

SAAC MEETING MINUTES (September 25, 2006)

1. Everyone knows their subcommittees, and we'll meet in those smaller groups before the next bigger meeting.
2. We elected Sara Smyth (lacrosse) to be our second NEWMAC Rep
3. Lynn talked about NCAA legislation, changes included...
 - a. All coaches take NCAA rules test (would be mandatory instead of optional)
 - b. Putting a cap of 459 schools that can be in NCAA Division III. Schools can drop down from Div I or II, or change from NAIA league to be part of Division III, and it takes a total of 4 years to fully join. This change relates to trying to keep championship competitions from getting too large and long by limiting the number of schools in the league.
 - c. Provisional memberships – schools now need to pay \$20,000 instead of the previous \$12,000 to be a member of NCAA. It ensures commitment when wanting to join.
 - d. Presidents Council wants to make it 2 conferences or 20 schools needed to move legislation (instead of the current 8 schools)
 - e. More emphasis and definition of Sports Wagering
 - f. How to reinstate someone's eligibility if they're caught wagering/gambling
 - g. Someone at each practice and game needs to be first aid, CPR and AED certified. This is already done at Smith, but speaks more to NCAA enforcing how schools should run their own programs.
 - h. No outside tryouts or combine tests on campus, this would compare our athletes with others in the Division.
 - i. More rules for male practice players (brought-in male athletes to practice against women's teams), such as only once per week, and the number of male players have to be less than ½ the number of women on the team. We don't have access to them at Smith because they must be enrolled at the institution.
4. Hazing – we discussed that we didn't think it was a big issue at Smith, but always make sure to let people on the team know that all outside activities are not mandatory and they aren't being forced to do anything that they don't want to do.
5. Other issues to be talked about at next meeting
 - a. Facebook
 - b. Role of captains (especially when dealing with complaints about other players or coaches, what is the responsibility and what should be done?)
 - c. Academic support for first years and new members