

SAAB Meeting Minutes April 6, 2006

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Attendance

Kate Price, W. Volleyball; Kara Callahan, W. Volleyball; Grady Renfrow, M. Soccer; Rachel Ahrenhold, W. Swimming; Claire Hawley, W. Swimming; Richard Kornacki, M. Swimming; Nikki Collins, W. Swimming; Karie Haglund, W. Swimming; Dan Kaiserian, M. Swimming; Kimberlee Peifer, M. Diving; Dito Calderon, M. Swimming; Jean Rettig, W. Soccer; Allie Davis, W. Soccer; Holly Lincoln, W. Soccer; Daniel Mazzocco, M. Cross Country; Lori Havrilla, W. Lacrosse; Liz Frande, W. Lacrosse; Lauren Bryan, W. Lacrosse; Joanie Plake, W. Lacrosse; Renee Cipro, W. Lacrosse; Katie Cook, W. Fencing; Laura Hillstrom, W. Fencing; Jenny Shular, W. Tennis; Adam Stanowick, M. Track; Bradley Hunter, M. Tennis; Katelyn BeVard, W. Tennis; Tina Kocinski, W. Golf; Christana Crivellaro, Softball.

Constitution Changes

- Revise each office description allowing for more structure and outlined duties.
- Add information about all of the THON positions.
- Specify more/update committee information.
- We will be voting on the discussed changes in the final SAAB meeting.

Election Discussion

- Elections will occur next meeting. If you have any questions regarding any position, ask the Executive Board, Sue or Yuke. If you are hesitant about running, do it! It's worth it!
- You simply have to be nominated and then speak regarding your interest on serving as an Executive Board member.

SAAB Logo

- Decided on a new logo for things such as letterhead, potential t-shirts, etc.
- It's a great logo. Thanks to Nate Althouse for his contributions and creative energy in coming up with the design!

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Paw Print Update – Rachel

- February/March issue available on the website.
- Any new stories or information, inform Rachel so the word can be spread! You don't necessarily have to submit an article, you can simply submit an idea for an article.
- Suggestions: make a few hard copies, have a link on ANGEL, send through email. This will allow more student-athletes to read it, since many alumni read it but its not fully circulated to all student-athletes.

Big Ten SAAC Meeting – Brian and Jean

- Discussed many issues brought up at the Big Ten Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting.
- Would student-athletes take a 45 minutes survey? Consensus: no. Suggestion was made to divide survey into smaller parts or make the survey shorter. If survey was mandatory, data would not be accurate because student-athletes would not put their heart into filling it out due to its length.

- NCAA does not want student-athletes missing class. Issue between faculty and coaches.
- Potential position opening up for Big Ten S-A Representative to sit on NCAA Committee.
 - Serve as rep for Big Ten, sitting on “adult” form of SAAC; attend 3-4 meetings a year.
 - Consensus: Hard to make happen if NCAA wants same student-athlete there for all four meetings.
- Prayer in locker rooms/before games.
 - NCAA wants to make everyone comfortable and this instance could make some uncomfortable.
 - Consensus: How can NCAA mandate this? Overall it’s beyond Big Ten/NCAA control. NCAA should be spending time on other topics.
- 5th year of eligibility. Big Ten says no, its bad for aid.
- Freshman ineligibility.
 - Sit out 1st year in every sport.
 - Big Ten says no.
- Mandatory aid given to 5th year student-athletes. Won’t go into effect because of smaller schools.
- July 1 scholarship renewal. It was proposed to move the date up, such as knowing 2 weeks after competition or final exams therefore one is able to decide if they need/want to transfer. One could be receiving more money from another school and want to transfer there for that reason, but July 1 (which is the current date for scholarship renewal) is too late.
- Per diem.
 - NCAA wants to give athletes actual planned meals instead of meal money so athletes are eating more nutritional foods.
 - Consensus: no.
- Verbal commitments in high school.
 - Shouldn’t recruit before certain age?
 - Wait to recruit until junior year?
 - Now, someone can verbally commit and sign somewhere else.
- Text messaging.
 - High profile athletes are receiving many texts and athlete is responsible for paying for this.
 - NCAA wants to limit text messages.
 - Consensus: no. It is invading personal space and is very hard to regulate.
- Facebook.
 - Numerous problems have risen from facebook.
 - NCAA wants to restrict the use of it because anyone can get your personal information and identification which may lead to harassment.
 - So far it has affected starting positions, scholarships, and even job opportunities (potential employers looking at S-A facebook).
 - Consensus: Not an NCAA issue, but a team/school issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Academic Achievement Awards Banquet, Monday, April 10, 6:45 p.m., BJC South Gym.

Speakers needed on April 21 to meet with a group from Loyalsock Township Middle School while they are here on campus for the day. 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the BJC. Contact Sarah (seg143@psu.edu) by April 19 if interested.

Reading to Kindergartners on April 28, noon-1:00 p.m., 3 to 4 readers needed. Transportation and books provided. Contact Sarah by April 26 if interested.

Shadow Day, Wednesday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Heritage Hall, HUB. Volunteers needed. Contact Sarah if you would like to help.

Sports Showcase/Demonstrations, April 27, 1:00-1:45 p.m., Multi-sport Complex. Sports demonstration with local elementary-aged youth. Contact Sarah if interested.

Women's Volleyball Team facing Men's Soccer Team in a friendly game of beach volleyball April 29, place TBA. Come check it out! 😊

**Next Meeting Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., 133 EALR
ELECTIONS**