

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
SAAC Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2011  
6:30 PM, VC 2306**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brett Keeler	Baseball	Brin Fulginiti	Softball
Ryan Daniels	Baseball	Jill Rakers	Softball
Jon Lloyd	Cheerleading	Whitney Davis	Softball
Kristi Lemenager	Cheerleading	Melia Duncan	Women's Basketball
Lexi Deets	Dance	Valerie Finnin	Women's Basketball
Mike Messer	Men's Basketball	Taylor Rumble	Women's Golf
Zeke Schneider	Men's Basketball	Amanda Miller	Women's Tennis
Clark Schmidt	Men's Golf	Maggie Boeckman	Women's Tennis
Kyle Waller	Men's Soccer	Emily Conlon	Women's Track
Devan Faulkenberg	Men's Tennis	Ciara Turner	Women's Track
Dylan Reed	Men's Tennis	Elisha Crawley	Women's Track
Jake Tanulanond	Men's Tennis	Austin Rymarz	Wrestling
JD Wynn	Men's Track	Chase Grafton	Wrestling
Marc Presley	Men's Track	Dillon Pousson	Wrestling

**Welcome Back Picnic**

Special thanks were given to everyone who helped make the event run smoothly, especially the flippy cup organizers and the people who made the name tags. Everybody thought the picnic went very well and all agreed to having the picnic again next year.

**Block Party**

We 'unofficially' made about \$124 and talked about new ideas for next year. It was overwhelmingly decided to not sell food again. Instead it was suggested to have the Cougar mascot present to interact with others and charge to take pictures with Eddie.

**Mentoring Project Topic Ideas**

We provided a variety of great ideas, and no further ideas were suggested.

**Upcoming Events**

We already have volunteers to help set up for the Hall of Fame dinner on September 24<sup>th</sup>, so don't forget! For the Twelve Days of Christmas, our yearly canned food drive, we may not be able to use Shop 'n Save to collect cans in front. To increase attendance for Kids' Night Out this year, we are going to have volunteers go to schools to speak with the kids directly and drop off flyers. As a committee, we decided to participate in the Chili Cook-Off. Chase and Jon will be making the 2 gallons of chili required for the cook-off. We may need volunteers from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Unlike last year, we will be participating in Relay for Life, but we must start planning and fundraising NOW! We will also be writing letters for Up 'Til Dawn again this year. Whitney, Dillon, Chase, Amanda Miller, Maggie, Jon Lloyd, Kyle Waller, Kristi, Sierra, Elisha, J.D., and Emily have volunteered to participate in Up 'Til Dawn. Finally, fundraising ideas for the Hoops for Heroes Project, as well as all of our other functions, were discussed.

Ideas suggested for fundraising this year include:

- Having a Buffalo Wild Wings night
- Hosting a talent show with performances from student-athletes that would be open to the public charging \$5 for entry or \$3 if a canned good is brought
- Making a SAAC calendar
- Working a water booth or a few at the Go St. Louis Marathon to earn \$250 (Oct./April)

### **Student-Athlete of the Month**

We voted for Student-Athlete of the Month with nominees Jared Tejada and Sammi Minton. Jared was voted as the Student-Athlete of the Month!

### **Swag**

A vote was taken on ordering SAAC apparel and had enough votes to make some orders. All purchases are out of pocket and completely optional.

### **SAAC Group Picture**

We will be taking a SAAC group picture at some point to add to the Web site where all of our names are available with links to our sport's pages.

### **OVC SAAC Meeting**

Kaleb and Kyle will be travelling to Nashville to meet with all the other OVC SAAC reps from the conference next weekend. They will share with us what they discussed at the next meeting.

### **Student-Athlete Voice**

We also talked about what senior administrators we would like to have as student-athlete voice guest speakers. Joe Pott and Gerry Schlemmer were two administrators the group wanted to hear from the most.

### **Cougar Cup**

Due to the great response of attendance at all home games, the cougar cup point system has been adjusted to reward those that are attending non-highlight home events. If the highlight standard is met (75 percent or at least 15 people) at a non-highlight home event, then the team will be awarded 15 points. Additionally, one point per person will be awarded (up to four points per event) for attending a non-highlight home event. In order to earn these points, a point request form (located outside VC 1026) must be completed and submitted.

### **Highlight Events**

Cross Country - Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer - Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> vs. Jacksonville State, 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball - Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> vs. UT Martin, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> vs. Central Arkansas, 7:00 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. VC 2002