

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Harrisburg, PA
May 19, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dillman called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. May 19, 2009. The following were in attendance:

President David Soltz – Bloomsburg University
President Angelo Armenti, Jr. – California University
President Michelle Howard-Vital – Cheyney University
President Joseph P. Grunenwald – Clarion University
President Robert J. Dillman - East Stroudsburg University
President Jeremy Brown – Edinboro University
President Tony Atwater – Indiana University
President Keith T. Miller – Lock Haven University
President Thomas Gamble – Mercyhurst College
President Francine G. McNairy – Millersville University
President William Ruud – Shippensburg University
President Robert M. Smith – Slippery Rock University
President Gregory Weisenstein – West Chester University
Steve Murray, Commissioner

Joining for segments of the agenda: Dr. John Cavanaugh (PASSHE Chancellor); Dr. Peter Garland (Vice Chancellor); and Mr. Leo Pandelandis (PASSHE Chief Legal Counsel)

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Ruud) That the minutes of the May 2008 meeting be approved as presented.

SECONDED: (Grunenwald)

MOTION PASSED

III. REPORTS

A. Finance – President Miller

President Miller and Mr. Murray presented a packet of information regarding the league's budget history and proposals to the Board of Directors, including a review of the PSAC's intended application for the Division II Strategic Initiative Grant Program.

MOTION: (Smith) To amend the proposed budget presented by the commissioner to reflect no salary increases for league office personnel.

SECOND: (Ruud)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Smith) That the 2009 -10 proposed budget be adopted as amended with final approval of the annual budget resting with the Board of Directors Executive Committee at the conclusion of the fiscal year, if necessary.

SECOND: (Ruud)

MOTION PASSED

B. Commissioners Report – Mr. Murray

Mr. Murray made the following announcements:

1. The first full year of competition following the league's expansion has gone very well.

2. Encouraged to Board to remain active in the upcoming discussions regarding the review of Bylaw 17 of the NCAA Division II Manual.

C. NCAA Presidents Council – President Grunenwald

President Grunenwald made the following comments:

- 1) Encouraged schools to follow-up on the \$1,000 purchasing credit Division II has provided each institution for branding opportunities
- 2) Provided information on NCAA's position on the conduct of national championship in states where sports gambling is permitted.
- 3) Reemphasized Mr. Murray's position on staying up-to-date on the Bylaw 17 review occurring in Division II and encouraged all PSAC presidents to attend the January 2010 NCAA Convention in Atlanta.
- 4) Updated the Board on the Division II Winter Sports Festival and incidents that occurred there.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Webcasting of Events

Mr. Murray encouraged member schools to participate with B2 for developing internet broadcasting opportunities as it appears the State System's attempt at a uniform contract has slowed or stopped.

B. Conference Incorporation

(Dr. Cavanaugh, Dr. Garland and Mr. Pandelandis attended for this portion of the discussion)

Mr. Garland and Mr. Pandelandis updated the presidents on the processes needed /required for incorporation of the league. A July 2010 implementation date was set for league's separation from PASSHE as a non-profit corporation. The Board advised Mr. Murray to work with Mr. Pandelandis office to secure the proper procedures for incorporation.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advisory Council Recommendations –

1. Consent Items – President Dillman

The Board reviewed the Consent legislative items approved previously by the Chairman, endorsing his position (Appendix A)

2. Controversial Items – President Dillman

MOTION #1 (Grunenwald): That if a participating institution does not have full representation (two student-athletes) and full participation (including both days in the spring and one day in the fall) for the SAAC Conference Meetings, institutions may not be eligible to receive their SAAC mini-grant in the following academic year.

SECOND: (Smith)

MOTION FAILS

MOTION #1 A (Grunenwald): That a participating institution's SAAC be presented with up to \$600 of grant funds in the year subsequent to full participation and attendance at the league's three days of bi-annual meetings, (\$200 per day of attendance). Furthermore, that the league examine optional distance delivery methods for participation in the meetings by campus SAAC and only in the exceptional case, as determined by the PSAC SAAC membership, will an excuse for non-attendance be permitted.

SECOND: (Smith)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: (Weisenstein): To table Motion's #2 through #5 below

SECOND: (McNairy)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION #2: To delete from the PSAC Constitution Article X, Sections 4, 5 & 6 removing restrictions on championship field size based upon sports sponsorship from the league's Constitution.

MOTION #3: That the PSAC expand league championship play by a minimum one additional round in each team sport beginning no later than the 2010-11 academic year.

MOTION #4: That beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, the PSAC limit by one the number of maximum team contests in each sport permitted by the NCAA, contingent upon the expansion of conference team sport tournaments.

