



LSC COUNCIL OF ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

December 16, 2013, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those in attendance were:

Angelo State: Sean Johnson, Christina Whetsel; Cameron: Jim Jackson, Kim Vinson; Eastern N.M.: Jeff Geiser (Chair), Sara Hill; Midwestern State: Charlie Carr, Venera Flores-Stafford; Tarleton State: Lonnie Reisman, Susan Burton, Troy Jones; 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: Kent Johnson; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright.

ACTION ITEMS

I. LSC ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

WOMEN'S TENNIS COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by CU, TSU)

- a. LSC TOURNAMENT SITE: It was moved (CU) and seconded (TSU) for the LSC Championship Tournament to be played at on-campus sites to be determined by alphabetical rotation, effective 2015. *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: Rotation would be Cameron 2015, Midwestern State 2016, Tarleton State 2017 and Texas A&M-Kingsville 2018. Based upon the understanding that each institution has at least six (6) courts.
- b. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) that women's all-conference teams will consist of eight (8) singles and four (4) doubles. *Coaches passed unanimously.* Also, consensus agreement was for nominations to be submitted by the Monday following the tournament, a coaches call to discuss ballots on Wednesday, and awards released on Thursday prior to NCAA regional action. RATIONALE: Reduced to better fit the number of teams competing.
- c. OPERATING CODE: It was noted and agreed by consensus that updates were needed to the LSC Tennis Operating Code. Specifically, No. 9 to read the LSC has four (4) women's teams, No. 11 to read one (1) weekend prior to NCAA Regional Tournaments, No. 12 to reflect current dates, No. 21 to remove reference to Automatic Qualification, and No. 23 to reflect changes to all-conference awards and voting timeline.
- d. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved and seconded to appoint Lance Drake (TSU) as Vice Chair for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

WOMEN'S SOCCER COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package, except for separate votes noted below – moved by MSU, ASU)

- a. 2014 LSC SCHEDULE: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (ASU) to recommend the 2014 LSC Women's Soccer Schedule with a change to Friday as the default day for travel partner games. *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: Travel partners would be allowed to change to any other date within that same week by mutual agreement.
- b. LSC TOURNAMENT: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (MSU) for the LSC Tournament to utilize a 6-team bracket, whereby the banquet would be hosted Wednesday night, first-round games Thursday, semifinals Friday and championship Sunday. *Coaches passed unanimously.* CAA took no action. RATIONALE: Prefer 4-team event.
- c. FILM EXCHANGE: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (MSU) to require film exchange of all contests through the Game Tape Xchange vendor. Each school would be responsible to capture and upload each of its home games and non-conference away games. Commissioner Wagnon would work with chair Chad Webb to codify a conference film exchange policy. *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: Based on understanding that GTX fees are \$200/school annually. CAA moved (TWU) and seconded (MSU) to approve film exchange for all home games only. Passed unanimously. RATIONALE: To avoid, at least initially, additional cost/burden of filming non-conference away games.
- d. DECLARATION OF LSC CHAMPION: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ASU) for the LSC champion to be determined using the approved conference tiebreaker (rather than having co-champions), except that if a tie could not be broken prior to a coin flip then co-champions would be crowned. *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: Based on tiebreaker policy No. 16 in LSC Soccer Operating Code. RATIONALE: The culture of soccer is to break ties using goal differential. CAA took no action. RATIONALE: Prefer to be consistent with other sports.

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- e. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (ENMU) to include Honorable Mention players (anyone receiving at least one vote) in addition to 1st and 2nd team all-conference awards. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- f. FUTURE MEETING DATE: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (MSU) to conduct next year's meeting by teleconference call on the Monday after Thanksgiving at 10 AM Central. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

ATHLETIC TRAINERS (CAA took no action. RATIONALE: Institutional responsibility to update/replace AED's.)

- a. CONFERENCE GRANT FUNDING: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to recommend the Conference consider including funds in next year's NCAA Conference Grant application to replace AED's for use at athletics facilities on member campuses. *AT's passed unanimously. NOTE: Original initiative to fund AED's was around 2004-06 timeframe and batteries need to be replaced, etc.*

SOFTBALL COACHES (CAA took action in separate votes noted below)

- a. 2015 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE: The group discussed options for the 2015 schedule including number of games and format. Consensus was to communicate via email with further details about a the possibility of moving to a 4-game series for 32 games and discontinuing the Showcase event. Rationale for the following format included:
 - a. Four-game series: Played over three-day window with no mid-week games, which reduces missed class time.
 - b. Elimination of the Showcase: Six games at on-campus sites instead of a neutral site.
 - c. 32 games: Helps with scheduling, and each team will have 16 home games.

CAA moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve the schedule using a 4-game series with doubleheaders on both Friday-Saturday and eliminate the LSC Showcase event. Passed 8-1.

