



### LSC COUNCIL OF ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

June 26-28, 2013, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

Abilene Christian: not represented; Angelo State: Sean Johnson, Christina Whetsel; Cameron: Jim Jackson, Kim Vinson; Eastern New Mexico: Jeff Geiser (Chair), Sara Hill, Rachel Johnson, Adam Pitterman; Incarinate Word: not represented; Midwestern State: Charlie Carr, Venera Flores-Stafford, Kyle Williams; Tarleton State: Lonn Reisman, Susan Burton; Texas A&M-Commerce: Ryan Ivey, Judy Sackfield; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Scott Gines, Amanda Knight; Texas Woman's: Chalese Connors, Charolette Hunt; West Texas A&M: Michael McBroom, Kent Johnson, Paul Sweetgall, Amanda Workman, Kit Strief; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright, Brian Christensen.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### I. LSC ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

###### GOLF COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by CU/MSU)

- a. 2014 LSC TOURNAMENT: Consensus agreement was to conduct the tournament on April 20-21-22, 2014 at a neutral site. Coaches agreed to look into recommendations/leads for possible sites and submit feedback to Commissioner Stan Wagnon by end of May, with the Conference Office then charged with securing a site.
- b. MEN'S TOURNAMENT FORMAT: It was moved (CU) and seconded (MSU) to conduct the men's tournament in a match play format, as long as the conference has four (4) teams as expected. The event would remain 54 holes, with stroke play in Monday's first round to determine team seeding and conference medalist, semifinal match play in Monday's second round, and championship match play in Tuesday's final round (1v2 for championship, 3v4 for third place). Additionally, the all-tournament team would adjust to consist of two players from the winning team and one player from all others. *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: Consensus agreement was to maintain the existing format for the women's tournament as the conference expects to have seven (7) women's teams.
- c. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (MSU) to amend the men's golf all-conference awards program to consist of seven (7) First-Team selections and an Honorable Mention list for any additional golfers that receive at least two (2) votes. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- d. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (WT) to appoint Jerry Hrnciar (Cameron) as Vice Chair for men's golf, effective immediately. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

###### BASKETBALL COACHES (CAA took action in separate votes, see below)

- e. FILM EXCHANGE: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (WT) to pursue a conference-wide agreement with Synergy Sports Technology as the provider to facilitate the league's film exchange service. RATIONALE: The decision was based on the understanding that cost per team would be \$2,000 annually for the subscription-based service. Although more expensive than current provider GameTapeXchange, a primary benefit to Synergy is the full analytical breakdown provided within 24 hours of each upload, to include obscure statistics and tendencies. Also, coaches will have access to all video and analysis for all Synergy users, both collegiate and professional. *Coaches passed 15-0-1. CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to support. Passed unanimously.*
- f. AWARDS: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to add an All-Defensive Team that would consist of five players for men and women. RATIONALE: Currently honoring only a Defensive Player of the Year is not viewed as sufficient. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (TSU) to support. Passed unanimously.*
- g. TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY: The following action was taken relative to LSC Basketball Operating Code #8 regarding technical foul accumulations:
  - i. COACHES: It was moved (TAMUK) and seconded (A&M-C) to remove coaches and other team personnel from the technical foul accumulation policy. RATIONALE: Consensus was to recognize this as a player issue, noting also that the complexities associated with suspensions for full-time staff members. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (CU) and seconded (TSU) to support. Failed 2-7.*

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- ii. PENALTIES: It was moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ENMU) to revise the penalties such that a third technical will result in a phone call from Conference Office to the student-athlete and his/her coach instead of a half-game suspension. RATIONALE: Consensus was to recognize that stern communication could be just as effective, plus the possible complexities or mixed messages associated with a half-game suspension. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (A&M-C) to support. Passed 6-3. CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ENMU) to clarify that administrative technical fouls (as defined in NCAA Rules of Basketball) do not count toward the policy. Passed unanimously.*
- h. DRY ERASE BOARDS: It was moved (TSU) and seconded (TAMUK) to require the provision of a dry erase board in team locker rooms. *Coaches passed 14-0-2. CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to support. Passed unanimously.*
- i. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved (WT) and seconded (A&M-C) to appoint Nate Gamet (Cameron) as Vice Chair, effective immediately. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

**BASEBALL COACHES (CAA took action in separate votes, see below)**

- j. SUNDAY START TIME: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to eliminate from LSC Baseball Operating Code #3 the restriction that “No Sunday games shall start before 1:00 PM.” *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (ENMU) and (ASU) to support. Passed unanimously.*
- k. FUTURE MEETING DATE: Consensus agreement was to set date for the next meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.
- l. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to appoint Bryan Conger (TSU) as Vice Chair, effective Sept. 1, 2013 through the 2014-15 academic year. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- m. 2014 LSC TOURNAMENT SITE: The coaches’ email vote was 4-0 in favor of allowing the No. 1 seed host the tournament, noting that votes from two coaches were not secured. **CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (TSU) to support. Passed unanimously.**
- n. BALL AGREEMENT: The coaches’ email vote was 4-0 in favor of accepting the Rawlings proposal, noting that votes from two coaches were not secured. **CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (ENMU) to support. Passed unanimously.**

