

**Northeast-10 Conference SAAC Meeting  
November 11, 2007  
Southern Connecticut State University**

**Those Attending:**

Nate Thompson, AIC  
Rich Reichert, AIC  
Lindsay Schoen, Assumption  
Matt Fletcher, Assumption  
Carey Demos, Bentley  
Cassie Kraft, Bentley  
William Cekovsky, Bentley  
Caitlin Hansen, Bryant  
Becca Lange, Bryant  
Kayleigh Jaksina, Franklin Pierce  
Robert Perretta, Franklin Pierce  
Justine Ravas, Le Moyne  
Ben Jordan, Le Moyne  
Tim Fenton, Le Moyne  
Gately Golden, Merrimack  
Mike Mattone, Pace  
Joe Streany, Pace  
Maria Cirello, Pace  
Cassandra Loftus, Saint Anselm  
Meredith Amyot, Saint Anselm  
Leslie Herwig, Saint Michael's  
Kristen Calahan, Saint Rose  
Kerry Monahan, Saint Rose  
Angela Cafarelli, Southern Connecticut  
Grace Martha, Southern Connecticut  
Ann Berry, Southern Connecticut  
Laurie Boland, Southern New Hampshire  
Dan Pelc, Southern New Hampshire  
Danielle Mason, Stonehill  
Erin Callahan, Northeast-10

**Not in Attendance:**

UMass Lowell

**1. NCAA Legislation**

Extensive discussion took place regarding the proposed NCAA legislation. The group reviewed student-athlete significant proposals and voted on each one. The group was in favor of all of the proposals that were discussed, with the exception of SPOPL #15 – Core Course Requirements.

Carey created and handed out a legislative review 2007 Q&A document soliciting feedback on the grid process.

**2. Make-A-Wish Updates**

The group was reminded:

- That 2007-2008 Make-A-Wish campaign participation sheets are due to the conference office by Friday, November 16, 2007.

- The final deadline to submit Make-A-Wish funds to the NCAA is June 15, 2008.
- Once you have submitted your funds to the NCAA, please send a copy of the funds tracking form to the conference office so that a running tally can be kept on the NE-10 website.

Each institution reported their 2007-2008 Make-A-Wish goal amounts. The conference goals are to raise \$35,000, have 100% conference participation, top all other DII conferences in funds raised and have the leading DII institution.

	<b>Monetary Goal*</b>
AIC	\$400.00
ASSUMPTION	\$500.00
BENTLEY	\$5,000.00
BRYANT	\$3,000.00
FRANKLIN PIERCE	\$3,000.00
LE MOYNE	\$1,000.00
UMASS LOWELL	\$7,500.00
MERRIMACK	\$1,200.00
PACE	\$1,250.00
SAINT ANSELM	\$8,000.00
SAINT MICHAEL'S	\$600.00
SAINT ROSE	\$1,000.00
SO. CONNECTICUT	\$500.00
SO. NH	\$1,500.00
STONEHILL	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$35,950.00</b>

As of: November 11, 2007
* - Set at fall 2007 conference SAAC meeting

### **3. NCAA Leadership Academy**

The group was informed about the upcoming DII Leadership Academy which will take place in Philadelphia on February 15-17, 2008. The Leadership Academy is weekend-long opportunity for student-athletes, coaches, administrators and faculty to develop their leadership skills, become more familiar with the Division II experience and plan for action. In a forum intended to foster partnerships, participants are equipped to be active leaders and change agents within their campus, conference and community spheres of influence. The student-athletes in attendance were encouraged to bring the handouts provided at the meeting to their next campus SAAC meeting as a way to generate interest. The conference hopes to have all 15 schools participate in the Academy in February.

### **4. Northeast-10 Conference Update**

The group was informed that three institutions had been offered invitations to join the Northeast-10 (New Haven, Adelphi & C.W. Post). New Haven has accepted the invitation; Adelphi and C.W. Post have been asked to inform the conference of their decision by November 15. With the departure of David Brunk, Paula Sullivan, Athletic Director at Stonehill College is serving as Interim Commissioner until a full-time Commissioner is hired. A Commissioner Search Committee comprised of conference administrators has been formed and will begin to formulate a plan on how to proceed with the search.

## **5. National SAAC Update**

Carey provided the following National SAAC updates to the group: A user friendly SAAC DVD is being created and will be unveiled at the NCAA Convention; the National SAAC website will be getting a new look along with the entire NCAA website; the game NCAA Game Environment Committee, of which Carey is a member, will be sharing their thoughts with the membership during an information session scheduled at the NCAA Convention. Finally, Carey's term on National SAAC expires following the NCAA Convention in January 2009. The Conference will begin the search for her replacement.

