

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
SAAC Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2011  
6:00 PM, VC 2002**

**Members in Attendance:**

Ryan Daniels	Baseball	Valerie Finnin	Women's Basketball
Brett Keeler	Baseball	Brooke Hood	Women's Golf
Clark Schmidt	Men's Golf	Jen Humphrey	Women's Soccer
Devan Faulkenberg	Men's Tennis	Kristin Dierker	Women's Soccer
Dylan Reed	Men's Tennis	Taylor Ruple	Women's Golf
Kaleb Henry	Men's Track	Amanda Miller	Women's Tennis
JD Wynn	Men's Track	Maggie Boeckman	Women's Tennis
Marc Presley	Men's Track	Emily Conlon	Women's Track
Brin Fulginiti	Softball	Ciara Turner	Women's Track
Jill Rakers	Softball	Elisha Crawley	Women's Track
Whitney Davis	Softball	Austin Rymarz	Wrestling
Kelsey Johnson	Volleyball	Dillon Pousson	Wrestling
Melia Duncan	Women's Basketball		

**Cougar Cup Rundown**

The top 3 teams are: Wrestling with 231 points, Women's Track with 97 points, and Women's Soccer with 56 points. Also, each team can receive 20 points if they collect an average of 8 cans per person for the food drive.

**Student-Athlete of the Month**

We voted for Student-Athlete of the Month for November with nominees Marc Amarillas (Men's CC/Track) and Devon Thomas (Women's Soccer). Marc was voted as the Student-Athlete of the Month!

**NCAA Forum**

Ciara and Clark attended. They expressed the need for student-athletes to be servant-leaders, openly accepting the responsibility to help others and the essential need to keep a positive attitude.

**Past Events Recap**

Chase and other SAAC volunteers made \$44 at the chili cook-off. Clark, along with others, volunteered at the STL Rock 'n Roll Marathon Expo which raised \$130 that will benefit the Hoops for Heroes initiative.

**Upcoming Events**

On November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we are collecting cans throughout neighborhoods in Edwardsville for the annual canned food drive. Everyone is to wear Cougar attire and meet at 10:45 a.m. in the green lot by the VC. Amanda and Maggie will collect cans

at the women's basketball game that same day from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Tuesday, November 15, volunteers will take all the donations to the State Park Food Pantry at 3:15 p.m.

Up 'Til Dawn will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. this year. Jill, Whitney, Brin, Kaleb, Clark, and Emily volunteered to participate in the event at the Student Activity Center of the Fitness Center.

A trivia night sponsored by other student organizations is on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. If anyone would like to attend, it would be a good way to mingle and foster relationships with other student groups.

Kid's Night Out is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. SAAC needs to arrive at 5:00 p.m. Education majors will be taking flyers to their schools. Each team is responsible for working a 2-hour shift.

Jon is working on getting Buffalo Wild Wings and Cold Stone to hold fund-raising nights for Hoops for Heroes. Ciara is working on the talent show for January 26<sup>th</sup>. The marketing department is sponsoring two military nights to honor those who served. On December 6<sup>th</sup> at both men's and women's basketball games we will collect money for Hoops for Heroes, and on December 10<sup>th</sup> we will do the same.

Lastly, Relay for Life will be on April 13-14 this year. Fund-raising ideas are needed. A possible idea would be allowing free admission to all those who bring a stuffed animal to a basketball game. Then, to bring attention to the cause, everyone will throw out the stuffed animals onto the basketball court after the first shot is scored by the home team.

### **"Like" Red Storm on Facebook**

Anyone who has not "liked" Red Storm should!

### **Calendar of monthly athletic events**

Clark volunteered to create a monthly calendar of all ongoing athletic events. The first month for it will be December.

### **Swag**

All items can be paid for and picked up in Lindsey's office.

### **SAAC Group Picture**

We will be taking a SAAC group picture at the next meeting.

### **Activity Logs**

At the start of the meeting, Lindsey had a member from each team sign the practice logs.

### **Highlight Events**

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

### **Next Meeting**

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m., VC 1333.