**SOFTBALL COACHES (CAA took action in separate votes, see below)**

- o. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were approved, effective immediately and through 2014-15:
  - i. Chair: Kevin Blaskowski, West Texas A&M *Coaches passed unanimously.*
  - ii. Vice-Chair: Brady Tigert, Midwestern State. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- p. 2014 LSC SHOWCASE: Consensus was to distribute RFP for the LSC Showcase (March 13-16) with bids due August 1, 2013 in order to determine site by September 2013. The showcase will be played over four days with each team playing six games (1-2-2-1 format for each team). Site requirements include two fields with lights and warm-up areas.
- q. 2014 LSC POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT SITE: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (MSU) to distribute RFP for the LSC Postseason Tournament (May 2-3) with bids due August 1, 2013 in order to determine site by September 2013. Requirements include an on-campus site with lights; banquet on Thursday; games 1-4 Friday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and championship game Saturday at 2 p.m. If the host institution is the No. 1 or No. 2 seed, they may alter order of games to ensure playing at either 4 or 6:30 PM if desired. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (MSU) and seconded (TSU) for No. 1 seed to host regardless of whether their facility has lights. Passed 8-1.*
- r. LSC SOFTBALL OPERATING CODE REVISIONS: Consensus agreement and/or individual voting led to the following recommendations: **CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to support all except Item “vi. Participants”. Passed unanimously.**
  - i. PLAYING FORMAT (#3): Each team will play a single round-robin schedule with four (4) games against each Conference opponent. This will be accomplished by playing schedule partners in doubleheaders at split sites, and all other opponents in a 3-game series plus one game at the LSC Showcase. Each series shall consist of a doubleheader one day and single game the other day. All Conference softball games shall be played on a field designated as the “home site” of the host institution and shall not be changed unless approved by the Commissioner. A series may not be split between sites of the participating teams (home/away), except for the scheduled doubleheader split series among schedule partners.
  - ii. LSC SHOWCASE: Each team will play six games against all opponents except its schedule partner, with one game Thursday, two games Friday, two games Saturday and one game Sunday.
  - iii. WEATHER/TRAVEL POLICY (#4 Add): LSC Showcase games will not be made up.
  - iv. INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE (#9): The international tiebreaker rule will be used in regular season conference competition, beginning in the top of the 10th inning.
  - v. DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAM (#16): It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) that the higher seed will be the home team at the postseason tournament for all games. The visiting team will choose uniform colors for all games. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

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- vi. PARTICIPANTS (#19): Travel squad size shall be limited by NCAA squad size rules. Teams shall submit squad list using NCAA form at postseason tournament banquet. **CAA took no action.**
- vii. INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE (Add): It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to clarify that the international tiebreaker rule shall not be used in the postseason tournament. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- s. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM: It was moved (WT) to add that the all-tournament team will be announced following the championship game and both teams shall stay on the field for presentation. *Coaches failed for lack of a second.*

**SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS (CAA took action in separate votes, see below)**

- t. STATBROADCAST: It was moved (WT) and seconded (TAR) to pursue a conference-wide partnership with StatBroadcast to provide live statistics and live scoreboard for conference office and member institutions. *SID's passed 6-0-3. CAA moved (TWU) and seconded (WT) to support. Passed unanimously.*
- u. AWARD NOMINEES: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (MSU) to add criteria for award nominations that participation must be in a conference-sponsored sport. *SID's passed unanimously.* NOTE: Discussion on scholar-athlete nominees that the sport is members of another conference, sports that are not member of a conference, and specifically sports of men's soccer and men's tennis that will not be sponsored by the LSC in 2013-14. **CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to specify that award nominations will not be accepted for student-athletes whose team is affiliated with a different conference. Passed unanimously.**
- v. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Trey Reed (MSU) was approved as Vice Chair, effective immediately and through the 2014-15 academic year. *SID's passed unanimously.*

