoal with MWC logo) and toiletry bag.
- 2009-2010 - Folding chair (black, with cup holder and foot rest).

Additionally, the committee suggested an umbrella and/or glove and ear cover for the indoor track championship gift. The committee was thanked for its efforts.

3. Review of Mountain West Conference Governance Structure. The committee received an overview of the new MWC structure highlighting the roles of the faculty athletics representatives (FARs), senior woman administrators (SWAs) and athletic directors (ADs). The MWC SAAC reports to the Joint Council which consists of a FAR, SWA and AD from each institution. The committee also reviewed the roles of the Joint Council, the Joint Council Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The committee was encouraged to build relationships with administrators at the respective institutions.
4. Review of Committee Goals. The committee reviewed its 2005-06 goals with the intention of completing an updated version for 2006-07. The committee divided into small groups to further discuss the goals and then determined the best means for revising the goals. The consensus of the committee was that Goals One through Four would remain on-going goals. Below is a description of each goal and ways in which to best achieve each goal.
  - a. **2006-07 Goal No. 1:** *To facilitate a positive student-athlete image by promoting good sportsmanship and publicizing the accomplishments of student-athletes. This may include athletic and academic accomplishments as well as community service activities.*
    - Build a positive relationship with school newspapers.
    - Have brown bag social with faculty, student-athletes and athletic administrators.
    - Create a SAAC newsletter and distribute it to the student-athletes, administrators, school newspaper, and faculty.
    - Invite professors to contests as student-athletes guests.
  - b. **2006-07 Goal No. 2:** *To bridge the trust gap between student-athletes and coaches/administrators.*
    - There always should be an effort to help student-athletes feel comfortable with going to administrators and/or coaches with concerns.

- c. **2006-07 Goal No. 3:** *To improve student-athlete lives by raising awareness of welfare issues.*
- Focus on health issues (e.g., eating disorders, proper diet, and alcohol awareness).
  - Use campus services to help with building résumés (possible workshops).
  - Create a CD with graduating student-athletes job interests and qualification and send to all boosters.
  - Contact athletic job recruiter firms.
- d. **2006-07 Goal No. 4:** *To inspire and develop student-athletes into leaders of character beyond athletics. This will positively impact their professional environment and community.*
- Continue good sportsmanship.
  - Continue community service activities and leadership opportunities.

After discussion of the goals, the committee concluded they would like to focus solely on Goal One. The committee agreed that narrowing the focus would allow it to make more measurable progress during the academic year.

The following suggestions were made regarding Goal One:

- Conduct community events and invite the media.
- Send athletic department articles to school newspapers.
- Update SAAC websites with positive activities by student-athletes.
- Invite media to spend “a day in the life” of a student-athlete.

Committee members will report on the progress made during future conference calls.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.

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7. Community Service Activity. The committee participated in a community service activity at Edison Elementary School in Colorado Springs. The committee put on a sports clinic and provided mentoring for approximately 38 elementary school children.

**Sunday, May 21, 2006.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the chair, by Ms. Davis. Members were present as noted above.

6. NCAA Legislation. The committee reviewed and discussed the following NCAA legislative proposals:

Proposal No. 2005-64-B

AMATEURISM - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES - MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Intent: To remove the 30-mile radius limitation for the receipt of actual and necessary expenses by a student-athlete for appearances or participation in media activities related to intercollegiate athletics that occur during playing season; further, to specify that a student-athlete may not miss class to participate in such activities, except for participation in away from home competition and a conference-sponsored media day.

Proposal No. 2005-65

AMATEURISM - GENERAL REGULATIONS - AMATEUR STATUS IF PROFESSIONAL IN ANOTHER SPORT

Intent: To permit a student-athlete who is a professional in one sport to receive institutional financial assistance for participation in the second sport.

Proposal No. 2005-68

AMATEURISM - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES - PERMISSIBLE - EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS RELATED TO SPORT-SKILL INSTRUCTION

Intent: To permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses for participation in activities involving educational products related to sports-skill instruction.

Proposal No. 2005-50

ELIGIBILITY - PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE - CERTIFICATION OF GRADE-POINT-AVERAGE REQUIREMENT - TRANSFER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To require a transfer student-athlete to satisfy the applicable grade-point-average requirement at the end of his or her first full-time term in residence at the certifying institution.

Proposal No. 2005-51

ELIGIBILITY - 4-2-4 TRANSFERS - CREDIT-HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To require a "4-2-4" transfer student-athlete to average 12 hours of transferable-degree credit per semester or quarter for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year college.