- b. **PLAYING FORMAT: CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK) to amend the inclement weather/travel policy in LSC Softball Operating Code No. 4 to match baseball with a make-up date. Passed unanimously.**

2. FUTURE SCHEDULES: The following schedules were approved in separate votes:

- a. 2014 SOFTBALL SHOWCASE SCHEDULE: After discussion about alternative scheduling methods, it was moved (ASU) and seconded (ENMU) to support the original schedule sent by the Conference Office due to a better balance on scheduling times. **CAA passed unanimously. NOTE:** Following the meeting, Melanie Robotham (LSC) identified another solution that both addressed coaches' concerns and preserved the balanced scheduling times, and this new solution has been provided as the final schedule.
- b. 2014 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (TSU) to approve the 2014 LSC Volleyball Schedule as presented. **CAA passed unanimously.**
- c. 2015 BASEBALL SCHEDULE: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve the 2015 LSC Baseball Schedule as presented. **CAA passed unanimously.**
- d. 2014-15 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE: It was moved (TSU) and seconded (ASU) to approve the 2014-15 LSC Basketball Schedule as a 'flipped' version of the 2013-14 schedule, also recognizing that individual schools might need to work together to rectify any particular dates and/or problems. **CAA passed unanimously.**

3. VIDEOTAPING AT LSC EVENTS: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (TWU) to adopt into the LSC Game Management Operating Code for all sports: "Any game(s) involving an LSC team(s) and hosted by an LSC member institution or the LSC Office shall be filmed only by the two participating teams in that game." **CAA passed unanimously.**

4. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS: After a discussion regarding questions about the affiliate memberships of Harding and McMurry, the following actions were taken relative to affiliate memberships:

- a. **McMURRY FOOTBALL:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (ENMU) to require that McMurry University adhere to all applicable LSC Athletic Training, Game Management and Football Operating Code policies, as well as the LSC Lightning Policy during 2014 and any subsequent seasons in which it competes as an LSC affiliate member. **CAA passed unanimously.**
- b. **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:** Consensus agreement was to propose changes to LSC Constitution Article III, Section 9 regarding Affiliate Membership Guidelines. These changes should aim to better address issues such as length (e.g., football should be for a 2-year period), terms (e.g., framework for membership dues, requirement to follow operating policies, rules compliance expectations/protocol, status with regard to financial burden and/or revenue sharing) and benefits (e.g., scheduling, awards, administrative services) of such agreements.

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5. **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL:** After discussing various options of how to proceed with the Football Festival and ensure its profitability, it was moved (MSU) and seconded (A&M-C) to move forward with plans to include two (2) Gulf South Conference teams in the 2014 festival. The two teams are believed to be Florida Tech and Shorter (Ga.). **CAA passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **NCAA PRESENTATION:** NCAA Communications staff members Monica Miller and Chuck Wynne provided handouts and gave a presentation on Former Student-Athlete Engagement. They shared the background and goals for this NCAA initiative and solicited feedback from the group. They can be reached for further dialogue via email at mmiller@ncaa.org or cwynne@ncaa.org.
7. **NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP SITES:** Commissioner Wagon shared good news with the group about the LSC being selected to partner with the City of Frisco to host the 2016 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight at Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco, Texas. He also commended Texas Woman's University on being selected to host the 2015 and 2016 NCAA Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth.
8. **SENIOR DAY RECOGNITION:** Sean Johnson (ASU) led a discussion about limiting Senior Day recognition to a maximum of five (5) minutes if conducted during pregame. He mentioned that in some instances these ceremonies have approached 20 minutes in length, which disrupts the normal preparation for a contest. Consensus agreement among the group was for athletics administrators to police this on their own campuses.
9. **ACADEMIC AWARD PROPOSAL:** Stan Wagon (LSC) presented the group with a draft proposal to implement an "LSC Academic Excellence Award presented by Balfour." He explained an academic award is needed as part of the LSC's new partnership with Balfour, which includes \$5,000 to be used as a reward for academic achievement. The group was supportive of the idea and urged Commissioner Wagon to note the feedback gathered, refine the proposal, and present to FAR's. Timeline is to seek approval of the concept this spring, effective with 2013-14 academic year since Balfour funding begins this year.
10. **FOX SPORTS PROPOSAL:** Tommy Wright (LSC) shared details of the latest proposal from Fox Sports Southwest to continue advertising in the 2014 calendar year. Given that some LSC member schools are spending marketing dollars to advertise at LSC signature events, he introduced a concept whereby all schools would receive activation at LSC signature events and school-specific advertising on FSSW if all schools were to spend marketing dollars. This would provide the conference with the financial means for continuing to advertise on FSSW. No action was taken.
11. **ALLEN BASKETBALL TOURNEY SITE PROPOSAL:** Jay Poerner (LSC) provided a handout detailing the City of Allen's proposal for the LSC Basketball Championship to continue at the Allen Event Center beyond 2014. Time did not allow for a discussion and no action was taken.
12. **LSC FINANCIAL SURVEY:** Jay Poerner (LSC) distributed a hard copy of the 2013-14 LSC Financial Survey results.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wagon