## **6. Northeast-10 Enhancement Grant**

The Northeast-10 receives funds each year from the NCAA through the Conference Enhancement Grant program to redistribute to the membership. The Northeast-10 received a \$7,500 SAAC grant which it will divide into fifteen \$500 sub grants for each Northeast-10 member to use to develop and improve on campus SAAC initiatives. More information will be sent out to the SAAC liaisons in the coming weeks.

## **7. Sportsmanship Award**

The group was informed that Saint Anselm College was selected as the first ever recipient of the David R. Brunk Northeast-10 Institution of the Year Sportsmanship by the conference SWA Council. A \$500 donation from the conference will be made in Saint Anselm's name to a Boy & Girls Club in the Manchester area as part of the program. The sportsmanship award program will continue on an annual basis. Awards will be given to teams that best exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship and generally conduct themselves with a high degree of integrity, character and class in each of the 23 conference sponsored sports. One NE-10 school will be selected by the SWA Council as the recipient of the David R. Brunk Northeast-10 Institution of the Year Sportsmanship Award at the conclusion of the academic year.

## **8. Campus SAAC Updates**

The following is a brief list of "happenings" on each Northeast-10 campus. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the SAAC liaison or representatives listed on the Northeast-10 website.

**Stonehill:** Creation of a varsity student-athlete weight room, continuing promotion of the new athletic identity, high school student seminar.

**Bryant:** Adopt-A-Family, partnership with elementary school in area.

**Franklin Pierce:** Make-A-Wish change jars, pass the hat, half time raffle of team apparel gift basket, Rock, Paper, Scissors contest fundraiser, Gatorfest fundraiser, Make-A-Wish donation request for vans that take fans to the schools hockey arena.

**Saint Michael's:** Knight Challenge, student-athlete bulletin board, buy-a-star, food drive, Make-A-Wish change drive.

**Merrimack:** Toy drive (each student-athlete donates a gift to local Boys & Girls Club), SAAC bulletin board, raffle for Celtics tickets at basketball game, student-athlete car washes.

**Bentley:** Make-A-Wish buckets at football game, Hockey chuck-a-puck, super fan games, Jr. Falcon Day, money to the book store raffle.

**Saint Anselm:** Individual team community service, creation of student-athlete absence form, guest speaker, Got Turf? T-shirts, Halloween-o-gram (\$10/\$5 to Make-A-Wish, \$5 towards supplies)

**Southern New Hampshire:** Fitness challenge for student-athletes, student-athlete meal money donation, National Girls and Women's Sport Day event, National student-athlete day event, faculty/student-athlete dinner.

**Le Moyne:** Undergoing transition with new athletic administration, including SAAC liaison, updating the SAAC bylaws, Make-A-Wish fundraising dance in the spring, basketball game fundraisers.

**AIC:** Swarm Fan Club, effort to boost SAAC Meeting attendance, Make-A-Wish raffle.

**Saint Rose:** Adopt-a-family (each student-athlete donated \$5), Bridging-the-Gap student-athlete/faculty program, Adopt-a-Team support program, senior games.

**Southern Connecticut:** St. Jude's Children hospital donation (each student-athlete donated \$1), creation of SAAC board and coaches corner, Buy an Owl sale, Make-A-Wish spare change drive.

**Assumption:** SAAC bylaw updates and elections, community service initiatives, Adopt-A-Family.

**Pace:** Creation of Board, midnight madness event, student-athlete campus clean up, Gold Games, dog pound t-shirts, Habitat for Humanity, bingo event, December trip to Children's Hospital, Relay for Life, update athletic photos.

### **9. Northeast-10 SAAC Mentoring Program Updates**

This program was downgraded from a requirement to something that was highly encouraged due to lack of participation last year. This conference-sponsored mentoring program was devised in an effort allow schools that are still developing their SAAC on campus to partner with another, more developed, SAAC. The mentor SAAC can assist the mentee SAAC with creating bylaws and constitutions, establishing a regular meeting schedule and providing other assistance as needed.

### **10. NE-10 SAAC Handbook**

Discussion regarding the status of the Northeast-10 SAAC Handbook was tabled until the spring meeting.

### **11. Future Meetings**

The 2008 Spring SAAC Meeting will be held on March 28-29, 2008 in Providence. Additional details will be forthcoming.