

MINUTES OF THE  
MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE  
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mountain West Conference Office  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

May 30-31, 2009

Those participating:

Raimée Beck, United States Air Force Academy  
Cassidy Mears, Brigham Young University, Chair  
Eugene Daniels, Colorado State University  
Terence Brown, University of New Mexico  
Brooke Vessey, San Diego State University  
Nirelle Hampton, TCU  
Mackenzie Neely, UNLV  
Carlton Brown, University of Utah  
David Schmitt, University of Wyoming  
Gary Walenga, Mountain West Conference  
Marlon Edge, Mountain West Conference

Those unable to participate: Alyson Hagy, University of Wyoming, Joint Council Representative.

[Note: These minutes reflect only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”). The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group; all salient discussion is included in the recording secretary’s notes on file in the Conference office.]

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. MT by Mr. Edge. Members were present as noted above.

**Saturday, May 30, 2009**

1. Review of April 19, 2009 Minutes. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from its April 19, 2009 conference call as distributed.
2. Review of Mountain West Conference Governance Structure. The committee received an overview of the MWC governance structure, highlighting the roles of the faculty athletics representatives (FARs), senior woman administrators (SWAs) and athletic directors (ADs). The MWC SAAC reports to the Joint Council which consists of an FAR, SWA and AD from each institution. The committee also reviewed the roles of the Joint Council, the Joint Council

Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The committee was encouraged to build relationships with administrators at their respective institutions.

4. Review of Mountain West Conference SAAC Handbook. The committee reviewed its 2008-09 handbook. The committee determined that it could be beneficial to have a student-athlete of the month for the SAAC, which would be picked on future conference calls. The committee also elected Ms. Vessey as the SAAC Co-Chair for the 2009-10 academic year. In particular, the group put Ms. Vessey in charge of the social networking initiative to engage SAAC members throughout the Conference. The committee also recommended that institutional SAAC newsletters be posted on the MWC SAAC page throughout the year.
5. NCAA Division I SAAC Update. The committee received an update from the Mountain West Conference's NCAA SAAC representative, Sherraine Pencil. Ms. Pencil informed the group of the National SAAC Awards of Excellence and the process for nominations in the future. The committee was also informed that the NCAA SAAC's Web site was being updated to allow for easier use.
6. Sportsmanship Initiative. Mr. Edge informed the committee on the current proceedings of the NCAA Sportsmanship campaign - Respect. The committee was informed that the campaign provided guidelines for appropriate fan behavior and that "respect" and "integrity" were the key words the NCAA would be using to promote the effort. The committee was also educated about the Conference's Enforcement Flow Chart, sportsmanship rules and the statute of limitations for each offense.
7. Preparing for Financial Success after College. The committee received a short presentation on how to improve credit scores and advice pertaining to wise financial investments immediately following college graduation. The committee expressed a desire to present this on campus as well. It was noted that the PowerPoint presentation would be sent to the committee.
8. Alcohol/Drug Prevention and Education. The committee shared what prevention and education efforts were done on their respective campuses. The committee was encouraged to engage students and administrators on campus in order to implement new and creative ways to promote alcohol and drug prevention. It was noted to the committee that a gambling expert would most likely be speaking at the MWC SAAC fall 2009 meeting.
9. MWC SAAC/Facebook Webpage. The committee commented on items to be added to the MWC SAAC webpage. Further, the committee was encouraged to direct their fellow SAAC members to join the MWC Facebook page. As noted earlier, Ms. Vessey agreed to manage the MWC Facebook page for the 2009-10 academic year. The committee was also encouraged to send pictures to Ms. Vessey as well as to the Conference office to be posted on the MWC SAAC Web page.

10. Community Service Activity. Following lunch, the committee participated in a community service activity at The Restore in downtown Colorado Springs. The committee provided service through organizing and providing in store support. The store's purpose is to give low income families cheap access to home improvement supplies.

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**Sunday, May 25, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Mr. Walenga. Members were present as noted above.

11. Appointment of SAAC Positions. The committee decided to make Ms. Vessey a Co-Chair and either Mr. Daniels or Mr. Schmitt the other Co-Chair pending the NCAA SAAC appointment. The committee determined that whoever was not chosen for the NCAA SAAC position would become a Co-Chair with Ms. Vessey on the MWC SAAC.
12. NCAA Items. The committee reviewed information on the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, NCAA Internship program, Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship, and NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Programs' Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.
13. Mountain West Conference Items. The committee discussed the feasibility and obstacles for implementing the Pink Out. The committee determined reasonable dates as well as formulated a list of ideas and questions for the marketing directors and other key individuals involved to help guide the implementation. The committee reached a consensus that each institution should strive to implement this on their campus this year and proceed from there to make it a Conference-wide initiative.
14. Campus SAAC Activities. Each committee member shared a list of recent SAAC activities on their respective campuses.
15. Meeting Recap. Mr. Edge reviewed items discussed throughout the meeting and encouraged committee members to implement new ideas on their campuses. The committee was thanked for their participation in the meeting.
16. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Mountain Time.

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