

COUNCIL FOR ATHLETIC AFFAIRS
TAMPA, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2007
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, Tampa, Florida

REGISTRATION

Attendance: Jamie Howell (Brevard), John Giordano (Broward), Bob Zelinski (Central FL), Dale O'Daniel (Chipola), Will Dunne (Daytona Bch), George Sanders (FL CC @ Jax), Gregg Wolfe (Gulf Coast), Frank Babcock (Hillsborough), Scott Kimmelman (Indian River), Tom Clark (Lake City), Mike Matulia (Lake Sumter), Mike Riley (Manatee), Jim Cox (Miami-Dade), Steve Givens (North Florida), Mickey Englett (Okaloosa Walton), Leonard Brewton (Palm Beach for Sam Skelton), Bobby Bowman (Pasco Hernando), Bill Hamilton (Pensacola), Bing Tyus (Polk), Jim Keites (Santa Fe), John Scarpino (Seminole), Rick Hitt (South Florida), Toni Willis (St. Johns Rivers), Mark Strickland (St. Petersburg), Brian Anweiler (Tallahassee), Laurel Sue Smith (Softball Chair), Charles Smith (FCCAA), Barbara Gilbert (Gulf Coast - Recording).

CALL TO ORDER

September 26, 2007 Gregg Wolfe called the meeting to order at 8:20 am

Invocation given by Charles Smith, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Gregg Wolfe welcomed the CAA to Tampa, he asked each member to introduce themselves and circulated a roll sheet for attendance.

Gregg Wolfe asked each Athletic Director to review the 2007-2008 Directory and make any changes on the form to be updated.

Bobby Bowman provided information and directions to Landry's Seafood House where the dinner social will be held on the evening of September 26, 2007 at 6:00 pm in honor of Charles Smith who will be retiring.

Motion to approve the Spring, 2007 meeting minutes Zelinski, seconded Scarpino. Approved.

FCCAA PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Dr. Massey (Indian River)

Dr. Massey gave a slide show presentation from the Council of President's (COP) meeting concerning the state budget cuts and the effect on the community colleges.

FCCAA WOMEN'S COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mickey Englett

The Financial Aid and Participation Report was discussed, all colleges have cleared the audit for 2006-07 with few discrepancies. Englett stated there were a few reporting concerns:

1. Form B clearly states this form must be signed and returned even if no athletes are listed;
2. The source and amount of aid must be listed on both forms A and B;
3. If a player is on Form B in the fall and signed to an LOI in the spring, they should be listed on Form A;
4. If a player has signed an LOI in one sport and participates in another, they should be listed on Form A of both sports. On the sport, he/she is a walk-on, list the name of the sport in column one of Form A.

Englett stated that it is the institutions responsibility to ensure all data in the commissioner's office is updated and accurate. This can be done by simply reviewing the emailed FAPR report and replying back to either Englett or Zelinski with any discrepancies.

Englett reminded the members that LOI's must be submitted to the commissioner within the 21 days after the student athlete signs; any school qualifying for the state tournament should confirm arrangements early.

The 06-07 Participation Numbers report was distributed.

NJCAA PROPOSAL – Article VIII Section 5.A.6 Letter of Intent

“Non United States citizen student-athletes may not be replaced by another non United States citizen student-athlete once the college expends any funds on that student-athlete.

Change to: “Non United States citizen student-athletes may not be replaced by another non United States citizen student-athlete once the college expends any funds on that student-athlete **during the academic year as defined by the NJCAA Letter of Intent.**

An increase to a student-athlete’s LOI should be added and submitted on the NJCAA website, a copy included in the eligibility packet sent to Englett and Zelinski with a copy kept for audit purposes.

Eligibility will be covered under the Men’s Commission Report.

Motion to approve Women’s Commissioner’s report Sanders, second Bowman. Approved

FCCAA MEN’S COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Bob Zelinski

Zelinski reported that there were no violations reported on the Financial Aid and Participation Reports (FAPR) for 2006-07.

LOI/Scholarships/Releases/Transfer Waivers –

- Current policy (Article VII, Section 1, D. page 54) requires the written notice of the terms of the LOI be given to the student-athlete no later than fourteen days from the beginning of classes. After the fourteen days, written approval from the NJCAA is required to sign a student-athlete and the written approval attached to the LOI.
- NJCAA Article VIII, Section 5, A. 15, page 56 states that a cancellation of a an LOI is required if a student athlete is not receiving aid in the current term.

