

SAAC MEETING MINUTES (October 16, 2006)

1. Lynn discussed a few things
 - a. MAW nomination
 - b. Reminder of Hazing Conference at Amherst on 10/22 for captains and SAAC
 - c. Two NCAA regulations: nontraditional seasons and number of regulation games
2. Subcommittees reported back
 - a. Athlete Welfare
 - i. Dining options for winter/spring athletes here when college isn't open
 - ii. Food outside of dining hours (particularly breakfast before competition)
 - iii. Support network for athletes outside of the coach (grad student)
 - iv. Sports psychologist to meet with teams
 - v. Low income housing by Smith fields, how to prevent a potential problem
 - b. Athlete Visibility
 - i. Get people to the games by starting with athletes attending games
 - ii. Bring back sister teams to make posters or chalkings
 - iii. T-shirts for athletes to wear to promote their game days
 - iv. AA working with SAAC
 - v. Fan vans (for away games and crew regattas)
 - vi. Mascots?? (think about it...)
 - vii. Pep rally in the spring (more central location)
 - viii. Advertise at Northampton high school?
 - ix. The last Tuesday in November (at the first basketball game) will recognize fall All-conference athletes and athletes of the week
 - c. Community Service
 - i. Some suggestions included: Habitat for Humanity, clothing drive, event with Northampton high school athletes, sponsor smith athletes in a marathon, Prison Book Project
 - ii. Decided on a food drive for the Food Bank in the fall
 1. "Trick or Treat" Food Drive: Smith athletes dress up in uniforms and go around to houses on Halloween, asking for canned foods (and probably getting candy), or giving information about how to donate later.
 2. Shanti will look into Food Bank opening their warehouse on Sunday afternoon for athletes to come and sort donated goods.
 - d. Faculty-Staff Relations
 - i. February 7th as Faculty Appreciation Day
 - ii. Newsletter to faculty/staff letting them know about games, spotlighting athletes
3. Athlete Issues (small group then big groups)
 - a. Facebook: be responsible for what you put there, and be smart about it
 - b. Issues with coach/captain: discussed talking to an outside source like a grad student vs. keeping it within the team (depends on the problem/situation)
 - c. Academic Support: list of athletes and majors as resource for first years, sheet/booklet about procedures like missing class for games, panel for winter/spring athletes