

MINUTES
PSAC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS' FALL MEETING
Atherton Hotel, State College, PA
October 4-5, 2006

- I. The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Page at 8:03 am
Those present:
Mary Gardner (BU), Kathy Heitzman (BU), Tom Pucci (Cal), Dave Katis (Cl), Wendy Snodgrass (Cl), Tom Gioglio (ES), Carey Snyder (ES), Bruce Baumgartner (Ed), Todd Jay (Ed), Frank Condino (IUP), Fran Nee (IUP), Greg Bamberger (KU), Michelle Gober (KU), Peter Campbell (LH), Danielle Barney (LH), Roger Maisner (Man), Kris Decker (Man), Dan Audette (Mill), Peg Kaufman (Mill), Roberta Page (Sh), Jeff Michaels (Sh), Paul Lueken (SR), Steve Roach (SR), Ed Matejkovic (WC), Barb Cleghorn (WC), Steve Murray (PSAC), Will Adair (PSAC), Carlin Chesick (PSAC).
- Second Meeting Date Attendance: Gardner (BU), Heitzman (BU), Katis (Cl), Snodgrass (Cl), Gioglio (ES), Snyder (ES), Baumgartner (Ed), Jay (Ed), Condino (IUP), Nee (IUP), Bamberger (KU), Gober (KU), Campbell (LH), Barney (LH), Maisner (Ma), Audette (Mill), Kauffman (Mill), Page (Ship), Michaels (Ship), Matejkovic (WC), Chesick (PSAC), Murray (PSAC), Packer (PSAC).
- II. Requests for Reordering Agenda
Motion: Maisner/ Reorder items VI-VIII to first items on Thursday morning.
MOTION PASSED
- III. Announcements
1). **Hardships Approved:** Ortiz (BU), Jerry (BU), Grantz (Clar), Frick (ESU), O'Malley (ESU), Gass (IUP), Stulb (IUP), Harman (LH), Petro (LH), Ball (Mans), Garofalo (Mans), Pender (Mans), Perlozzo (Ship), Pavone (SRU). **On Hold:** Slabonik (BU), Urban (Clar), Folsom (KU), McGinty (KU).
Denied: Beasley (BU)
2). Reminded the administrators that the NLI information has been sent electronically to the schools. Contact the conference office if you have questions.
3). The conference office has two \$2000 grants for SWAs to attend NACWAA/Hers next summer. Information will be available after the first of the year.
4). There are also eight \$500 grants available for Athletics Administrators to attend professional development opportunities. The Executive Committee will direct the distribution of this program with priority given in reverse seniority. Grants can be used to attend Rules Compliance Seminars, NACDA, Title IX or Diversity seminars or other similar programs. Grant applications will be available at the end of January 2007.
5). The Fall Sports Coaches Meeting will be held in early December. A date will be sent out this week. The spring coaches met in late August in a very successful format.
6). The SAAC (\$550) and Academic Enhancement Grants (\$4000) will be available soon and distributed to the Athletic Director.
- IV. Approval of Spring Minutes
MOTION (Pucci/Matejkovic) To approve the April 2006 Athletics Administrators Minutes as presented.
MOTION PASSED
- V. Reports
A. Sports Information/Awards – Adair
1). PSAC Website has been updated. More historical information is now available
2). Football Media Days in August were very positive and well attended
3). Basketball Media Days will be held at LHU, SRU and Kutztown on November 9.
4). PSAC Radio Show is continuing and expanding.
5). New Intern in place at the conference office is Lauren Packer.

- B. Officiating Committee – Pucci
Dr. Pucci discussed the on-going negotiations with the Baseball and Softball Officials for agreements through the 2010 season. The Officiating Committee has received proposals from both groups and will present counter offers. Agreements hope to be finalized by the April Meeting.

The Committee also received an inquiry from the Football Officials group regarding its contract.
MOTION (Matejkovic/Pucci) That \$5.00 be added to the officiating fees through the length of the current agreement (to 2010) with the ECFOA for the sport of football.
MOTION PASSED
Other issues will be addressed regarding the current football agreement.

The Committee is encouraged by conversations the conference office is having with soccer officials regarding the development of a soccer officials assigning program for the league. There is hope that a recommendation can be brought to the group by the January 2007 NCAA Convention for the 2007 playing season.

