



MINUTES OF THE  
MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DeSales University  
Center Valley, PA

May 15, 2012

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Ken Andrews (MAC), Brad Fields (Eastern), Laura Gingrich (Alvernia), Marie Godwin (MAC), Janice Luck (Albright), Brad McCarty (Messiah), Gracia Perilli (DeSales)

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Ken Andrews.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The March 13, 2012 minutes were accepted (6-0).

The committee reviewed upcoming MAC 100 events and drafted a potential schedule for the Basketball All-Star games taking place on Sunday, March 17, 2013. Game times were tentatively set for 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

With previous input from the presidents at their May 1 meeting, the committee reviewed the outlined responsibilities of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) for revision: (~~suggested for removal~~)

Required responsibilities of all MAC FAR's:

~~Provide advice and guidance to the athletic department personnel and student-athletes on how academic goals of the institution are met.~~

~~Work with the athletics department to ensure that all student-athletes meet NCAA, conference, and institutional eligibility requirements for practice, financial aid, and athletic competition.~~

~~Work with Director of Athletics to ensure that appropriate standards of student-athlete conduct are established, communicated, and enforced.~~

Highly recommended roles for the MAC FAR:

Administer and submit annual NCAA student-athlete surveys. (Move up to "required")

~~Develop a relationship with institutional compliance officer, dean of admissions, vice president for student affairs, registrar, and financial aid director.~~

After reviewing expectations of MAC programs, the committee suggested adding a clause about presidential leadership.

The committee recommended discontinuing discussion about Academic Recognition.

Ken Andrews reviewed that many schools (10-12) will Video Stream with EZStream in the 2012-2013 year. Ken Andrews will work with school SID's to finalize contract details.

Ken Andrews noted that the \$2,240 cost for HUDL membership would be included in upcoming annual dues. Video exchange is required for Football, Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Lacrosse, and Women's Lacrosse (limited to conference opponents).

Several candidates for the Men's Basketball coordinator of officials have been selected for phone interviews with the Men's Basketball coaches. A recommendation will be made after all interviews are completed. The committee discussed parameters surrounding the position in relation to the ECAC.

The agenda and topics for discussion at the MAC May 2013 Forum are still open for development. Brainstorming will continue in Ocean City and also at Lebanon Valley College on June 14 with Greg Krikorian (Vice President for Student Affairs) and any other Athletic Directors who wish to attend.

A Financial Aid Webinar will be available this summer (date to be determined) for Athletic Directors and Financial Aid department staff. FAR involvement is also encouraged.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The committee reviewed the MAC Financials. Not enough information was available to discuss the outcomes of the spring 2012 championships. The committee recommended scaling all NCAA Conference Grant applications down to no more than \$3,000 per school. Ken Andrews noted in the 2012-13 MAC Budget that \$18,000 would be taken from the MAC reserve account as a part of conference office staff realignment.

Ken Andrews reviewed upcoming championship hosts/sites pointing out those schools with football programs were alleviated from responsibilities at tennis championships. In addition, Lebanon Valley was selected to host the 2013 Outdoor Track & Field championship to highlight their new facilities.

The motion to add William Paterson as an affiliate member in men's golf was **defeated (0-6)**.

The committee discussed ways to recognize Shirley Liddle at Ocean City for her retirement.

In order to assist with results, the committee **supported** hiring Hy-Tek personnel for the MAC Outdoor Track & Field Championship for \$500 (6-0).

The Athletic Trainers will compose "Emergency Action Plans" for neutral competition sites as an added safety precaution.

Ken Andrews will firm responsibilities of field maintenance in the Freedom Conference championship at Quakertown. The committee **supported (6-0)** the motion that at least five innings played in a conference championship game was considered a full game in regards to scheduling as a maximum of two games can be played in a day. Ken Andrews will look into the regulation of a situation (in the regular season) where the second half of a double-header is rescheduled, whether it should be played as seven or nine innings.

The committee **supported** keeping the Men's Golf championship at Hershey Country Club in 2013 **(6-0)**. Pairings will be adjusted to include Stevenson and Hood.

The Women's Golf championship may change location next year; Golden Oaks Golf Club is one possibility. The Women's Golf coaches want to consider postponing application for an AQ until programs are ready. The committee felt it was important to start maintaining NCAA minimums to obtain the AQ as soon as possible.

A revision was suggested in Men's Lacrosse tape exchange to give a grace period of 24 hours after return from Spring Break travel to upload game tape. The committee **supported** this amendment **(6-0)**.

The committee **supported** film exchange in Women's Lacrosse for all home conference games **(6-0)**.

With the addition of Hood and Stevenson to the Softball Commonwealth Conference championship next year, the committee discussed two possible options for a tournament format to include five teams. The committee favored a two-day (Friday-Saturday) format with a 4/5 seed play-in game the previous Wednesday.

The committee **supported (6-0)** the recommendation from the Sports Information Directors to increase All-Conference recognition to include Honorable Mention to candidates receiving at least two votes. The committee **opposed (0-6)** the motion that all student-athletes must finish their season on that team's roster in good standing in order to

earn all-conference status, noting that the instance that occurred this year was a unique situation. Concurrent with previous sentiments, the committee **opposed** academic recognition to the team with the highest average GPA (**0-6**).

The Swimming coaches are looking into moving the MAC Swimming championships from the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre to Central York High School due to a more competitive environment. The committee withheld endorsement of this motion to wait for responses from a site visit to Central York High School.

Tennis coaches showed concern about too many extra players at the MAC individual championship – the committee **supported** (**6-0**) capping the number of additional players to two per school with no additional medals or certificates. The committee **supported** that teams need to be eligible for the NCAA tournament to compete in the MAC championships (**6-0**), referring to teams who exceeded the maximum dates of competition. In disagreement with a suggestion made by tennis coaches, the committee motioned and **supported** discontinuing the use of officials in conference tennis matches (**5-1**).

Marie Godwin recounted that the MAC SAAC decided to continue supporting the Make-a-Wish Foundation (\$500 per school) and Special Olympics (Polar Plunge) in 2012-13.

The committee adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm.

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