

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
SAAC Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2011
6:30 PM, VC 1333**

Members in Attendance:

Brett Keeler	Baseball	Jill Rakers	Softball
Ryan Daniels	Baseball	Whitney Davis	Softball
Jon Lloyd	Cheerleading	Brooke Smith	Volleyball
Kristi Lemenager	Cheerleading	Kelsey Johnson	Volleyball
Carlie Lawrence	Dance	Valerie Finnin	Women's Basketball
Lexi Deets	Dance	Brooke Hood	Women's Golf
Mike Messer	Men's Basketball	Kristin Dierker	Women's Soccer
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
Jake Tanulanond	Men's Tennis	Elisha Crawley	Women's Track
Kaleb Henry	Men's Track	Austin Rymarz	Wrestling
Marc Presley	Men's Track	Chase Grafton	Wrestling
Brin Fulginiti	Softball	Dillon Pousson	Wrestling

Introductions

The athletes new to SAAC introduced themselves to everyone.

Block Party

This year the block party will be held on Friday, August 26th. Carlie Lawrence volunteered to make a sign with prices. Lindsey announced the times that everyone will be working.

Welcome Back Picnic

The welcome back picnic will be held on Monday, August 29th. Clark made the teams for flippy cup. Amanda Miller volunteered to make the name tags for the event. Everyone was made aware that each team needs to nominate three members to participate in the competitions (best biceps, best legs, male talent, and female talent). Kyle, Emily, and Kristi will be providing games (footballs, Frisbees, and bags).

Mentoring Project Topic Ideas

New ideas are needed for this project. Last year the topics discussed with the kids included: stress, bullying, and drugs. Others need to be incorporated into this program. Each SAAC rep is to go back to their team to gather ideas.

Special Olympics

This event will be held on Saturday April, 28th. Emily, Valerie, and Kelsey volunteered to serve on this committee.

Hall of Fame

On Saturday, September 24th, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. this event will take place. Members that volunteered were: Dillon Pousson, Marc Presley, Kristen Dailey, Elisha Crawley, and Ciara Turner. These volunteers will sell merchandise, be greeters, and help with photos.

Mandatory Speaker

SAAC will host a motivational speaker on Wednesday, September 21st. The event is mandatory for all student-athletes and will be held in the Meridian Ballroom at 7:00 p.m.

Events for This Year

Ideas were suggested for possible new events to participate in this year. The suggestions included a canned food drive, Toys for Tots, humane society, begging at the bank, and diabetes event.

Contact Info, Shirt Sizes, and Night Classes

A paper was passed around to confirm contact information, shirt sizes, and the day and time of night classes of each student-athlete.

Cougar Cup Competition (NEW)

Lindsey and Jaci presented this new competition at each team's academic meeting. Twenty points will be awarded to teams with 75% (or at least 15 members) in attendance at highlight events. Five points per person, with a maximum of 20 points or 4 people, will be awarded to those who attend a road game (a point request form needs to be used in this instance). One point per person is awarded to teams with members showing acts of encouragement (i.e., making signs or painting chests). Five points will be earned at each SAAC meeting if all members are present and two points if members are partially present. Attending class is the only exception. All other reasons for missing a meeting will result in partial points. If you send a replacement team member in your place, you can receive full points.

Coach Confirmation Note (NEW)

At each meeting a form will be handed out along with the agenda to each member. The form lists all the information discussed at the most recent meeting. It is the expectation that the SAAC reps will use this form to fully inform their team of SAAC initiatives. After speaking with your team, the form needs to be signed by your coach as well as the SAAC member to confirm all items were announced. The form must be turned in to Lindsey within 1 week of receiving it. If the deadline is not met, two points will be deducted from your team's Cougar Cup total.

Student-Athlete of the Month

It was voted to keep student-athlete of the month even though the Athletic Department nominates a student-athlete of the week.

Swag

Lindsey will bring a catalog to the next meeting. Jon volunteered to design a shirt for this year.

Highlight Events

In order for teams to receive credit for attending highlight events, there will be a sign-in sheet and Cougar stamps to confirm attendance. Upcoming highlight events planned are:

Cross Country - Friday, September 16th, at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer - Friday, September 23rd vs. Jacksonville State at 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball - Friday, November 11th vs. UT Martin at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer - Date to be determined

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.