- C. NCAA Division II Management Council – Page
Dr. Page circulated handouts regarding updates on the Division II Management Council activities. Additionally, a handout regarding the use of male practice players for women’s varsity teams was distributed.
- D. Division II Athletics Directors Association – Matejkovic
Updated the group on D2ADA including the development of a “toolbox” for administrators to access for ideas/practices to implement at institutions.
- E. Division II Football Review Project Team and Legislation – Matejkovic
A full discussion was held regarding the proposed split of Division II Football into separate divisions.
- F. Division II Championships Committee – Page
Presented a handout regarding issues involving Division II Championships, including the post-season tournament activities, regionalization and the DII Sports Festival.
- G. PSAC Advisory Council – Murray
Bruce Baumgartner and Kathy Heitzman were appointed as the Athletics Administrators representatives to the PSAC Advisory Council
- H. Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement – Heitzman
Discussed the redshirt exception to the waiver of the 10-semester rule and how it may apply in the future through the NCAA.
- I. Playing Rules Oversight Panel – Murray
An update was provided on the activities of PROP and its responsibilities within the NCAA playing rules approval process.
- J. Secondary Violations Report – Murray
Distributed secondary violations reported since the last meeting.
- K. Division II Academic Requirements Committee – Cleghorn
Passed along information about the Progress Towards a Degree Legislation and ongoing reviews. Also discussed her role on Initial-Eligibility Waivers subcommittee. Information was also discussed about the academic fraud issue from the high school level regarding initial eligibility.
- L. Championships Review Taskforce - Condino

Discussed the Taskforce's actions to date including the concept of including all mandated matches in determining PSAC post-season participation. A series of proposals will be discussed in April.

VI. Sport Committee Reports

1. Lacrosse – Campbell

MOTION (Campbell/No Second): That in the sport of lacrosse to conduct the PSAC Championships at the highest seed at the end of the regular season. The host will hold the semi-final contests at 4pm and 7pm on Friday. The Championship contest will take place at 1pm on Sunday.

MOTION (Campbell/No Second): The PSAC Championships should take place at the highest seed at the end of the regular season. The host will hold the semi-final contests at 4pm and 7pm on Thursday. The Championship contest will take place at 1pm on Saturday.

MOTION (Campbell/Lueken): The lacrosse coaches have moved to change the PSAC women's lacrosse schedule commencing spring 2008 to a single game format per with the host alternating on a yearly basis.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION (Campbell/Pucci): That in the sport of women's lacrosse that an alternate official be assigned to PSAC semi-final and championship contests to keep official time and to handle protest procedures which might arise in the sport.

MOTION PASSES

MOTION (Campbell/No Second): The lacrosse coaches requested that the official assignor be placed on the Games Committee for the women's lacrosse championship. The assignor would act as the official rules interpreter for the games committee

MOTION (Campbell/No Second): That coaches must submit pertinent "offensive" and "defensive" and "goalkeeping" statistics with player nominations for PSAC post season awards.

2. Sports Information Directors – Jay

Discussed minutes, no recommendations were forwarded.

3. Softball – Decker

MOTION (Decker/Pucci): To eliminate divisional play to be replaced by a one game double header round-robin for 2008 season.

MOTION TO TABLE (Matejkovic/Lueken) PASSES

The Athletics Administrators would like to hold any action on this issue until the Championships Review Taskforce has completed its work and makes proposals next spring.

MOTION (Decker/Maisner) To change the Softball Operating Code – III. Championship Tournament – 11. Coaches Meeting – Eliminate the pre-tournament coaches meeting to a conference call to be held the week of the championships.

MOTION PASSES

MOTION (Decker/Maisner) To change the Softball Operating Code – III. Championship Tournament – 8. Scheduling of games – Change the starting times of game 3 to 2:30 pm

and game 4 to 4:30 pm, on the second day change the starting times of game 7 to 2:30 pm and game 8 to 4:30 pm.

MOTION PASSES

4. Baseball – Maisner

Conference office will continue to review sites for 2007 Championship.

5. Swimming – Cleghorn

MOTION (Cleghorn/Katis): To allow institutions to bring more than 18 competitors to the PSAC championships if they meet a Qualifying standard. Those over the 18 competitor limit will be designated as exhibition swimmers (cannot score), on the entry form.

MOTION FAILS

Reminded the group that the PSAC Championship will be held at Cumberland Valley High School, some adjustments have been made to the schedule to accommodate the site.

6. Cross-Country/Track & Field – Barney

MOTION (Barney/Pucci): That in the sports of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field for the PSAC East and West Challenge Meets, Shippensburg will be considered a permanent member of the East and Lock Haven and Mansfield will be considered permanent members of the West.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Barney/Maisner): With considerations to such academic concerns such as missed class time and varying final exam practices, that the 2008 PSAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships be returned to the second week of May, two weeks prior to the NCAA championships.

