



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Shane Lyons, Lindsey Babcock, Eric Wood, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, BIG EAST; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Carol Iwaoka, Chad Hawley, Kerry Kenny, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Keri Boyce, Big 12; Kathleen Batterson, Colonial; Rob Philippi, Callie Hubbell, Conference USA; Mike Sharpe, Great West; Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy; Barbara Church, Joe McCleese, MAAC; Jackie Mynarski, MAC; Shamaree Brown, MEAC; Patty Viverito, Mary Mulvenna, Missouri Valley; Joyce Bell, Northeast; Ron Barker, Mike Matthews, Pac-10; Joanna Kreps, Patrick Muffley, Patriot League; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, SEC; Stephanie McDonald, Southland; Greg Walter, Brittany Livingston, Summit; Ashley Robinson, SWAC; Kathy Keene, Eric Blevins, Sun Belt; Sarah Arens, West Coast;

1. INAAC.

D'Antonio provided the group with today's INAAC.

2. Review of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of the August 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. NCAA Eligibility Center (EC)- Update/Discussion [Dave Schnase, Todd Leyden, Bill Saum, Gary deCastro]

Joe D'Antonio, BIG EAST, provided a statement to the group to set the tone for the discussion. D'Antonio commented on the history of the EC and the commitments that were initially made regarding a high level of customer service to its membership. D'Antonio indicated that he would like the focus of the discussion to be centered on 1. structural changes within the EC; 2. conference contact program; 3. shared responsibility; and 4. future relationships between the CCACA and the EC.

Dave Schnase, NCAA, thanked the group for the opportunity to be on the call. Schnase informed the group that they would embrace the opportunity to tighten the relationship between the two groups.

Leyden indicated that there were some structural changes made in recent months. If you need to contact someone for an amateur issue, the person to call is Bill Saum. Saum also handles all membership matters. If you have an academic matter, the person to call is Gary deCastro. deCastro also oversees all operations matters. Greg Dana was provided the unique opportunity of working more closely with the student-athlete side of the house. Dana will be researching better ways to serve that

customer component. Leyden indicated that the EC has approximately 190,000 registrants each year. Leyden said the main focus is on how to best service these individuals.

Leyden spoke next about the conference contact program and encouraged the group to utilize this service. He noted that if anyone did not know who their conference contact was, they could feel free to contact Saum or Elizabeth Bookwalter. Bookwalter oversees the program. Currently the program is unevenly used among the conferences.

Leyden informed the group that approximately 73,000 PSAs have been certified thus far this year. This number is 10–13% higher than this time last year and 25% higher than two years ago. The EC is continuously looking at the best way to prioritize the work load.

Schnase and D'Antonio reinforced the importance of getting issues identified and building this relationship in the future.

Greg Sankey, SEC, voiced a concern that there has not been a venue for in-person dialogue. Sankey also expressed a concern that historically issues that arise are processed through a waiver process and have not yet been able to get at the heart of the problem. Leyden agreed that a strategic dialogue would be very beneficial. Leyden asked the group to decide what would be the best way to hold this type of forum.

Shane Lyons, ACC, expressed a concern with priority. Lyons suggested that priority decisions should go through the conference offices and not the institutions. Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy, stated that the schools should determine the order of certification for their PSAs. Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley, suggested creating a group to discuss this and other issues that arise. Viverito also asked the group for guidance on what direction the CCA should go with this. Sankey indicated that this might not be on the September CCA agenda as a result of time constraints.

Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon, asked if the group could focus discussion on handling more pressing issues before making turning the focus to future relationships, etc. Saum offered two options to the group: 1. institutions can run emergency requests through their conference offices or 2. institutions can process requests directly with the EC.

