



LSC COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2013, Courtyard Marriott in Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

Angelo State: **Brian May**; Cameron: **John McArthur**, Keith Vitense, Jim Jackson; Eastern New Mexico: **Steve Gamble**, Jeff Geiser; Midwestern State: **Jesse Rogers**, Charlie Carr; Tarleton State: **Dominic Dottavio**; Texas A&M-Commerce: **Dan Jones (chair)**, Ryan Ivey, Judy Sackfield; Texas A&M-Kingsville: **Steve Tallant**, Scott Gines; Texas Woman's: **Ann Stuart**; West Texas A&M: **Pat O'Brien**; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright.

NOTE: **Bold** indicates voting privileges.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL REVENUE:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) shed light on concerns raised by Abilene Christian about not being included in revenue sharing from the 2012 Football Festival. He reminded the group that its January decision was based on ACU and UIW's having provided notices of withdrawal and entering exit terms prior to the event, thereby disqualifying them from any further apportionment of funds. It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (MSU) for the revenue shares to stand as were distributed in January, and for the Commissioner to notify ACU of such. **Passed unanimously.**
2. **MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION:** Dan Jones (A&M-C) gave an update on the Membership Expansion ad hoc committee's work, including a June 6 presentation to the Heartland Conference presidents. During the discussion, it was suggested to move forward with a complete proposal that keeps Lone Star Conference as name and addresses changes to bylaws, scheduling, financial and other benefits, and gender equity impact. It was moved (TWU) and seconded (WTAMU) to charge the Commissioner with drawing up a proposal – based on sentiments expressed during discussion and leaving the name as Lone Star Conference – for presentation to the Heartland presidents at their Sept. 18, 2013, meeting. **Passed unanimously.**
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The presidents and proxies entered Executive Session early in the meeting and took the following action:
 - a. **LSC BUDGET 2013-14:** Action was taken to approve the LSC Budget for 2013-14 as adjusted to include approved salary adjustments for the Conference staff. **Passed unanimously.**
 - b. **STAFF:** It was approved to change Jay Poerner's title to Associate Commissioner, effective Sept. 1, 2013.
4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:** The following actions were taken relative to recommendations coming from the Athletics Administrators:
 - a. **CONSENT PACKAGE:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (TSU) to approve the consent package, which included recommendations from meetings of the following groups: Athletics Administrators, Faculty Representatives, Compliance Directors, Sports Information Directors, Baseball Coaches, Basketball Coaches, Golf Coaches, and Softball Coaches. **Passed unanimously.**
 - b. **SEPARATE VOTE:** The following item was considered individually:
 - i. **BASKETBALL TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (TSU) to retain the existing policy but modify the penalty whereby a third technical will result in a one-game suspension and a phone call from the Conference Office, and a fourth technical will result in a two-game suspension. Further, to clarify that administrative technical fouls will not count toward accumulations. **Passed unanimously.**
5. **2013-14 LSC CALENDAR:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (ASU) to approve as presented the 2013-14 LSC Calendar of Meetings and Events. **Passed unanimously.**

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6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve the following officers for the 2013-14 academic year: *Passed unanimously.*
- CHAIR:** Dominic Dottavio, TSU
 - VICE-CHAIR:** Brian May, ASU
 - SECOND VICE-CHAIR:** Steve Gamble, ENMU
 - THIRD VICE-CHAIR:** John McArthur, CU

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. **NCAA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL REPORT:** Pat O'Brien (WT) reported on his service as Chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, reporting that Division II has hired Terri Gronau as its new Vice President. He also covered several items that will be included in the Presidents Council package when legislation is considered at the 2014 Convention. He also reminded the group that his term expires in January and encouraged nominees from the LSC.
8. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Steve Gamble (ENMU) commended Pat O'Brien (WT) on his lengthy service on the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, noting the leadership he has provided to Division II on behalf of the LSC.
9. **AMERICAN SOUTHWEST EMPLOYEES:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) briefed the group on the league's arrangements with the American Southwest Conference, whereby ASC employees are processed as LSC employees for payroll and medical benefits. Consensus agreement was to continue the arrangement and to seek a formal written agreement for such.
10. **LSC STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) reiterated the need to update the LSC Strategic Plan, and Steve Tallant (TAMUK) agreed to chair an ad hoc committee for that purpose. It was determined that Jesse Rogers (MSU) and Scott Gines (TAMUK) would be added to the committee roster along with those who already agreed to serve.
11. **NCAA CONFERENCE GRANT REPORT:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) shared details of the 2013-14 NCAA Conference Grant request, which had been submitted June 30 on behalf of the LSC (information only).
12. **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:** Keith Vitense (CU) reported on his service on the Academic Requirements Committee and revealed the final Path to Graduation legislation that will be voted upon at the 2014 NCAA Convention.
13. **SWA ACADEMIC REPORT:** Judy Sackfield (A&M-C) provided a report of academic information that had been compiled by LSC Senior Woman Administrators. She said the group studied best practices of schools in several different circles, including those nearby or similar to LSC and those with high ASR rates. The listing of best practices will be shared with each school to implement as it sees fit on its own campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wagnon