Note: With the expansion of conference tournaments in the previous motion, this motion reduces contests in lieu of an expanded league tournament.

MOTION #5: That in the sport of basketball, the PSAC move to a 16 team conference tournament, beginning 2009-10, the 1st round of tournament play be conducted on the last Saturday of regular season play at on-campus sites (games played within the division i.e W8 at W1, W7 at W2, etc.) and the quarterfinal round played on Tuesday at on-campus sites (games played within the division i.e. W8vW1 winner against W5vW4 winner) and the semifinals and finals played as done currently.

NOTE: The motion to table is not intended to dismiss any further discussion of the issues, the Board is willing to review further sport-by-sport recommendations.

MOTION #6 (Ruud): That in the sport of basketball, to amend the league's policies regarding the reservation of seating behind the visiting team benches from five rows to two rows

SECOND: (Smith)

MOTION PASSED

C. Strategic Planning

The Board had previously heard an update on the on-going processes for the PSAC Strategic Plan, intended for adoption in May 2010.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Personnel Issues

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel issues.

MOTION: (Ruud) To extend Commissioner Murray's contract through the 2011-12 academic year.

SECOND: (Miller)

MOTION PASSED

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board asked the Commissioner to work with the PASSHE Offices in order to coordinate meeting dates between the two entities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**A. Spring 2009 Consent Items
Forwarded by the PSAC Athletics Administrators**

- 1). That the PSAC sponsor/co-sponsor NCAA Division II legislation to change the make-up of the Division II Championships Committee to reflect representation by each conference.
- 2). To present C. Vivian Stringer with the PSAC Award of Merit
- 3). To present Kathy Rush with the PSAC Award of Merit
- 4). To extend the agreement for baseball officials for one year to include \$165 for a single game and \$240 for a doubleheader in 2009-10.
- 5). To extend to the Officiating Committee the authority to finalize a three-year extensions to the officiating agreements during the Summer of 2009.
- 6). That in the sport of volleyball, an in-season official's rating system be developed for use in the 2009 season
- 7). That in the sport of volleyball, the divisional standings for determining post-season berths will include all mandated matches (divisional and cross-over), without effecting the number of qualifying teams from each division.
- 8). That in the sport of volleyball, the home team will be responsible for videotaping the home conference matches and providing the visiting team with a copy of the match immediately following the conclusion of said match.
- 9). That in the sport of volleyball, Game Tape Exchange (an on-line film exchange service) be utilized for the full catalog of the conference schedule at the price of \$595/institution. Additionally, the home teams must also provide score sheets upon request.
- 10). That in the sport of volleyball the PSAC provide initial partial funding for Game Tape Exchange comparable to the process utilized by the sports of football and basketball.
(Note: The conference will contribute \$750 per institutional cost toward all GTE programs in 2009-10 and \$500 in 2010-2011.)
- 11). In the sport of Men's Soccer, to eliminate divisional play and move to a single round-robin format in 2010
- 12). In the sport of Men's Soccer, to contest the Wednesday semi-final games at 6:00 pm and the Saturday conference championship game at 6:00 pm at institution's with lights. For those institutions without lights, the game times would remain at 1:00 pm, depending upon site conflicts at the host institution.
- 13). That in the sport of women's soccer in the event championship is not completed, the conference's automatic qualification criteria to the NCAA tournament would be:
 1. Head to Head Competition
 2. Conference Record vs. division opponent
 3. Winning percentage vs. conference opponent
 4. Win-Loss record against common opponent outside the PSAC (non-PSAC opponents).
 5. Goal differential between tied teams
 6. Fewest goals allowed between tied teams
 7. Goals scored
 8. Away goals scored
- 14). That in the sport of women's soccer, the times of the PSAC Championship semi-final games shall be 11:00 am and 1:30 pm, unless the host school has a lighted field where the times will be determined in consultation with the conference office.
- 15). That in the sport of women's soccer, that the league eliminate divisional play and move to a single round robin format in 2010.

