

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Lock Haven, PA – March 25-26, 2017
MINUTES**

Attendance – Day 1: Jordan Wyant, Lauren Oeth (BU); Christina Bellhy, Joshua Hershey (Cal); Brendyn Van Demark, Nygree Poole (Chey); Cameron Grumley, Amanda O’Kane (Clar); Alyssa Simeone, Colleen Dwyer (ESU); Dylan Cerroni (Edin); Brett Whitty, Lauren Tewes (Gan); Katie Miller, Jessica Marut (IUP); Brandon Raguz, Courtney Konowal (KU); Scott Davern, Kelsey Sincavage (LH); Emily Willard, Cady Burnside (Mans); Steve Stauss, Amanda Frappolli (Mer); Emily Fusco, Alexis Coldsmith (Mill); Ellen Brady, DJ Sims (UPJ); Emily Hutsko, Joe Smith (SH); Acacia Rightmyer, Julia Wise (Ship); Mallory Heinle, Steve Rerick (SR); Casey Monaghan, Jarel Elder (WC); Carlin Chesick, Steve Murray (PSAC) Chris Pike (Gan) **Day 2:** Same

Informal Session: Prior to the formal business session meeting, SAAC reps participated in a Mental Health Issues Seminar presented by Dr. David Yukelson, a sports psychologist from Penn State University. SAAC reps were certified in CPR/AED in the evening session.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 2016 PSAC SAAC meeting were reviewed and approved.

PSAC Update: Carlin Chesick updated the group on the PSAC Social Media efforts. SAAC reps were encouraged to like/follow the PSAC. Chesick also spoke about the new PSAC Network, a web streaming service that the league and its members have been working on throughout the year, which will require all schools to webcast certain contests over the next few years. The new PSAC logo was introduced in January. The PSAC will have a new website to roll-out this summer to go with the new logo.

PSAC Controversial Item Review: There were no controversial items from the fall legislative cycle to review.

NCAA Update: The group quickly covered the legislative proposals that passed at the Convention in January.

NCAA DII SAAC Update: Casey Monaghan is the new PSAC National SAAC representative. She has not yet attended a National meeting, but will in April. Chris Pike was in attendance as our old rep and informed the group on the following. **Foundation for the Future:** The first ever SAAC Summit will take place this fall in our super region with each institution permitted to send 2 student-athletes. More information to follow. The Helper Helper App, a community service tracking application, is free because of the grant and was encouraged to be used by each school. **Faculty Mentor Award:** Due September 1 to NCAA. **Sport Science Institute & CPR/AED:** National SAAC has partnered with the Sports Science Institute to educate and inform on CPR and AED education.

MOTION: (Katie Miller, IUP/Joe Smith, Seton Hill – Passes Unanimously): Annually, each institution’s SAAC representatives should be certified for CPR/AED.

PSAC Strategic Plan Update: Chesick updated the group that the PSAC Strategic Plan will be ending this year. Athletic Administrators will be solicited for ideas at their spring meetings. The PSAC will ask SAAC to rank ideas for the PSAC over the summer via an email survey.

NCAA Strategic Grant Program: The Division II Strategic Initiative Grants were distributed and reviewed. Reps were encouraged to go back and ask questions on how the money is spent. All schools will receive their \$500 grant for 2017-2018. The grants will remain the same at \$3,500 and \$500 in the coming year.

SAAC Strategic Initiatives: Conference Sportsmanship Award: Encouraged everyone to speak about this at every campus meeting. Submissions are due May 5, 2017. **You Can Play:** SAAC reps discussed You Can Play, a group that works to ensure the safety and inclusion of all in sport. Reps encouraged the conference to pursue educational initiatives with the group and were supportive of creating conference videos. They also asked for speakers on the topic to be funded through the conference. **It’s On Us:** National SAAC still has a partnership with the SSI on this initiative.

Conference SAAC Projects: Team Impact: National SAAC has a formal partnership with Team Impact. Has grown tremendously since then. DII matches are priority. **Make-A-Wish:** The PSAC raised the most money toward MAW, with full conference participation. Edinboro raised the 3rd most as an institution, nationally. Schools who raised at least \$5,000 will host or have already hosted wish reveals.

Future Meetings: The fall PSAC SAAC call will take place Sunday, October 1, 2017. Ideas for Professional Development for the next spring meeting (March 24-25, 2018) included: Best Practices for Campus SAAC, Etiquette Reception Hour, Marketing (fundraising and selling yourself), Communications (communicating effectively).

Campus Issues Discussion: SAAC discussed the following items and shared items on: Institutions dropping sports, budget issues, student-athlete representation on Student Government/Senate, and sharing best practices and SAAC ideas to take back to campus.