Saum informed the group that a lot of collaboration needs to take place in order for the EC to efficiently service its membership. Saum indicated that there are several schools with 100+ PSAs on their football IRLs. Consequently, the EC could be certifying PSAs that will not be participating. D'Antonio informed the group that the BIG EAST has had a lot of success with the conference contact program and encouraged everyone to use it. Campbell-McGovern added that her conference has not had much success. Lindsey Babcock, ACC, added that her conference has had success with the program with the exception of getting cases

prioritized. Saum reiterated his earlier request to submit all emergency situations to Bookwalter. Viverito asked the group to relay the IRL issues to their member schools. deCastro reminded the group that there are webinars on IRL portals that are very helpful if anyone has questions about the process.

Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten, asked if it was too early to tell if/how the recently adopted legislation was affecting the Eligibility Center. Specifically if early qualifiers were not being placed on institutions' IRLs. deCastro responded that there does not appear to be an issue with early qualifiers not being on IRLs.

D'Antonio suggested that the group should move on to the next agenda item, and noted that he would follow-up with the group in the future regarding these matters.

5. Baseball Questionnaire

Babcock asked for a clarification on the questionnaire that was sent to selected baseball PSAs. Babcock indicated that it was her understanding that the questionnaires were sent to PSAs that were drafted but not sign a contract. Additionally, there was a release that went along with the questionnaire. Babcock expressed concern that the NCAA Eligibility Center was not consistent with whom they sent the document.

Saum informed the group that the Eligibility Center identified the top 900 PSAs "under review". This group of individuals was designated prior to the draft. If a PSA was not drafted, he was removed from the list. If a PSA signed a contract by the deadline (Aug. 17th), he was removed from the list. All those remaining on the list would have received an email from the Eligibility Center requesting they complete the questionnaire. Saum confirmed that institutions do not have to use these questions for other PSAs, nor do they need to be interviewed. Babcock suggested that all baseball PSAs should receive the questionnaire in the future. Saum appreciated the suggestion but responded that the information contained in the questionnaire does not become pertinent until August.

Lyons asked a question about a PSA who was not asked to complete the questionnaire but later had an amateurism issue. Lyons wanted to know if the institution would be on the hook for not administering the questionnaire. Saum confirmed that as long as the institution did not have any information that would lead to concerns that the PSA had an issue, the institution would not be held accountable.

D'Antonio asked the group if they would like to create a small (6-7 people) subcommittee to work with him on future Eligibility Center issues. The group was in favor of this idea. D'Antonio indicated that if anyone was interested in joining the group to email him. If a large number of people showed interest, the group as a whole could vote on the members.

- 6. NAAC Membership Survey**
Jennifer Condaras, BIG EAST, notified the group that, on behalf of NAAC, she would be sending out a survey on the list serve. Condaras informed the group that the survey was brief and requested that everyone forward it along to their membership.
- 7. Compliance Review Materials**
Condaras informed the group that the materials are now posted on the NCAA website. Condaras sent the link to the materials in an email immediately following the call.
- 7. CCACA 2010 In-Person Meeting**
D'Antonio updated the group on the plans for the 2010 in-person meeting. D'Antonio indicated that his discussions with the NCAA are going very well, and it looks promising that the requested staff will be able to join the group in Dallas. D'Antonio also informed the group that he has signed a contract with the Westin and that everyone should complete the reservation form that was attached to the conference call email. All forms should be returned to Wanda Factor, Administrative Assistant for Compliance at the BIG EAST. D'Antonio reminded everyone that the form needs to be completed and returned even if a room is not needed. Having each person complete a reservation form will help in obtaining an accurate head count. As discussed on a previous call, each person will need to pay \$40 for dinner. Checks should be made payable to the BIG EAST Conference. Similar to last year, the BIG EAST will be incurring some of the cost for this meeting.
- 8. Next Conference Call**
D'Antonio, BIG EAST, reminded the group that the next conference call will take place on Wednesday, 9/30/09 at Noon EST.
- 9. CCACA Conference Call Trivia**
D'Antonio reviewed the rules and regulations of "conference call trivia" and asked the question of the day.
- 10. Adjournment.**



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Wednesday, September 30, 2009 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

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1. INAAC.

D'Antonio provided the group with today's INAAC.

