

MINUTES OF THE
MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Telephone conference

September 15, 2005

Those participating:

Kristin Hamlett, Air Force Academy
Brett Andrus, Brigham Young University
Jennifer Gardner, Colorado State University
Erica Lopez, San Diego State University
Ashley Davis, TCU
Will Bowman, UNLV
Katie Battazzo, University of Utah
Lisa Danner, Mountain West Conference
Kelly Slater, Mountain West Conference

Those unable to participate: Kimilia Davis, University of New Mexico, C.R. Davis, University of Wyoming, 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 August 18, 2005 Minutes. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of its August 18, 2005 conference call as distributed.
2. Fall In-Person Meeting. The committee reviewed the two possible dates for the fall in-person meeting, October 29-30 and November 12-13. Committee members noted which dates they were available and Ms. Slater will be in touch with those who were not on the call to finalize the dates. A memo regarding meeting details will be distributed via email early next week.
3. MWC SAAC Service Project. The committee discussed ideas for a Conference-wide service project including a toiletry drive and blood drive. It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with a blood drive. Ms. Danner and Ms. Lopez provided some background on blood drives they have conducted in the past. It was agreed campus-wide involvement would be crucial to the success of the project as many student-athletes are not able to donate blood

due to practice, competition, etc. The committee agreed to discuss the project with their institutional SAACs as well as their SAAC administrator and report back as soon as possible. Staff will begin working on details and a timeline for the project.

4. Institutional SAAC Activities. As was discussed last May, it is requested that each committee member submit a list of institutional SAAC activities each month for posting to the MWC website and possible inclusion in a MWC newsletter. The committee agreed to submit September activities to the Conference office by September 26, 2005. It was requested the committee highlight any Hurricane Katrina relief efforts that are either completed or being planned.
5. MWC SAAC Exchange Program. The committee reviewed notes from the Spring Joint Council meeting regarding the MWC SAAC Exchange Program. The Joint Council is looking for additional details regarding cost, selection and frequency prior to sponsoring any NCAA legislation. The committee agreed to discuss the program with their institutional SAACs and report back any thoughts or ideas regarding the aforementioned items on the October conference call.
6. Other. Ms. Battazzo inquired whether other student-athletes feel they do not receive enough money to cover both themselves and the recruit while hosting during a recruiting visit. Other committee members reported that it has not been a problem at their institutions.

Mr. Andrus requested information regarding how each institution utilizes its student-athlete opportunity fund. Ms. Gardner noted most of the fund at Colorado State is used to finance summer school for student-athletes. Others agreed to research how their student-athlete opportunity funds are used and provide additional information to Mr. Andrus on the October conference call.

7. Adjournment. The conference call was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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