



LSC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Retreat

July 26-28, 2013

Lawton, OK

Those attending were:

Angelo State University: Paul Mason, Caitlyn Conaway, Joe'l Sefcik
Cameron University: Jonathan Patino, Jill Ledford, Kim Vinson, Don Vieth
Eastern New Mexico University: Kris-Ann Walters, Rachel Johnson
Midwestern State University: Melody Caldwell, Eddie D'Haiti, Koby Styles
Tarleton State University: Chris Patton, Randi Fentress, Carolyn Raynes
Texas A&M University-Commerce: Chantry McMahan, Taylor Phelps, Judy Sackfield
Texas A&M University-Kingsville: Ashley Coy, Amanda Knight
Texas Woman's University: Kayla Jones, Erin Bollinger, Charolette Hunt
West Texas A&M University: Jerell Banks, Bri Leeper, Derrick Peoples
LSC Office: Jay Poerner

- 1. NCAA Division II Make-A-Wish Campaign:** The group participated in roundtable discussions to share and fundraising ideas and best practices for the Make-A-Wish fundraising campaign.
- 2. NCAA Division II SAAC:** Kayla Jones, the LSC Division II SAAC representative from TWU, gave a report from her Division II SAAC meeting in Indianapolis.
- 3. LSC SAAC Cup:** The 2012-13 LSC SAAC Cup was presented to Texas A&M-Kingsville. The group then reviewed the SAAC Cup criteria and guidelines. No changes were made for the 2013-14 academic year.
- 4. Pathway to Graduation Proposals:** Discussed the PTD and two-year transfer "pathway to graduation" proposals. Had the group participate in roundtable discussions and then share feedback.
 - Progress-toward-degree discussion items:** Pass 27 hours per year the first 2 years, or a total of 54 hours after the second year to be eligible. Pass 9 credits per term to be eligible the next semester. Have a 2.00 GPA at the end of each academic year.
Feedback: Consensus was to support. Rationale was that student-athletes should be able to handle the balance, freshmen don't know any different so it won't be a significant change for them, and student-athletes will rise to the challenge. Opposition noted that some students may not be prepared for a 27-hour class load their first year. Also, some students that are in difficult degree programs could be forced to take an additional course their first two years before they are academically acclimated.
 - Two-year transfer discussion items:** Increase transfer GPA requirement from 2.0 to 2.2. Require three-hours of transferable science.
Feedback: Consensus was to support. Rationale was that a 2.0 is "just getting by" and the increase to a 2.2 promotes success. Only concern was that two-year schools need to know the rules so they can advise prospects correctly.
- 5. Informational Items:** Reviewed the following programs and asked that the information be taken back and shared with student-athletes on campus.

LSC Needy Student-Athlete Fund: This fund can be used by student-athletes with a demonstrated financial need to pay for medical or dental expenses, personal or family emergencies, etc. Applications are submitted by the director of athletics.

LSC Degree Completion Scholarship Program: The purpose of the LSC Degree Completion Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance for completion of a first baccalaureate degree to deserving student-athletes in the conference. The scholarship is funded with assistance from the NCAA Conference Grant program. Applications are due in the spring. Student-athletes need to work with the FAR to apply.