

ATTACHMENT A

MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Telephone conference

January 20, 2005

Those participating:

Ryan Fitzgerald, Air Force Academy
Phillip Niu, Brigham Young University
Christina Spence, University of New Mexico
Erica Lopez, San Diego State University
Michelle Suszek, UNLV
Jake Sowby, University of Utah
C.R. Davis, University of Wyoming
Katie Groke, University of Wyoming
Carolayne Henry, Mountain West Conference
Kelly Slater, Mountain West Conference

Those unable to participate: Morgan Scalley, University of Utah, 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 8:00 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

1. Division I SAAC Update. Ms. Groke provided an update on the January Division I SAAC Meeting. She reported the meeting went well and the SAAC is continuing to lobby a few key issues, including a piece of financial aid legislation.

The committee was reminded that Ms. Groke’s term on the Division I SAAC has ended. A new Mountain West Conference representative will need to be appointed, preferable a student-athlete with two or more years of eligibility remaining. Nomination forms will be distributed to the committee in addition to the institutional SAAC administrators next month.

2. In-Person Meeting Follow-Up. The committee reviewed items discussed at the November in-person meeting including 2004-2005 SAAC goals, 20/8 hour rule awareness and institutional SAAC minutes. The committee was reminded to discuss one way of furthering each MWC SAAC goal with their institutional SAACs and to continue to forward institutional SAAC minutes for the MWC website. In addition, committee members reported regarding 20/8 hour rule awareness on their campuses. Ms. Suszek and Mr. Fitzgerald reported that UNLV and Air Force student-athletes felt they had a clear understanding of the rule and its application. Ms. Spence stated that many University of New Mexico student-

athletes were unaware of which activities counted toward the hour limit and which did not. Ms. Lopez reported that many “major” teams on campus were unaware of the rule as their coaches did not cover the topic. The committee will continue its efforts to educate all student-athletes regarding the 20/8 hour rule.

3. National Student-Athlete Day. Ms. Slater reviewed material regarding National Student-Athlete Day on April 6, 2005. The committee was encouraged to plan National Student-Athlete Day activities to celebrate student-athletes at their institutions. Ms. Suszek noted the UNLV SAAC has planned a sports clinic for local youth in honor of National Student-Athlete Day as a way to give back to the community. Mr. Davis commented that the Wyoming SAAC is planning activities on April 16th as the April 6th date conflicts with various other activities on campus.
4. Spring In-Person Meeting. The committee discussed potential dates for the spring in-person meeting including April 16-17, May 7-8 and May 21-22. It was requested the committee email Ms. Slater regarding their availability for the aforementioned dates as soon as possible. The committee would like to decide on a date prior to the February conference call.
4. Adjournment. The conference call was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. MT.

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