

ATTACHMENT A

MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Telephone conference

October 20, 2005

Those participating:

Dana Pounds, Air Force Academy
Brett Andrus, Brigham Young University
Kimilia Davis, University of New Mexico
Erica Lopez, San Diego State University
Ashley Davis, TCU
Will Bowman, UNLV
C.R. Davis, University of Wyoming,
Lisa Danner, Mountain West Conference
Kelly Slater, Mountain West Conference

Those unable to participate: Kristin Hamlett, Air Force Academy, Jennifer Gardner, Colorado State University, Katie Battazzo, University of Utah, Breda Bova, University of New Mexico, Joint Council Representative, Carolayne Henry, Mountain West Conference.

[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 8:04 p.m. by Ms. Lopez. Members were present as noted above.

1. Review of September 15, 2005 Minutes. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of its September 15, 2005 conference call as distributed.
2. MWC Blood Drive. The committee discussed a potential MWC Blood Drive at length. Mr. Andrus expressed concern regarding the blood drive as the Red Cross is currently on campus every two weeks. It was noted institutions can piggy-back on a current blood drive as long as it falls within the January-early March time frame. Other committee members expressed their support for the blood drive and it was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the blood drive.

Ms. Pounds requested a formula, when calculating the winner of the blood drive, be developed that accounts for the size of each institution. Since the Air Force Academy is the smallest MWC institution, Ms. Pounds does not want to be at a disadvantage. The committee will discuss a possible formula at the in-person meeting in November.

The committee was encouraged to speak with their SAAC administrators regarding the blood drive and gain their support as they will be an important resource. A conference call with the SAAC administrators will be held in November to discuss the blood drive in further detail.

3. Fall In-Person Meeting. The committee confirmed the fall in-person meeting will be November 12-13 in Colorado Springs. Staff reminded the committee that travel arrangement forms are due tomorrow.
4. Institutional Minutes. Ms. Slater reminded the committee to continue to send their institutional SAAC minutes for posting to the Mountain West Conference website. In addition, it was requested the committee submit their October SAAC activities by Wednesday, October 26. It was noted these activities will continue to be highlighted in the monthly MWC Newsletter.
5. Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. As requested by Mr. Andrus, the committee reviewed institutional usage of the student-athlete opportunity fund. The institutions provided the following feedback on how their institutions use the fund:

Air Force Academy: Emergencies and tutors on the road.

Colorado State: Summer school.

New Mexico: Summer school, course fees, computers and emergencies.

San Diego State: Summer school and laptop computers.

UNLV: Summer school and laptop computers.

Mr. Andrus thanked the committee for their assistance and feedback.

6. Other. Mr. Davis reported the Wyoming SAAC is working on the first annual Wyoming ESPY awards. He will continue to update the committee on any progress. Mr. Andrus noted BYU has a similar awards program and it is historically a great night that the student-athletes enjoy. Mr. Andrus agreed to help Mr. Davis with any questions as well as provide ideas as Wyoming works to put on their first awards program.

Ms. Davis reported she will be emailing the committee the link for the NCAA Division I SAAC newsletter.

Mr. Andrus inquired regarding the NCAA Home Team Program. The BYU SAAC is interested in participating in the program and would like additional information. Ms. Danner agreed to contact the NCAA for additional information and will distribute it as soon as possible.

7. Adjournment. The conference call was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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