Proposal No. 2005-53

ELIGIBILITY - FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT - GRADUATE PROGRAM

Intent: To establish that to represent an institution in intercollegiate competition, a graduate student-athlete must be enrolled full time as determined by the institution for all graduate students in that program.

*Emphasis placed on "full time" as defined by the institution.*

Proposal No. 2005-54

ELIGIBILITY - GRADUATE STUDENT OR POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION - TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that in order to be immediately eligible at the certifying institution a transfer student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school must meet the one-time transfer requirement.

*Emphasis placed on being immediately eligible.*

Proposal No. 2005-56

ELIGIBILITY - FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS - MILITARY OR CHURCH MISSION SERVICE EXCEPTION

Intent: To reduce the service commitment necessary to use the military service/church mission exception to the transfer residency requirement from 18 to 12 months.

Proposal No. 2005-60

ELIGIBILITY - PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE - HOURS EARNED OR ACCEPTED FOR DEGREE CREDIT

Intent: To permit a student-athlete in his or her first two years of collegiate enrollment to use all credits acceptable toward any degree program at the certifying institution.

Proposal No. 2005-82

ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFERS -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- STUDENT-ATHLETE NOT RECRUITED BY ORIGINAL FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION

Intent: In all sports, to allow a student-athlete who was not recruited by the original four-year institution, and who has never received institutional athletically related financial aid, to use the one-time transfer exception.

Proposal No. 2005-106

ELIGIBILITY -- INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION -- USE OF EQUIPMENT DURING ACADEMIC YEAR

Intent: To permit an enrolled student-athlete to use equipment during the academic year provided by the institution without such use constituting intercollegiate competition.

*Example: Using golf clubs during Christmas break.*

Proposal No. 2005-28

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FIVE YEAR/TEN-SEMESTER RULE  
WAIVER -- CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND CONTROL OF STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: For purposes of applying extensions of the five-year rule, to specify that a circumstance considered beyond the control of the student-athlete includes a student-athlete being unable to participate in collegiate athletics due to a life threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which is clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation.

Proposal No. 2005-171

ELIGIBILITY -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR  
INSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID

Intent: To require a transfer student-athlete from a four-year institution to have been academically eligible for competition for the next regular academic term at the previous four-year institution in order to be eligible to receive institutional athletically related aid during his or her first academic year at the certifying institution.

Proposal No. 2005-100

AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR  
PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- TRAVEL FOR COMPETITION DURING  
VACATION PERIOD

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must go home during the institutional vacation period in order to receive the greater transportation costs associated with travel to NCAA Championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games conducted during the vacation period.

Proposal No. 2003-24

FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- PERIOD OF AWARD

Intent: To require an institution to award athletically related financial aid for a period of one academic year, except as specified.

Proposal No. 2003-24-1

FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- PERIOD OF AWARD --  
EXCEPTION

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2003-24 to permit an institution to award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than a full academic year when the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or the final quarter, as specified; further, to require an institution to offer full year awards in equal amounts for each term of the academic year.

Proposal No. 2005-45

FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDED INSTITUTIONAL  
FINANCIAL AID -- HEARING OPPORTUNITY

Intent: To specify that written notification to a student-athlete regarding the reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award or the nonrenewal of aid for the following academic year must include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing.

Proposal No. 2005-125

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- BASKETBALL EXCEPTION

Intent: In basketball, to provide an exception to the required day off for instances in which three contests occur in one week, provided the team takes two days off during the preceding week.

Proposal No. 2005-131-B

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- OUT OF SEASON ACTIVITIES -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than football, to permit more than four student-athletes to engage in skill-related instruction outside the playing season with their coach(es) at any one time and to specify that all athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams; further, in women's basketball, to specify that not more than two hours per week may be spent on skill-related instruction outside the playing season.

Proposal No. 2005-144

POSTSEASON BOWL CERTIFICATION -- CONTEST STATUS -- MINIMUM WINS -- DIVISION I-A FOOTBALL

Intent: In Division I-A football, to permit an institution that participates in 12 regular season football games to be selected for participation in a bowl game with a record of six wins and six losses, provided the institution is a member of a conference that has an existing contractual affiliation with the sponsoring bowl organization.

Proposal No. 2005-72

RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- COMPETITION AGAINST PROSPECTS

Intent: In all sports, to prohibit an institution's varsity team from competing against an established outside team that includes high-school prospects, except for permissible foreign tour competition, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States, and the United States national team.

Proposal No. 2005-160-A

RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS ON OFFICIAL VISIT -- STUDENT HOST -- ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCE

Intent: To specify that costs incurred by an athletics department staff member who accompanies a prospect during entertainment on an official visit shall not be included in the official visit entertainment allowance.