2. Review of Agenda

Greg Sankey, SEC, indicated he could provide an update from the CCA meeting.

3. Approval of the September 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. CCACA / NCAA Eligibility Center Subcommittee- Update

Joe D'Antonio, BIG EAST, informed the group that he has had additional discussions with the EC since the last conference call. D'Antonio indicated that the EC is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be a part of this subcommittee, and that they are looking forward to the opportunity of strengthening its relationship with the CCACA. D'Antonio will finalize the date for the first subcommittee call within the next few days. He informed the group that members of the EC will participate on all of the subcommittee calls. D'Antonio requested that any agenda items for these calls be submitted to him. D'Antonio suggested that there will be improvements with the EC with an increased involvement from the conference offices, specifically the conference contact program.

5. Conference Files- Retention Policy

Patrick Muffley, Patriot League, asked if anyone had a conference policy for retaining files. The Patriot League is looking to create such a policy, and they would like to see what others already have in place. Muffley requested that if anyone has a policy to please email it to him. Muffley indicated that he would distribute any information received with the group.

6. Expectations for Reinstatement Cases Involving Transfer Student-Athletes

Erica Monteabaro, Big West, asked the group if any of their schools have encountered issues with student-athlete reinstatement requests involving transfer student-athletes. Monteabaro indicated that several of her institutions were dealing with issues where the previous institutions withdrew reinstatement requests with the NCAA once the student-athlete indicated he/she would be transferring. No one else indicated that it was an issue with any of their schools. Additionally, Carol Iwaoka reported that it was not a trend seen by the reinstatement committee. It was the consensus of the group that the previous institution should assist the second institution with getting all the necessary documentation. D'Antonio asked if this is something that needed to be followed up on at the January in-person meeting. Monteabaro indicated that it would not be necessary and that she just wanted to bring the matter to the full group's attention.

7. 2009-10 Division I Legislative Cycle- Review of Proposals

Iwaoka asked if anyone was aware of proposals that had been modified or withdrawn. D'Antonio reported that proposal 2009-21 has not been modified but that the original language as drafted was re-inserted into the proposal. Specifically, D'Antonio indicated that the word publically (e.g., publically designated) had been left out of the proposal. Sankey reported that proposal 2009-79 had a few modifications. Iwaoka asked if it was necessary to frequently check LSDBi to determine if changes had been made. D'Antonio responded that yes it necessary to check the history section of the proposal for changes. A few individuals discussed the possibility of having an alert when changes are made. Mike Matthew, Pac-10, indicated that alert notifications were discussed on the last CCACA Advisory call. D'Antonio stated that he would follow up with the NCAA to see what could be done. Matthews suggested that changes could also be shared through the CCACA list serve. The group agreed to share changes through the list serve.

D'Antonio addressed a concern with the focus of the NCAA Cabinets. Specifically, D'Antonio indicated that it appears the cabinets are weighing in on proposals that do not have any relevance to their charge. Although members of the group agreed, most felt that nothing could be done because the NCAA sets the agenda for which proposals are to be reviewed.

8. CCACA 2010 In-Person Meeting

D'Antonio reminded everyone to submit the reservation form to Wanda Factor, BIG EAST Administrative Assistant, no later than December 15, 2009. D'Antonio requested that suggested agenda items be emailed to him.

9. Additional Items

Sankey, provided the group with an update from the last CCA meeting. Sankey indicated that the CCA reviewed a document with recommendations from the Basketball Focus Group (BFG). This document will be presented to the BOD. Sankey informed the group that the CCA is unanimously supporting the document. Sankey reported that the CCA will conduct a meeting at the NCAA Convention on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 7am EST. Sankey also reported that the cross country / track sports will most likely return to early and regular NLI signing periods. If approved, this change will become effective for next year's signing periods. A mid-year signing period for sports other than football is going to be reviewed by the Policy and Review committee. Finally, Sankey reported that the "no additional agreements" letter will be sent by October 1, 2009.

10. Next Conference Call

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11. CCACA Conference Call Trivia

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12. Adjournment.