**COMPLIANCE DIRECTORS (CAA took action in separate votes, see below)**

- w. LSC PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to eliminate individual student-athlete information from the LSC Participation Report Form. *Compliance Directors passed 6-3.* RATIONALE: Consistent with NCAA Division II Ease of Burden initiative. "Seasons used" and "number of full-time semesters used" information is already being collected on the LSC Eligibility Report Form. Also, many schools are tracking this information in CA (the NCAA Compliance Assistant software). **CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to support. Passed 7-1.**
- x. LSC BYLAW 13 REPORTS: The group discussed making the following adjustments to LSC Bylaw 13. **CAA moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to support. Passed unanimously.**
  - i. 13.02 Financial Aid Reports. Each institution shall comply with all financial aid legislation of the NCAA and the Conference. ~~NCAA Squad Lists Financial Aid Forms shall be completed for each sport and filed with the Conference office by June 15. Squad Lists Financial Aid Forms shall be signed by the individual responsible for completing the report, the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics.~~
  - ii. 13.06 Secondary Violation Reporting. ~~NCAA Level I and Level II secondary violations are to be submitted to the Conference office on the NCAA Self-Report of Secondary Violations form as they occur and are discovered. Violations will be processed by the Conference office and reports will be forwarded to the NCAA Enforcement Staff and/or NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement for adjudication.~~ Secondary violations shall be submitted to the NCAA through the Requests and Self-Reports Online reporting system as they occur and are discovered. Prior to submitting online, secondary violations will be presented to the Conference office for review. A written response to each violation will be provided by the Conference for inclusion in the self-report.
  - iii. 13.10 Medical Hardship Waivers. Medical hardship waivers will be administered by the Conference office. Information forwarded to the Conference office should include the conference hardship waiver form plus the appropriate contemporaneous medical documentation and team schedules. ~~A report of hardship waivers will be provided to the Faculty Athletics Representatives at their regular meetings.~~
- y. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
  - i. Chair (2013-14): Kurt Portmann, MSU.
  - ii. Vice-Chair (2013-14): Paul Sweetgall, WT. *Compliance Directors passed unanimously.*

2. **GRANT OF MEDIA RIGHTS:** It was moved (WT) and seconded (TAMUK) to support the LSC Grant of Rights proposal as presented by Tommy Wright (LSC). **Passed unanimously.**

3. **NCAA LEGISLATION SOFTBALL EQUIVALENCIES:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to support the proposal from Michael McBroom (WT) for the LSC to explore sponsoring NCAA legislation to increase softball equivalency limit, with an adjustment for 9.0 as the total. **Passed 8-1.**

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4. **SOFTBALL SUNDAY START TIMES:** It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to support the proposal from Jeff Geiser (ENMU) to remove the 1 PM restriction on Sunday start times in softball. ***Passed unanimously.***
5. **BASEBALL SCHEDULE:** It was moved (TSU) and seconded (CU) to adjust the baseball playing format whereby the four-game series would be played over two (2) days (Friday-Saturday) in 9x7 doubleheaders. ***Failed 2-4.***
6. **MARKETING/SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS:**
  - a. RAWLINGS: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (ENMU) to approve. ***Passed unanimously.***
  - b. BALFOUR: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve. ***Passed unanimously.***
  - c. COMCAST: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to approve conference negotiating Tier I rights with Comcast based on the proposal in hand. ***Passed unanimously.***
7. **NCAA CONFERENCE GRANT:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (MSU) to support, adding an initiative of \$3,450 for stipends to assist with attendance at NCAA Regional Rules Seminars. ***Passed unanimously.***
8. **NLI POLICY WOMEN'S SOCCER EARLY SIGNING:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (ENMU) to support the proposal from Sean Johnson (ASU) seeking to establish a signing period for women's soccer. It was determined the best course of action would be to approach the Division II Conference Commissioners Association for support and eventual presentation for consideration by the Division I CCA, which governs NLI policies. ***Passed unanimously.***
9. **FOOTBALL PLAYOFF REVENUE:** It was moved (TAMUK) and seconded (WT) to support the LSC Football Playoff Revenue Share plan and accompanying Financial Report document as presented. ***Passed unanimously.***
10. **COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (CU) to change the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll to a semester (Fall/Spring) model based on GPA for that semester with January 10 and June 10 submission dates. ***Passed unanimously.*** RATIONALE: This would keep compliance personnel from having to manually calculate GPA for the entire academic year, instead using semester GPA calculations that already are necessary/calculated.
11. **CAA LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to accept the CAA Liaison Assignments as presented. ***Passed unanimously.***
12. **2013-14 CALENDAR:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to accept the 2013-14 LSC Calendar of Events and Meetings with a change to June 18-19-20 for the LSC Administrative Summit dates. ***Passed unanimously.***

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. **COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION:** Stan Wagnon provided updates on conference membership expansion efforts and Lone Star Football Festival planning, including the Hispanic Heritage event being planned in conjunction with Univision and the Dallas Cowboys.
14. **NCAA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPORT:** Kim Vinson (CU) reported on her role as the LSC's representative to the NCAA Division II Management Council, encouraging all to complete the Division II membership survey that will be distributed soon. She also discussed the Pathway to Graduation legislation and gave an update on the Division II Vice President search.
15. **D2 ADA REPORT:** Sean Johnson (ASU) reported on his role as the LSC's representative on the D2 ADA board. He noted that bids for many NCAA Championships will be open soon and completed this summer. He said the NCAA has signed a 5-year extension with Short's Travel and is considering a separate partner for championship hotels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stan Wagnon