Proposal No. 2005-32

RECRUITING -- TRANSPORTATION ON OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- 30-MILE RADIUS FOR OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES

Intent: To eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction on transportation to view off-campus practice and competition sites in the prospect's sport or other institutional facilities during official or unofficial visits.

8. Selection of 2006-2007 MWC SAAC. The committee reviewed the 2006-2007 SAAC nominations and selected the individuals listed below to be members of the 2006-07 committee.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year (06-07)</u>
Andrea Taylor*+	AFA	Women's Basketball	Senior
Katie Montgomery*	BYU	Women's Track	Senior
Michael Myers*+	CSU	Football	Junior
Liz Young*	UNM	Softball	Senior
Sherraine Pencil*+	SDSU	Women's Track	Junior
Ashley Davis+	TCU	Women's Basketball	Senior
Will Bowman	UNLV	Baseball	Junior
Katie Battazzo	Utah	Women's Soccer	Senior
Sara Hinrichs*+	WYO	Volleyball	Junior

\*Indicates new appointment

+Indicates ethnic minority

9. Mountain West Conference Items.

- a. Conference Calls. The committee was asked to commit to being on and participating in the monthly SAAC conference calls throughout the academic year. It was requested that committee members contact Ms. Danner or Ms. Slater if they are unable to be on a conference call. It was noted that each institution can designate a substitute if the representative is unavailable. All conference calls will be on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. Mountain Time (7 p.m. Pacific Time/9 p.m. Central Time).
- b. SAAC/MWC Blood Drive. The committee discussed the "MWC Rebuilding Lives Blood Drive". It was the consensus of the committee that the blood drive was a success. The committee recommended having another blood drive during the 2006-07 academic year. The committee also discussed changing the way in which to

- calculate the winner (previously, the winner was determined by comparing the number of pints collected based on the student body population). It was the consensus of the committee that the winner should be determined by the number of pints collected regardless of the student body population.
- c. “Purple-Up”. Ms. Davis provided details of TCU’s Purple-Up program which encourages student-athletes to support fellow student-athletes by attending home athletic events. Ms. Montgomery noted that BYU has a similar concept entitled the “Y Games” in which a point system is used where teams earn points by attending home contests of other athletic teams. At the end of the academic year the team with the most points is awarded a prize.
- d. “Pink Out”. Ms. Davis discussed a cancer awareness fundraiser TCU participated in during fall 2005. TCU sold pink t-shirts and collected donations during a football game to raise awareness for breast cancer. The event raised \$16,000.
- e. MySpace.com/Facebook.com. The committee discussed institutional policies for MySpace.com and Facebook.com as that had been a recent topic of discussion on most campuses. Mr. Brunk commented that Wyoming’s computers labs have blocked the use of the websites. Ms. Young noted UNM’s athletics director directly communicated with all student-athletes to take all athletically-related photos off of the websites. Ms. Appuglise discussed UNLV’s policy of refraining from using any UNLV attire or making comments about UNLV athletics on the websites. Mr. Brunk inquired about internet gambling on Facebook.com. It was noted that it was impermissible to participate in internet gambling through Facebook.com.
10. NCAA Items. The committee reviewed applications for the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship and NCAA Internship programs. It was noted that the NCAA internship application deadline was December 1, 2006.
11. Campus SAAC Activities. Each committee member shared a list of recent SAAC activities on their respective campuses. The activities are listed below:
- Air Force
- The Air Force Academy student-athletes participate in community service activities with individual teams.
  - Air Force Kids Club.
- BYU
- Y games.
  - Buff Don’t Puff.
  - Valentines Day Dance.
  - Fan Appreciation Day.
  - SAAC retreat.
  - Fireside.

New Mexico

- Hurricane Katrina relief fundraisers.
- “Read to your Child” program.
- Lobo BBQ.

San Diego State

- Breast cancer walk.
- Adopt a family for holidays.
- Boo parade.

TCU

- “Pink Out” game for breast cancer awareness.
- “Purple-Up” games.
- Men’s Basketball sleep over.

UNLV

- Hurricane Katrina relief fundraisers.
- Elementary reading days.
- Student-athlete day.
- Rebelling against violence.

Utah

- Team Lincoln – reading at Lincoln Elementary.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- Homeless shelter volunteers.

Wyoming

- Raised money for Christmas party to buy children gifts.
- Awards Banquet.
- SAAC retreat – dinner at Athletic Directors house.

12. Meeting Recap. Ms. Davis reviewed items discussed throughout the meeting and encouraged committee members to implement new ideas on their campuses. The committee was thanked for their participation in the meeting.

13. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Mountain Time.

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