

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
SAAC Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2011
6:30 PM, VC 2002

Members in Attendance:

Ryan Daniels	Baseball	Jill Rakers	Softball
Jon Lloyd	Cheerleading	Whitney Davis	Softball
Kristi Lemenager	Cheerleading	Kelsey Johnson	Volleyball
Carlie Lawrence	Dance	Melia Duncan	Women's Basketball
Lexi Deets	Dance	Valerie Finnin	Women's Basketball
Mike Messer	Men's Basketball	Brooke Hood	Women's Golf
Zeke Schneider	Men's Basketball	Taylor Rumble	Women's Golf
Clark Schmidt	Men's Golf	Amanda Miller	Women's Tennis
Kyle Waller	Men's Soccer	Maggie Boeckman	Women's Tennis
Ryan Bauer	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
Brin Fulginiti	Softball		

Student-Athlete Forum

Joe Pott, Director of Broadcast Operations, was our special guest. He gave a brief insight about what he does here at SIUE and talked about a few things he has done in his past. Clark asked if SAAC initiatives could be highlighted on the web site, and Joe answered emphatically, "yes!" We will need to provide him pictures and details regarding the event.

Hall of Fame

Clark spoke shortly about the Hall of Fame dinner. All volunteers did a great job and were complimented often by the guests. A big thanks to everyone who helped.

OVC SAAC Meeting

The OVC SAAC is gathering information from every campus SAAC about a variety of issues. First we spoke about home event game attendance and how our campus SAAC can help to improve attendance. Other universities do not have a comparable Red Storm group, which is our greatest promoter and supporter of athletic events. SAAC needs to team up with Red Storm to increase efforts to encourage more fan attendance. We also plan to create an athletic newsletter that is distributed to all SIUE student groups outlining all the home events for the month.

Secondly, the OVC SAAC expressed an interest in holding an event for all members of campus SAAC groups to meet and mingle. They asked us to brainstorm ideas of what to do when all groups would be together. We suggested a dinner/dance, bowling, or an informal mixer. Finally, the group was informed of the Academic Services Award and asked to contemplate who

from the SIUE faculty and administration might be a good nominee for the award. One suggestion was Bill Retzlaff of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Upcoming Events

We have a variety of upcoming events including the Chili Cook-Off at the homecoming game, Saturday October 8th, and the Saint Louis Rock 'n Roll Marathon. For the Chili Cook-Off, Chase and Jon will be making the chili. The setup for the booth is at 5 p.m., and our volunteers will be there from 6-7:30 (Emily, Cierra, JD, Clark). Melia is going to make a sign to hang in front of the booth! For the Rock 'n Roll Marathon, our volunteers will work Friday, Oct. 21st from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the America's Center in downtown St. Louis. Volunteers so far include: Clark, Emily, Chase, Melia, Valerie, Kyle, Taylor, Dylan, Marc, Amanda. It's not too late to sign up if you would like to help! See the email from Clark to fill out the complete registration form online.

Other upcoming events this semester include our annual canned good collection (November), Kid's Night Out (December), and Hoops for Heroes (March). For our canned food drive, each person on every team will have to donate \$5 or 5 cans! The team that brings in the most cans and/or money will get a prize. A concessions coupon for a free drink and hot dog was suggested as a prize. To advertise more for Kid's Night Out, we talked about contacting local schools to increase attendance for our event. This will take place on Dec. 9th and participation by all student-athletes is mandatory! Finally, Hoops for Heroes, we need to raise either \$500 or \$1000 to send one or two people to the men's basketball OVC tournament. One idea we had to help raise money for this event is to have a talent show. We will need to have at least six athletic teams involved in the show as well as other groups from the campus community. We will try to rent the Meridian Ballroom in the MUC or the gym in the Vadalabene Center. Our talent show committee includes Ciara, Marc, Dillon, Kelsey, and Jill.

Student-Athlete of the Month

We voted for Student-Athlete of the Month for October with nominees Jack Twellman (Men's Soccer), Claire Lovercheck (Women's Soccer), and Aaron Lantz (Men's Soccer). Jack was voted as the Student-Athlete of the Month!

Swag

All orders were confirmed and will be submitted tomorrow. All purchases are out of pocket and are completely optional.

SAAC Group Picture

We will be taking a SAAC group picture at some point to add to the web page.

Cougar Cup

The current standings are: Wrestling in 1st place and Women's Track and Women's Soccer tied for 2nd.

Highlight Events

Men's Soccer – October 12th vs. Central Arkansas, 7:00 p.m.
Volleyball - November 11th vs. UT Martin, 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 10th, 6:00 p.m., VC 2002