MOTION FAILED

VII New Business

1. Associate Membership

A discussion was held regarding associate membership, particularly in men's tennis and men's golf for league schools. Currently those sports are below reasonable membership levels for championship sponsorship. The Administrators encouraged the league office to pursue options in these two sports and men's swimming and women's golf.

2. Women's Rugby as a Varsity Sport

No discussion

3. Television Opportunities

A discussion was held regarding the television options with PCN. The athletics administrators were updated on the proposals and generally supported the pursuit of a television agreement.

4. PASSHE SAP Conversion – Snyder

A discussion was held regarding the implementation of the new SAP program in conjunction with the NCAA CAI programs. Concerns that a "bridge" between the programs was not in development. The conference office will contact the NCAA and PASSHE in an effort to create communication and expedite data transfer.

5. Scholarship Funding Sources – Heitzman

A matrix of scholarship funding sources was distributed to the administrators. Information was updated, explained and shared.

VIII. Conference Updates

1. Coaches Certification Updates
Updated lists of the NCAA Coaches Certification Tests were distributed.

IX. Old Business

1. Liaison Openings Filled
Women's Soccer – Peg Kauffman
Track & Field – Tom Gioglio
Football – Greg Bamberger
2. Cheerleading Activities – Matejkovic
MOTION (Matejkovic/Gioglio) That for cheerleading at PSAC athletic events, no pyramids higher than 2 persons will be permitted. Additionally, there may be no tosses or flips from the pyramid.
MOTION FAILS

While some activities are permissible by the AACCA regulations on mats or grass, there is concern that the AACCA regulations are not adequate to protect the safety of cheerleaders and potential liability for the institutions. Additionally, during the discussion it was determined that there have been many violations of the new conference policies.

MOTION (Condino/Matejkovic) That effective immediately all PSAC cheerleaders are prohibited from participating in aerial stunts, tiering, lifts, tosses and pyramids at NCAA sponsored events. The effect of this motion would “ground” the cheerleaders.
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

3. Advisory Council
Bruce Baumgartner and Kathy Heitzman were appointed as the Athletics Administrators representatives to the PSAC Advisory Council

X. Future Meetings

1. April AA Meeting: April 3-5, 2007 (Tues-Thurs)
2. May Board of Directors
3. Fall Administrators Meetings – October 2-4, 2007 (Tues-Thurs)
4. Meeting attendance – a discussion was held regarding attendance at administrators meetings. Administrators asked the commissioner to discuss this issue with the presidents.

MOTION (Condino/Audette) That the conference develop a fine system for athletics administrators and coaches for unexcused absences from mandated conference meetings.
MOTION PASSED

VI. Sport Committee Reports, Continued.....

7. M/W Basketball - Heitzman and Maisner

MOTION (Heitzman/Maisner) That for the sport of basketball for future game uniform purchases, visible numbers (e.g. numbers that are wholly of a color that contrasts with the color of the jersey) must be included on the body of the uniform.
MOTION PASSED 13-9

MOTION (Heitzman/Maisner) That for the sport of basketball all the crossover games on the 19th and 20th of December in 2006 be changed from 6:00 and 8:00 pm starts to 2:00 and 4:00 pm starts.

MOTION PASSED 16-6

MOTION TO RECONSIDER (Condino/Campbell) PASSED

MOTION FAILED

8. Men's & Women's Tennis - Michaels

MOTION (Michaels/No Second): To allow each sport within the conference to award one sportsmanship recipient as voted on by coaches.

MOTION (Michaels/Audetter) That for the PSAC tennis championships, the conference would be permitted to levee fines, following the NCAA fine rules (\$300 per incident) for missing lineup deadlines and/or over-turned lineups.

MOTION PASSES

9. Volleyball – Hjerpe
No Report

10. Golf – Condino
Championship Upcoming

11. Football – Pucci
No Report

12. Soccer – Audette and Kauffman

MOTION (Audette/Campbell) In men's soccer to eliminate the double round robin schedule beginning in the 2007 season

MOTION PASSES 8-7

MOTION TO RECONSIDER (Heitzman/Matejkovic) PASSES

MOTION FAILS

MOTION (Audette/Jay) To adopt the 2007 PSAC Men's and Women's Soccer schedule as presented which includes a men's double round robin and a women's double round robin in the division with a full cross-over.

MOTION PASSES

13. Field Hockey – Gardner

MOTION (Gardner/Nee) To adopt the 2007 and 2008 PSAC Field Hockey schedule as presented

MOTION PASSES

14. Athletic Trainers – Gioglio
No Report

15. Compliance Coordinators – Nee
Reviewed the meeting this past summer with the Compliance Coordinators

16. Wrestling – Baumgartner
No Report

Meeting Adjourned at 12:28 pm