



## LSC COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING

July 21, 2014, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

**Angelo State:** Brian May; **Cameron:** John McArthur, Jim Jackson; **Eastern New Mexico:** Steve Gamble; **Midwestern State:** Keith Lamb, Charlie Carr; **Tarleton State:** Dominic Dottavio (chair); **Texas A&M-Commerce:** Dan Jones; **Texas A&M-Kingsville:** Steve Tallant, Scott Gines, Randall Williams; **Texas Woman's:** Monica Mendez-Grant, Chalese Connors; **West Texas A&M:** Neal Weaver, Michael McBroom; **LSC Office:** Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright.

### ACTION ITEMS

- I. **STRATEGIC PLAN:** Scott Gines (TAMUK) provided the group with a brief presentation on the LSC Strategic Plan for FY2015-2019. Among the feedback was to ensure member expansion was the most pressing item, to add a cost containment element/initiative, to address sports like men's soccer and men's tennis (i.e., whether to de-emphasize due to low sponsorship), and to define priorities and objects for retaining current members. Consensus agreement was to distribute the plan immediately to be discussed among campus personnel with institutional response by Sept. 15 and hopes of incorporating feedback in time to place a proposed plan on the agenda for Athletics Administrators call in September and Faculty Representatives and Presidents calls in October.
2. **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 (ASU) to approve the "non-controversial" consent package as presented, which included recommendations from Athletics Administrators, Basketball Coaches, Golf Coaches, and Baseball Coaches. **Passed unanimously.**
  - b. **SEPARATE VOTES:** The following items were considered individually:
    - i. **BASKETBALL TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY:** Coaches moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ASU) to remove head coaches from the policy. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA passed 8-1. CFAR passed unanimously. Failed, 0-9. Presidents moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to remove the technical foul accumulation policy from the LSC Basketball Operating Code and direct the Conference Office to take an aggressive approach to monitoring conduct in all sports using the LSC Sportsmanlike Conduct Policy. Passed unanimously.* NOTE: Further, the group requested the Conference Office to track and provide the governing councils with aggregate data for conduct fouls/incidents in basketball and all sports.
    - ii. **ALLEN RENEWAL AGREEMENT:** CAA moved (WT) and seconded (MSU) to support the renewal agreement with the Allen Event Center for the 2015 Basketball Championship. *CAA passed unanimously. CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. Passed unanimously.*
    - iii. **PROPOSAL FOR FOOTBALL FESTIVAL AND BASKETBALL TOURNEY TICKET REQUIREMENTS:** CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK) to require a minimum ticket purchase for participating schools at both the Football Festival and Basketball Championship, effectively immediately. Minimums would be \$10,000 per team in football and \$3,000 per team in basketball. *CAA passed 8-1. CFAR passed unanimously. Presidents moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve. Passed 7-2.*

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- iv. **LSC/BALFOUR ACADEMIC AWARD:** CAA consensus agreement for the LSC Academic Excellence Award presented by Balfour was to recommend splitting the award each year between men and women with each recipient to receive \$2,500. Further, to determine using Team GPA's for the academic year with each sport academic champion earning 5 points, runner-up 4 points, third-place team 3 points, and 1 point for all other teams with 2.00 Team GPA and above. Each LSC member institution's points would then be added and divided by the number of LSC sports sponsored by that institution (by gender). Also, to include men's tennis and men's soccer (which are included in Commissioner's Honor Roll on the basis of being Division II championship sports that LSC would sponsor with sufficient membership). Lastly, to request the LSC Compliance Directors establish guidelines for calculating Team GPA at their annual meeting on June 20. *CFAR passed unanimously. **Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. Passed unanimously.***
  - v. **LSC OFFICE LEASE AND FRISCO:** CAA moved (CU) and seconded (A&M-C) to endorse the concept of moving the conference office to Frisco and support the Commissioner's pursuit of satisfactory terms. *CAA passed unanimously. CFAR passed unanimously. **Presidents moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve. Passed unanimously.***
  - vi. **2014-15 CALENDAR:** CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to accept the 2014-15 LSC Calendar of Events and Meetings with addition of an in-person meeting for Sports Info. Directors on Monday, July 27. *CAA passed unanimously. CFAR passed unanimously. **Presidents moved (A&M-C) and seconded (CU) to approve. Passed unanimously. NOTE: It was recommended and the group supported through consensus agreement to utilize conference calls for meetings when possible.***
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Presidents and proxies entered an executive session and took the following action:
- a. **2014-15 LSC BUDGET:** Action was taken to approve the 2014-15 LSC Budget, as adjusted to include approved salary adjustments for conference staff. ***Passed unanimously.***
  - b. **CHANGE TO LSC BYLAW 10.06:** Action was taken to change the committee structure for the body to hear appeals of rulings by the Commissioner. The new committee structure shall consist of the Chair and Vice Chair of LSC Presidents, three (3) Athletics Administrators, one (1) Faculty Representative, and one (1) coach. ***Passed unanimously.***
4. **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL BANDS:** It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (ASU) to alter the requirement for band participation at the Football Festival so that home teams are required but visitor teams are optional. ***Passed unanimously.***
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** As opposed to electing a Third Vice Chair, it was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve the officers as presented. ***Passed unanimously.*** NOTE: Officers for 2014-15 will include Chair Brian May (ASU), Vice-Chair Steve Gamble (ENMU), and Second Vice-Chair John McArthur (CU).

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. **2014-15 NCAA CONFERENCE GRANT:** Commissioner Wagon shared an overview of the 2014-15 application for the NCAA Division II Conference Grant, which was submitted June 30, 2014. No action was taken.
7. **SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MARKETING PLAN:** Tommy Wright (LSC) provided a presentation on a school partnership proposal that would allow member schools to achieve maximum exposure at LSC signature events and championships. He encouraged the Presidents to discuss on campus, consider participating, and direct all inquiries or contact information to him. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wagon