- 16). To adopt Select as the official soccer ball of the PSAC for the next three years.
- 17). That in the sport of field hockey, the conference mandated schedule increase to a full cross-over schedule with the opposite division, while still remaining with a double round robin format in divisional play.
- 18). That in the sport of football, to alter the language of the PSAC Handbook to read "SIDs are required to provide five stat packets to the opposing SID following distribution to the media."
(The handbook had previously stated 10 packets.)
- 19). That in the sport of swimming, that preliminary heats will be optional entry for women's relay races. However, if a team swims in a preliminary race, the time recorded in the preliminary race will be the seed time for finals.
- 20). That in the sport of basketball, the PSAC follow NCAA post-season model of media timeouts during the PSAC championship (4 timeouts at first dead balls after 16, 12, 8 and 4 minutes on the clock) rather than the currently used PSAC regular season model (2 timeouts at 14 and 7 minutes)
- 21). That the conference sponsor NCAA legislation to amend Bylaw 13.11.3.3 (Activities Not Involving Institution's Staff) to specify that institutional coaches, administrators, and other athletics personnel be permitted to serve as the institution's event manager and work specific duties within the competition site (organize tournaments/events, sell concessions, merchandise, prepare fields, etc.) for on-campus activities that involve prospective student-athletes without violation of tryout rules

B. Fall 2008 Consent Items

Forwarded by the PSAC Athletics Administrators

- 1). Nominations for Coaches Service Award:
Dick Delaney – West Chester (Men's Basketball)
Al Lefever – Clarion (Golf)
- 2) That the PSAC create a Sportsmanship Award to assist with the recognition of outstanding student-athlete accomplishments and the nomination of male and female student-athletes for the NCAA Sportsmanship Award.
- 3). To create a 2009 PSAC Mandated Volleyball Schedule that would include a travel partner format with Friday/Saturday Divisional play and a full crossover to be completed in two weekends at four sites per weekend.
- 4). To eliminate the PSAC Challenge Meets in sport of Indoor Track, effective with the 2009 Winter schedule.
- 5). To change the menu of events at the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championship, eliminating the pentathlon and replacing it with the decathlon (reflecting NCAA championship formats)
- 6). To increase the number of allowable entries at the PSAC Cross Country Championships for each team from 9 to 10 student-athletes, while still counting only the top 7 finishers in team scoring.
- 7). The at the PSAC Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships the league shall provide an individual award to each championship qualifying and participating member of the championship team.
- 8). To adopt the future league mandated regular season and championship schedule as follows for the sports of cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field:
2009 Cross Country – October 31, 2009 at Edinboro
2010 Cross Country- October 30, 2010 at California
2011 Cross Country – Mansfield (tentative)
2010 Indoor Track & Field
PSAC Indoor Championship-February 27-28, 2010 at Edinboro
2010 Outdoor Track & Field
East Challenge- Bloomsburg

2011 Outdoor Track & Field

PSAC Outdoor Championship – Slippery Rock

9). That in the sport of women's tennis the No. 3 team will play at the No. 2 team in a quarterfinal match in each division on the Tuesday prior the weekend team semifinals and finals.

10). To establish the PSAC Lacrosse Championship format as follows:

- 1). The #3 seed in each division will travel and play at the #2 seed of the same division on the Tuesday after the last regularly scheduled conference contest. The contests will be scheduled for a 4pm start time.
- 2) The two teams who advance from Tuesday's contests and the #1 seeds from each division will advance to the semi-final contests. The semi-finals will take place at the highest seed in the East (even years) and West (odd years). The semi-final game times will be at 1 pm and 4pm on Friday. The #1 seed in the West will play the lowest remaining seed in the East and the #1 seed in the East will play lowest remaining seed in the West. The host institution will play in the first semi-final contest.
- 3) The Championship contest will take place on Saturday at 1pm at the same site.

11). To establish the PSAC Softball Championship in the following format:

The weekend (Friday/Saturday) prior to the PSAC Softball Championships the top 3 teams from each division (format below) will play in a double elimination tournament with the winners of each division meeting the next weekend for a three-team double elimination tournament at the top remaining seed starting Spring 2009.

Format:

<u>Site 1</u>	<u>Site 2</u>	<u>Site 3</u>
#1 East Division	#1 West Division	#1 Central Division
#2 West Division	#2 Central Division	#2 East Division
#3 Central Division	#3 East Division	# 3 West Division

12). In the sport of softball in the second weekend of championship play, that the three-team tournament be played in a single-elimination format during the 2009 championship

Note: Due to a league ban on play during PASSHE finals and graduation, in 2009, this format must be played in one day, Sunday following PASSHE Spring graduation.

13). In the sport of Softball, the following guidelines will be used to determine seeding and host site for the second weekend of championship play as well as serve to determine the conference's AQ in the event the tournament can not be completed.

Additionally, this format would be used in the event the first round of play is not capable of being played or partially completed:

- a. Highest Seed
- b. Head to head competition
- c. Common opponents with winning percentage
- d. Record in tournament
- e. Record versus conference mandated teams of .500 or better
- f. Coin toss/computerized coin toss

14). That individuals associated with cheerleading and spirit groups, including mascots may not pass the goal posts on their half of the field during football games.