



LSC COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING

January 17, 2014, Marriott Marquis and Marina, San Diego, Calif.

Those participating were:

Angelo State: Brian May, Sean Johnson, John Wegner, Christina Whetsel; **Cameron:** John McArthur, Jim Jackson, Keith Vitense, Kim Vinson; **Eastern New Mexico:** Steve Gamble (via phone), Jeff Geiser, Sara Hill; **Midwestern State:** Charlie Carr, Paul Guthrie, Venera Flores-Stafford; **Tarleton State:** Dominic Dottavio (chair), Rusty Jergins, Susan Burton, Bob Newby; **Texas A&M-Commerce:** Dan Jones, Ryan Ivey, Judy Sackfield; **Texas A&M-Kingsville:** Steve Tallant, Scott Gines, Randall Williams; **Texas Woman's:** Richard Nicholas, Chalese Connors, Don Edwards; **West Texas A&M:** Pat O'Brien, Michael McBroom, Dave Rausch, Stephanie Sumpter, Kent Johnson, Paul Sweetgall; **LSC Office:** Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham.

ACTION ITEMS

- I. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:** The following actions were taken relative to recommendations from Athletics Administrators and Faculty Representatives:
 - a. **CONSENT PACKAGE:** It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve the "non-controversial" consent package as presented, which included recommendations from Athletics Administrators, Tennis Coaches, and Soccer Coaches. **Passed unanimously.**
 - b. **SEPARATE VOTES:** The following items were considered individually:
 - i. **VIDEOTAPING AT LSC EVENTS:** CAA 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*. CFAR moved (CU) and seconded (WT) to support the concept as it relates to teams but request the Conference Staff to modify the wording to accurately reflect the intent of this policy (e.g., teams, fans, media). CFAR *passed unanimously*. **Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ASU) to approve and, upon clarifying this is aimed at restricting team representatives with regard to competitive advantage, to empower the Commissioner to craft language that matches the intent. Passed unanimously.**
 - ii. **AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS - McMURRY FOOTBALL:** CAA 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*. CFAR *passed unanimously*. **Presidents moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve. Passed unanimously.**
 - iii. **AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS - PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:** CAA 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. **Presidents consensus agreement was to support this going forward.**

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- iv. **ACADEMIC AWARD PROPOSAL:** CFAR moved (TSU) and seconded (TWU) to support the concept of implementing an “LSC Academic Excellence Award presented by Balfour” and to recommend the formation of an ad hoc committee with diverse positional representation (e.g., representative of Presidents, CAA, CFAR, Compliance, SAAC and Conference Office). *CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (TWU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve, requesting the work to be done by June. Passed unanimously.*
- v. **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; and 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. *CAA passed 8-1. CFAR moved (CU) and seconded (TWU) to support the 4-game weekend series scheduling concept, but to refer this back to LSC Softball Coaches with directions to seek student-athlete input and make recommendation regarding 2- or 3-day series. CFAR passed unanimously. CFAR moved (CU) and seconded (TSU) to support the elimination of the Showcase event in 2015. CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK) to support CFAR position and requested the coaches respond within 10 calendar days with a clear recommendation. Passed unanimously.*
- vi. **SOFTBALL 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. *CAA passed unanimously. CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ASU) to approve. Passed unanimously.*
- vii. **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL:** After discussing various options of how to proceed with the Football Festival and ensure its profitability, CAA 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. CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve. Passed unanimously. Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ASU) to provide whatever flexibility is necessary with the schedule of games and to instruct the Commissioner to gain additional revenue from non-conference teams who are included. Passed unanimously.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **COMMISSIONER’S DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Wagon provided the group with a report on the 2013 Football Festival, as well as a preview of the 2014 Basketball Championship and discussion of a possible renewal agreement with Allen. Further, he discussed membership exploration efforts and next steps.
3. **MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPORT:** Kim Vinson (CU) reported on her service to the NCAA Division II Management Council. She started by acknowledging the service of Pat O’Brien (WTAMU) to the Presidents Council. She provided information on the Division II Purchasing Website, a “So You Wanna Be an A.D.” document, and possible partnership opportunities with Team Impact.
4. **STRATEGIC PLAN:** Steve Tallant (TAMUK) reported that work on the new LSC Strategic Plan was just beginning and he hoped to have a draft for consideration at the July meeting.
5. **NCAA LEGISLATION:** Jay Poerner (LSC) led the group in a discussion of NCAA proposed legislation in advance of Saturday’s voting session.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wagon