

MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004 ~ 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CT

Participants: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Amy Huchthausen, ACC; Shane Lyons, ACC (co-chair); Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10; Dawn Turner, Big South; Jennifer Heppel, Big Ten; Chad Hawley, Big Ten; Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Charolette Hunt; Conference USA; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy; Mary Muvenna, Ivy; Barbara Church, Metro Atlantic Athletic; Shonna Brown, Mid-American; Angie Torain, Mid-Con; Sarah Weier, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Anthony Archbald, Mountain West; Corrinne Wright, Northeast; Mike Mathews, Pac-10; Erik Price, Pac-10; Ron Barker, Pac-10; Greg Sankey, SEC; Gil Grimes, SEC; Torie Johnson, SEC; Doug King, Southern; Anthony Adams, SWAC; Jennifer Henderson, Sun Belt; Patrick Hairston, WAC; Lori Ebihara, Big 12 (co-chair); Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12.

1. Reviewed duties assigned to co-chairs (ACC & Big 12).

<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>
Lori & Mary Ellen	Agenda development, minutes.
Shane & Amy	Moderator for calls, primary contact with NCAA staff, distribution of LRIS minutes, Hot Topics, other NCAA information.

2. Approval of minutes of May 12, 2004 conference call.

➤ **ACTION:** The minutes were approved.

3. Reviewed selected Management Council items.

a. Recruiting Task Force.

The group shared input on the work of the NCAA Task Force on Recruiting.

Ebihara noted that the Big 12 requested the Task Force to review the possibility that noncommercial aircrafts (university owned) could be used to transport a prospect from the nearest major airport to campus if the university is located a certain distance from an airport. In addition, it was noted that the Big 12 does not support a reduction in the 48 hour time limit on official visits. Sankey stated that the SEC also requested that the task force re-visit the elimination of non-commercial aircrafts and challenged the task force on the lack of consistency that may occur with regard to official visits if “best practices” are the only standard. Lyons noted that the ACC raised the same questions and they believe there should be national consistency in official visit practices.

b. NABC/WBCA Reports.

It was reported that Beth DeBauche confirmed that the NABC and WBCA recruiting models are subject to the normal legislative process for approval and it is anticipated that they will enter the 2004-05 legislative cycle.

c. Summer Financial Aid.

It was noted that the working group will be developing a list of options and creating a timeline to be available for the Board of Director’s next meeting.

4. **Level I/II Violations.**

Campbell-McGovern noted that the Commissioners discussed this issue at their recent meeting and requested the CCACA to take a closer look at the process and whether any sort of national "penalty schedule" or minimum penalties should be established.

- **ACTION:** The group agreed to select a subcommittee to work with Chris Strobel to develop some sort of penalty schedule for Level II violations (bylaws) with no NCAA presumptive penalties. It was decided that this subcommittee (Shonna Brown, Charolette Hunt, Angie Torain, Carolayne Henry, Anthony Archbald and Carolyn Campbell-McGovern) should begin with the current penalty schedule when developing the new list. It should be noted that the CCACA unanimously endorses consistency in penalties.

The group anticipates establishing some sort of penalty structure prior to August 1, 2004.

5. **NCAA Coaches Certification Exam. [Refer to Iwaoka's June 30 email and related attachments.]**

Hawley noted that the NCAA would like a document from the CCACA with specific suggestions for the Recruiting Subcommittee on how to improve the Coach's Certification Exam.

- **Follow-Up:** The group agreed to forward the following feedback to the staff:
 - a. It was the sense of the group that the NCAA should continue to require all coaches to be certified annually.
 - b. Test content (bylaws covered; trick questions; educational purpose) should be improved by making the questions straight forward, utilizing a list of key areas to cover on the test and soliciting external constituents to ensure that the test is a "good" document (i.e. FARs). In addition, the group agreed that there should be improvement in the written instructions for the test and that corrective measure be taken related to function problems with the online version.
 - c. There was consensus among the group that the test should remain "open book."
 - d. Concern was expressed related to consistency and difficulty of tests (is A harder than B). This may not be a factor in the future if the test is only available via an online version.
 - e. The group agreed to recommend that the staff distinguish between questions on the test that apply to new or continuing legislation in order to facilitate materials in absence of NCAA Manual updates and timing of adopting legislation in April.
 - f. The group discussed the 30-day window for retesting, but no consensus was reached.
 - g. The group discussed reviewing "wrong" answers with coaches immediately after testing sessions and for coaches who pass the exam. Lyons will follow-up with the staff to determine whether or not it is permissible to do so.

7. **NCAA certification of international student-athlete amateurism.**

If a conference is interested in co-sponsoring the WCC proposal, contact Gloria Nevarez.

8. Prospects, fans and publicity.

Ebihara noted that it has been brought to her attention that fans and media entities are becoming increasingly present when prospects visit (unofficially, officially, summer camps) campus. Specifically, it is her understanding that fans and media folks are present during the prospect's arrival and are attending and viewing the prospect's participation in pick-up games. Apparently, such activities are being publicized in advance by recruiting services/websites or on internet chat rooms.

The group agreed that an institution would be required to open its gym to the general public in order for prospects to participate in permissible recreational activities (e.g., pick-up games) per Bylaw 13.12.2.2 during their campus visit and, in this situation, it appears that fans would be permitted to be in attendance and participate in the pick-up game without violating any publicity rules provided the activity is not arranged by the institution, the institution does not publicize (or arrange for the publicity of) the prospect's visit to campus and the coaches do not view the recreational activity.

9. Hot Topics.

Enigk solicited feedback from the group regarding Hot Topics and their binding nature. Specifically, she inquired about the history behind the Hot Topics and whether they are considered staff confirmations or determinations. The group agreed that Hot Topics are intended to be binding notification from the staff on timely issues, yet could be considered either a determination or confirmation.

➤ **Follow-Up:** Lyons agreed to forward the following recommendations to the staff:

- a. Review the original intent of Hot Topics.
- b. Since Hot Topics are often used to clarify legislation that is not straight forward to the membership, they should be clearly labeled as a staff determination or confirmation upon issuance.
- c. Hot Topics be included in LSDBi.
- d. Formal notification to be provided, via a Hot Topic, to the CCACA addressing these recommendations.

10. Future conference calls will take place on August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1 and January 5 at 11:00 a.m. CT.