

Student-Athlete Leadership Council

Nov. 10, 2003

6:30 p.m.

Team Meeting Room

MINUTES

- Senate Bill 193: The biggest thing that we talked about at the meeting was the Senate Bill. Ryan Chiarelli, our WCC Rep, and Robin Reynolds from administration talked to us about it. Ryan went to Stanford on the 28th to talk to Senator Murray about it, but he said only a total of 6 or 7 athletes showed up. He met interesting people on both sides of the issue. Sen. Murray is hoping that California will be used as a “bargaining chip” for the NCAA to change some of its issues, but the president of the NCAA said that is not the case. The vote will take place in early January (Sen. Murray is not willing to wait until April when the NCAA holds its own vote on some issues) and, if passed, would take effect in September 2004. Valeri and Robin are deciding what course of action to take, and will mostly likely be starting a letter-writing campaign and possibly holding an all-athlete emergency meeting on the issue. If you are interested in being on the committee to help with action against the Senate Bill, contact Valeri Quintero. If you would like specifics on the actual bill, contact Ryan Chiarelli.
- Bronco Bench Foundation: Fred Smith came in and talked about ways we could thank members of the Bronco Bench, a foundation that helps provide scholarships to student-athletes. He is proposing a “thank-a-thon,” where for 20 minutes after each SALC meeting, SALC representatives and other interested athletes call members of the foundation and personally thank them for their contributions. There will be more information on this later.
- Athletic Budget: Mark Perlite from water polo went to a budget meeting and found out that we have approximately \$5,000 to use this year. Most of this is in a fund where we decide what we want to do with the money and get administration approval for it. Some of it is in a fund for specific things, like food, supplies, education, etc.
- Off-campus Promotion: If anybody has any ideas for how to promote Santa Clara athletics off campus, contact Valeri. We need to get out more in the community for many reasons, and one is to increase fan support at our games.
- Committee Reports: The Community Outreach committee (headed by Micaela Esquivel and Logan Gee) is working on getting BASIC going. BASIC is a community service organization for athletes. They are working on compiling a list of all athletes interested in doing community service, so that they can have a specific group to notify about community service opportunities. It is a great thing to do to be able to put on resumes (you have to participate in three events during the year to be an official member). Lacey Smale is in charge of the Events Committee, and the next event will be the Playa’s Ball. More info will come on that later. The Public Relations

committee will be e-mailing out the newsletter shortly. The Educational Committee will provide an alcohol speaker at some point this year. It will also put on workshops during the year – if anybody has any requests for workshops, contact Valeri Quintero or John Hinman.

- Bronco Battles: It is very important to support other teams. Upperclassmen need to start the trend of going to the Bronco Battle games so that it will gain importance and continue in the future. Men's water polo has a Bronco Battle game this Friday at 3:30 at the Leavey pool, and Saturday at noon at the Leavey pool. Women's volleyball has a Bronco Battle game on Friday, Nov. 21 against Pepperdine. They also have their Senior Night game on Saturday, Nov. 22. Crew has a regatta on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. in Foster City. It is not their Bronco Battle, but they passed out flyers during the meeting and encouraged people to come. Go to www.californiarowing.org for more information.
- Food Drive: Usually we have a team-competition food drive during this time to donate food for the holidays. This year, however, we are going to have it in February, through the Harvest Food Bank, because there is usually a drop off in donations after the holidays.
- Responsibility of being a representative: Valeri talked about the responsibilities the SALC representatives have to their team and to the other teams. SALC representatives should be role models, team leaders and be able to motivate their teams to get out there and go to the Bronco Battle games and other events. Often people assume that others are going, so they don't need to go – but this is often not the case. SALC representatives also need to be responsible about finding the best way to get the information talked about in the meetings out to their other team members.
- Student-Athlete Issues: We discussed the possibility of asking for extra ice machines outside the training room for times when the training room is closed after practices. Another issue that was brought up is finding a way to show the teachers how much we appreciate them. Athletes have to miss class sometimes due to games or practices, and the professors, for the most part, are very good about that. Some ideas were having honorary coaches for a day/game, a teacher appreciation day, barbeque, etc. If you have any ideas, contact Valeri.
- Sports not represented: Men's cross country (Ricky Brackett and John Hinman), men's soccer (Audren Cashman, Kent Harkness), women's soccer (Chardonay Poole, Micaela Esquivel)