Englett and Zelinski gave an overview on the process of submitting an eligibility packet with the following suggested for compiling the packet:

1. Eligibility form, notes and check list on the top;
2. Next it the roster followed by the schedule;
3. The documents that follow should be in the same alphabetical order as the eligibility form which includes current college transcripts, transfer transcripts if necessary, transfer waiver if required, current schedule, proof of HS diploma or GED, signed LOI (for NJCAA audit packet), any documentation of medical hardship/academic hardship/disability if necessary, I-20 and Letter of Admissions and any other documents in regard to his verification for international student-athletes, and the four 5X7 color team photos with identification on back.

Rationale:

For verification, commissioners look at the eligibility form and check for all appropriate signatures, verify the form is original, (not a preview copy) and verify the date of submission. We then take the first name on the form, scan across the entries and verify that student-athlete has documents attached.

Eligibility Reminders –

- Fall All-star Baseball is due by October 19, 2007. Sophomores must meet the eligibility requirements to participate.
- Basketball eligibility is due as soon as possible to allow time for review before the first game but no later than the “first regularly scheduled game”. The official roster and the eligibility report should be the same. When filing a supplement, a new roster should be filed.

Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) collection of data began on September 12th and will close on October 31st.

Other Discussions followed:

- High School accreditation (not a standard HS diploma) – there are several “diploma mills” out there. Make sure the high school is accredited. The question was asked what the college’s Registrars office was doing about checking to make sure if the school is accredited, talk is continuing to get this straightened out. Discussion followed.

- Clarification regarding health insurance for international student-athletes was discussed, it was determined that the institution could purchase the insurance as long as it was stated on the LOI for that student-athlete.

Motion to approve Me’s Commissioner’s report Englett, second Cox. Approved

SPORT CHAIR REPORTS

Baseball – Bing Tyus

Conference Chairs: Midflorida – Marty Smith
Panhandle – Steve Givens
Southern – Rick Hitt
Suncoast – Mike Matulia

The state tournament will be played at Lakeland Tigertown on May 9-13, 2008. Discussion regarding reverting back to the original bracket: There are several issues that need clarified before this can be approved.

Clarification of opportunity to change the bracket one way or another, need to provide more information with a rationale to refer to. Tyus will have something in writing for the March meeting. (NJCAA book page 65 item H)

Motion to postpone until the March Region VIII meeting Zelenski, seconded by Keites. Approved

The official ball: Diamond for regular season and tournaments and Rawlings for the NJCAA Region VIII tournament.

The Fall All-Star games will be held in Lakeland at Tigertown on October 27-28. The baseball committee will be held on October 27 at 7:00 pm in Lakeland at the Major League Clubhouse at Tigertown and the Fall baseball coaches meeting will be held on October 27 at *:00 pm in the same location.

Recognition – Chipola College and Coach Jeff Johnson for their outstanding season last year and for representing FCCAA Baseball by winning the JUCO World Series.

Motion to approve Baseball report Sanders, second Englett. Approved

Men’s Basketball – Brian Anweiler

A motion was made by Anweiler to continue to use the “Rock” ball at the tournaments and a second by Bowman.

Eddie Barnes nominated to serve as Florida’s Region VIII representative to NJCAA Coaches Advisory Board

Anweiler reported that there will be new floor markings in the 2008-2009 year.

Motion to approve Men's Basketball report Bowman, second O'Daniel. Approved

Women's Basketball – John Scarpino

Scarpino talked about the concerns that were expressed during the state tournament at Chipola.

It was approved not to have an All-Star game due to the budget cuts that everyone was experiencing. A motion was made to allow each conference to put on their own All-Star game as long as players from the other conferences did not participate.

It was noted that the National Coaches are moving from the 10 panel ball to the 8 panel ball. Rawlings contract is until 2010. It was decided to stay in line with the NCAA and try to make the transition within the next year.

It was decided not to have a Fall meeting next year with budget restraints, it was felt that the conference chairs were competent to represent the coaches best interests.

Motion to approve Women's Basketball report Riley, second Hamilton. Approved

Softball – Laurel Sue Smith

- Recommendations:
 1. That 16 teams continue to participate in the FCCAA State/NJCAA State/NJCAA Region 8 Tournament in 2009.
 2. That the 2009 tournament be a double elimination tournament consisting of the top four teams from each conference. The top two teams will go to the National Tournament.After discussion there was a motion by O'Daniel to accept and a seconded by Scarpino. **Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 16-8, 1 absent.**

The NJCAA district/FCCAA State Tournament will be held May 2-4, 2008 at the Auburndale Softball Complex with the same format at the National Tournament. The banquet will be held on May 1st.

L.S. Smith welcomed the following new softball coaches: Kerri Ryskamp, Central Florida; Kelly Golden, Lake Sumter; Meredith headings, Manatee; Martha MaCall, Palm Beach.

