



LSC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting

November 19, 2012

Allen, TX

Those attending were:

Abilene Christian University: Not represented
Angelo State University: Paul Mason, Luz'ce Baca
Cameron University: Gabriel Sweat, Lawanna McWilliams, Kim Vinson (Advisor)
Eastern New Mexico University: Michael Stewart, Beth Blind, Kriss-Ann Walters
University of the Incarnate Word: Not represented
Midwestern State University: Kaetelyn Vinson, Chelsey Wall
Tarleton State University: Angel Rios
Texas A&M University-Commerce: Chantry McMahan
Texas A&M University-Kingsville: Samantha Alvarez, Joshua Prado, Marques Dantzer (Advisor)
Texas Woman's University: Jordan Readicker
West Texas A&M University: Cory Cox, Mallory Wyatt
LSC Office: Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright

- 1. Minutes from LSC SAAC Retreat:** Reviewed the minutes from the July 27-29, 2012 SAAC meeting in San Antonio, TX.
- 2. NCAA Division II Make-A-Wish Campaign:** Discussed the Division II SAAC initiative and conference goals for the current year (\$1,500 per school). An article was presented with the conference rankings for NCAA Division II Make-A-Wish fundraising from 2011-12. The group participated in roundtable discussions to share and fundraising ideas and best practices for the Make-A-Wish Campaign.
- 3. LSC SAAC Community Service Months:** November 2012 and April 2013 are LSC SAAC community service months. The Conference Office has again made available a \$200 subgrant to assist with community service project costs during these months. SAAC Advisors can apply for this grant by e-mailing the Conference Office. SAAC members were also reminded that community service projects during November and April receive double points towards the LSC SAAC Cup standings.
- 4. LSC SAAC Cup:** Reviewed the SAAC Cup criteria for the 2012-13 and the standings from last year. This year a category was added for "other charitable fundraising." There are occasionally situations where a SAAC will take on a fundraising project to assist a worthy cause in their local or campus community. This will allow those groups to earn SAAC Cup points for their efforts.

LSC Community Service Month Participation: Schools will receive 500 points for each SAAC-organized community service project they participate in during the November or April LSC Community Service Month.

Make-A-Wish Participation: Schools will receive ½ a point up to \$1499 and 1 point (\$1500 and up) for every dollar raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Funds shall be donated to the NCAA national office on the required forms.

Conference SAAC Meeting Attendance: Schools will receive 250 points per person who attends Conference SAAC meetings. Participants must attend the entire meeting. Conference SAAC meetings are in November (Allen) and July (TBD).

Campus SAAC Meetings: Schools will receive 100 points for campus SAAC meetings (a maximum of two per month). A formal agenda and/or minutes from each meeting should be kept on file with the SAAC Advisor.

SAAC Legislative Grids: Schools will receive 500 points for submitting their completed NCAA legislative grids to the LSC Division II SAAC representative (currently David Pillen at ACU) by the required due date.

Other Community Service: Schools will receive 250 points for each SAAC-organized community service project they participate in outside of the November and April LSC Community Service Months.

Other Fundraising Projects: Schools will receive ½ a point for every dollar raised by SAAC and donated to a charitable fundraising project (other than Make-A-Wish).

5. LSC Grant Opportunities: Reviewed the LSC needy student-athlete fund and LSC degree completion award application process and requirements.

LSC Needy Student-Athlete Fund: This fund can be used by student-athletes with a demonstrated financial need to pay for medical expenses, dental expenses or personal/family emergencies. 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. Applications are usually sent out in April and due in June.

6. LSC Corporate Sponsorship Survey: Tommy Wright (LSC) had the group complete a survey to assist with his efforts in attracting corporate sponsors. They reviewed the survey and were encouraged to share ideas.

7. Taylor Hooton Foundation: The group received a presentation from Clint Faught at the Taylor Hooton Foundation on the dangers of steroids and performance enhancing drugs.

8. 2013 NCAA Convention Proposed Legislation:

No. 2-1 NCAA MEMBERSHIP- 10 YEAR PILOT PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS—LOCATED IN MEXICO

Intent: To specify that an institution located in Mexico may join the Division II membership, as specified.

LSC SAAC: The group was split. Those who opposed were concerned with traveling through Mexico.

No. 2-5 RECRUITING—CAMPUS VISITS—OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Intent: To modify the official and unofficial visit legislation, including transportation, as follows: (1) Reorganize the transportation, official visit and unofficial visit legislation; (2) Rename unofficial visits as campus visits; (3) Specify that complimentary admission to a prospective student-athlete for a conference tournament constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited during a campus visit; (4) Permit an institution to arrange special on-campus parking for a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit; (5) Permit an institution to provide the cost of actual meals on a campus visit; (6) Specify that a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year; (7) Require a prospective student-athlete to present the institution with a current transcript (official or unofficial) prior to an official visit; (8) Amend the length of an official visit from a 48-hour period to the discretion of the institution; and (9) Specify that an institution may not pay any leg of a prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs if he or she participates in an institutional camp or clinic immediately prior to or after an official visit.

LSC SAAC: Consensus was to support because this would give prospects more time to evaluate schools. Those that opposed disliked removing the 48-hour requirement fearing schools with significant resources would receive a huge advantage.

No. 2-6 RECRUITING—NLI - SUBMISSION OF TRANSCRIPT TO THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER BEFORE SIGNING

Intent: To specify that an institution shall not permit a high school prospective student-athlete (other than a prospective student-athlete who attends a secondary school in a foreign country) to sign a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid until the NCAA Eligibility Center has received an official high

school transcript for each high school the prospective student-athlete has attended through his or her sixth semester (or equivalent) of enrollment.

LSC SAAC: Consensus was to support because it helps schools and prospects find out about and address academic issues earlier.

No. 2-7 RECRUITING—PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES—TRYOUTS—PERMISSIBLE TIMING OF TRYOUTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES—JUNE 15 PRECEDING JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: To specify that a tryout of a prospective student-athlete is permissible beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, provided that prospective student-athlete is enrolled in a term other than the term(s) in which the prospective student-athlete's high school's traditional season in the sport occurs or the prospective student-athlete has completed high school eligibility in the sport.

LSC SAAC: Consensus was to support, but would prefer if prospects could tryout twice, once during the junior year and once during the senior year. The current legislation only allows one tryout with an institution so a prospect may have to choose when that will be.

No. 2-10 (1-1) ELIGIBILITY—CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY—PARTICIPATION IN PRESEASON EXHIBITION CONTESTS OR DATES OF COMPETITION AND PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES DURING INITIAL YEAR

Intent: To specify that during a student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment, participation in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (competition that occurs prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport) shall not result in the use of a season of competition.

LSC SAAC: Consensus was to support.

No. 2-12 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS—GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS—WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON—14-DAY BREAK AT CONCLUSION OF SEASON

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities for a 14 consecutive day period following an institution's final contest or date of competition in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

LSC SAAC: Consensus was to support. Group agreed that 14 days will give student-athletes plenty of time to recover after a season before starting back up with required activities.

9. Joint Meeting with LSC Faculty Athletics Representatives: The LSC SAAC answered questions from the FAR group on the 2013 proposed legislation and received a presentation from Keith Vitense (Cameron) on potential changes to the Division II academic requirements.

10. Reminder: LSC SAAC Retreat: July 26-28, 2013 @ Cameron University