

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

February 26, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Team Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Megan Pura (Volleyball), Stephen Pessagno (Baseball), Kevin McQuaid (M. Tennis), Peter Lowry (M. Soccer), Blossom Marimpietri (W. Track), Austin Brizygs (M. Water Polo), David Stanton (M. Crew), Justin Ungson (M. Crew), Molly Hagen (W. Crew), Brittany Klein (W. Soccer), JP Thyken (M. Track), Mitch Henke (M. Basketball), Elena Ebrahimian (W. Crew), Ann Thomas (W. Track), Kim McGiven (Volleyball), Jani Macek (M. Tennis), Myra Davoudi (W. Tennis), Kelly Leathers (W. Tennis), Mike Deto (M. Water Polo)

Members Not in Attendance: Daniel DeMarco (Baseball), Erik Ustruck (M. Soccer), Micaela Esquivel (W. Soccer), Nick Arcelona (M. Track), Cliff Sammett (M. Basketball), Mike Miller (M. Golf), Tim Lynch (M. Golf), Kayla Huss (W. Basketball), Sara Majors (W. Basketball), Candice Palmer (W. Golf), Megan Stoddart (W. Golf), Ashley Blier (Softball), Kate Goethals (Softball), Kathleen Hamm (W. Water Polo), Katie Radvanyi (W. Water Polo)

- Results of the Food Drive: Men's and Women's Water Polo were the overall champions, with Women's Water Polo bringing in over 1000 cans! To reward them, each other team will send at least 5 players in uniform to cheer them on at the game of their choice. Also, because about half the teams did not participate in the food drive, the deadline for them will be extended to Wednesday until 5PM. (The soccer/volleyball competition deadline will also be extended until their due to their tight race)
- Fast Break Career Night: People signed up to help table for the event, which SAAC is co-sponsoring.
- Spring Quarter Speaks: The group discussed possible spring speakers for CHAMPS Life Skills. The most popular ideas were health/nutritionist and a sports psychologist.
- Dodgeball: The Dodgeball tournament will be on April 23, the third Sunday of spring quarter. The social events committee will be meeting soon to start planning and marketing. Email Austin if you would like to help.
- Senior Awards: Steve will be overseeing Senior Awards but will need help; interested SAAC members signed up to offer assistance.

- Athlete Ball: People signed up to help with Athlete Ball. Megan will be having a meeting sometime this week to get the planning started. Jay Farwell advised the group about alcohol and the necessity to have a strong plan to control drinking.
- Compliance Corner: Steve went over the NCAA playing and practice hour rules and gave a summary handout. Maximum hours per week and day while in and out of season were discussed, as well as what is considered to be countable athletic related activity. Jay Farwell reminded us that it is also our responsibility to help make sure these rules are adhered to, and if we are uncomfortable bringing a violation up that we can do it anonymously.
- Discussion: The group had a discussion on how professors viewed their participation in collegiate athletics. People had mixed opinions: some said they were viewed positively for it while others said it's almost as though professors punish them for it.
- National Student-Athlete Day/Letterman Society: The group discussed possible ways to recognize SCU student-athletes who excel athletically, academically, and serve the community. The group liked the idea of recognizing these students over lunch on National Student-Athlete Day. In addition, the group also liked the idea of creating a letterman society for these student-athletes as well.
- Guest Speakers: Lloyd Pierce, the men's basketball coach, and Jay Farwell, compliance coordinator, addressed the group briefly. Pierce spoke about his time at Santa Clara as a student-athlete and also gave us his perspective now as a coach. Farwell emphasized sportsmanship and reminded everyone that the special assistance funds are available for those who demonstrate need.
- Student-Athlete of the Week: SAAC members turned in nominations for the student-athlete of the week.