Motion to approve Softball report Bing, second Keites. Approved

Tennis – John Giordano

State Tournament at Hillsborough CC April 11-13, 2008

Motion to approve Tennis report Givens, second Sanders. Approved

Volleyball – George Sanders

Recommendation to have 1 & 2 top teams to go to single 8 team tournament with double elimination – no redistricting. This would represent Florida's 2 bids at the National Tournament. Motion by Clark, seconded Keites. Discussion followed. NJCAA Policy would need changed since this would be a new rule. A straw vote from AD's with volleyball (8-yes, 7-no, 1-absent). It was decided that more information and recommendation was needed.

Motion to approve Volleyball report Hitt, second Dunn. Approved

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Charles Smith

The part-time FCCAA Administrative Assistant position is vacant at this time.

Recommended that the CAA review all policies pertaining to Contest Officials (handbook Section 13, policy 1 on page 22 & 23 and policy 9 on page 39).

Section 13 Game Officials Policy Changes

Policy 1 “Note” – add - A college may not use as an official any person who is affiliated with that college either as a currently enrolled full-time student or as a full-time faculty or staff member **or vender.**

Motion to add “vender” by Cox, second Babcock. Approved

Policy 2C – delete

Policy 2D – change to C

Motion to delete C and change D to C by Cox, second Babcock. Approved

Policy 3H – delete

Policy 3I & J – change to H & I

Motion to delete H and change I & J to H & I by Cox, second Hamilton. Approved

Scoreboard Coordinators: Angel Murphy (Volleyball) and Rob Chaney (M&W Basketball, Baseball, Softball)
FCCAA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies will be held on Friday, November 16, 2007 in Orlando.

State Travel Allowance: Student-athletes do not have to receive the new meal allowance.

FCCAA Executive Committee will meet on October 1 & 2 at the Tampa Sheraton Suites to hold interviews with the three finalists for the position of Executive Director (currently held by Charles Smith). The new person will be in place by January 2, 2008.

Motion to approve Executive Director's report Matulia, second Hamilton. Approved

CAA SECTION 16 REPORT – Gregg Wolfe

Wolfe handed out the completed 2006-2007 FCCAA Academic Report – Section 16. Zelinski stated that this report was collective data only and not comparative data.

Discussion followed regarding Community Service Projects:

Community projects per team add up, service project should benefit student-athlete as well as those served;

Need guidelines how to report – individual athlete or by team

REVIEW OF CAA E-BOARD MINUTES – Gregg Wolfe

UPDATE ON CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2007-08

Panhandle – Wolfe

Mid Florida – Toni Willis

Sun Coast – Bobby Bowman

Southern – John Giordano

NEW BUSINESS

NJCAA Proposed Rule Change – Kimmelman

Article 8, Section 6 G.7 (page 57 Handbook & Casebook) – Kimmelman

Delete: “Shall be limited to four (4) hours per week”

Change to: “Shall be limited to eight (8) hours per week”

Rationale – To put NJCAA guidelines in line with the NCAA guidelines concerning “off season” activity.

National Swim & Diving Program – Kimmelman

Motion for Region VIII to sponsor program, second Giordano. Approved

CAA Newsletter – Cox

Cox discussed creating a monthly newsletter with “happenings among the members”. Members would send Cox any information they would like to see in the newsletter. The newsletter would be sent to all the CAA members.

Motion to approve CAA Newsletter Babcock, second Hamilton. Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Statistical reporting of Dak-Stats – Wolfe

There are no plans by the national office to report stats. Rob Cheny will continue to support the manual input on the NJC site. A single web page is a dead issue.

Basketball State Tournament Site Issues – Wolfe

There are several issues concerning the 06-07 Basketball State Tournament. O’Daniel stated that Chipola was working on the issues and they were updating their tournament format.

O’Daniel has requested a two (2) year extension to continue to have the state tournament at Chipola College.

A motion was made to accept this proposal Hamilton, second Tyus.

Discussion followed:

-All 8 teams should have a fair and equal chance to win and no one should have home court advantage.

- Should the tournament be moved to a more neutral site.

Motion failed by a roll call vote of 14-10, 1 absent. Bids will go out in the Fall of 2008.

Motion to adjourn Cox second Hamilton

Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm

Wolfe called the meeting to order on September 27, 2007 at 8:06 am

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OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Discussions included budgets, clarification regarding a HS diploma, eligibility, tennis eligibility, gender equity, athlete housing and local donations.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Spring 2008 CAA E-Board meeting – April 17-18, Gainesville

Spring 2008 CAA meeting – May 21-22, Southern Conference Embassy Suites in Ft. Lauderdale

Fall 2008 CAA E-Board meeting – August 8, Sheraton Suites in Tampa

Fall 2008 CAA meeting – September 24-25, Panhandle Conference Embassy Suites in Destin

Motion to adjourn Matulia second Hamilton

Meeting adjourned 10:22 am