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Winter Administrative Delegates Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 2004 Lancaster, PA

Attendance: Jody Law (Bryn Mawr); Les Poolman, Julie Emrhein (Dickinson); Peter Van Buskirk, Patty Epps (Franklin & Marshall); Dave Wright, Carol Cantele (Gettysburg); Greg Kannerstein, John Douglas (Haverford); Tom Calder, Josh MacArthur (Johns Hopkins); Jamie Smith, Carol Fritz (McDaniel); Sam Beidleman, Jenny Chipman, Corey Goff (Muhlenberg); Adam Hertz (Swarthmore); Brian Thomas, Carrie Kirk (Ursinus); Bryan Matthews, Sarah Feyerherm (Washington); Steve Ulrich, Kim Kupec (Conference Office).

I. Adoption of December Minutes

MOTION: McDaniel moved the adoption of the December meeting minutes. **Passed 11-0.**

II. Officiating Proposals

MOTION: McDaniel moved to accept the proposal from the ACCFO with seven-man crews. **Passed 7-0-4.**

MOTION: Franklin & Marshall moved to have the Conference hire a central officiating assignor for women's basketball. This assignor will be selected by the Executive Director if the coaches committee does not make a recommendation to the Conference by April 7. **Passed 11-0.**

III. Committee Reports

MOTION (Women's Basketball): **passed 11-0.**

Amend Section V-C (Tie-Breaker) as follows:

1. Head-to-head competition, if two games are played between tied teams;
2. Head-to-head road victory, if tied teams play just once;
3. Records vs. teams in descending order of standing;
4. Stronger strength of schedule in Conference games (higher opponent win %);
5. Coin flip by Executive Director.

MOTION (Women's Basketball): **failed 4-7.**

The Conference will implement a double round-robin regular-season schedule effective for the 2005-06 playing season.

MOTION (Women's Basketball): **failed 0-11.**

Amend Section VI-D (Postponed contests) as follows: "If the two schools cannot reach a mutual agreement, a postponed contest will be played **the next day** ~~within the next two days, provided the availability of the facility.~~

MOTION (Women's Basketball): **failed 0-11.**

In the event the championship tournament cannot be completed, the highest remaining seed will represent the Conference as its automatic qualifier.

REFER: The Delegates asked that the committee should discuss the order of the semifinal games.

MOTION (Women's Basketball): **failed 5-6.**

Committee moved to eliminate back-to-back (Friday-Saturday) regular-season CC weekend games effective immediately. Members would be permitted to reschedule for 2004-05.

MOTION: Haverford moved that the Friday (Jan. 14) games scheduled on the 2004-05 back-to-back weekend (Jan. 14-15, 2005) be moved to Thursday, Jan. 13 at opposite sites (*defined as "if you are home on Thursday, you are away on Saturday, and vice versa*). **passed 11-0.**

MOTION (Women's / Men's Basketball): **referred to championships subcommittee**

In the event the same institution is the top seed for the men's and the women's basketball tournaments, then both teams will host. (*Board stated that if facility permits both teams to host, then the Conference should not deny the opportunity to do so*).

MOTION (Men's Basketball): **passed 10-0-1**

Amend Section V-C (Tie-Breaking Format) as follows for a five-team tournament:

1. All seeds other than the final seed (#5 seed in 2004-05 if approved by Presidents Council) will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
 - a. head-to-head conference competition among the tied teams.
 - b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.)
 - c. coin flip by Executive Director
 - d. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied.
2. Ties for the final playoff seed will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
 - a. head-to-head conference competition among the tied teams.
 - b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.). It should be noted that, if 1.c. above had to be used to break a tie between teams, those teams will be considered as tied for purposes of applying this tie-breaker.
 - c. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied.
 - d. if the application of 2a, 2b, and 2c. does not determine the final seed for the playoffs, a tie-breaker game will be played. The host for the game will be determined through a coin flip by the Executive Director. It should be noted that, under the provisions of 2, a tie-breaker game would only be played if the tied teams had split their head-to-head games, and the tied teams' records were identical against every other team in the conference. The rationale for 2d. is that a tie-breaker game should be held if, and only if, the only other possible way to determine the final playoff team were a coin flip.

MOTION (Men's Basketball): **failed 0-10-1**

Amend Section V-C (Tie-Breaking Format) as follows for a four-team tournament:

1. head-to-head conference competition among tied teams;
2. one-game playoff with site determined by:
 - a. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.)
 - b. coin flip by Executive Director

MOTION: Washington moved that the five-team format approved above be adopted for a four-team playoff. **Passed 10-0-1.**

RECOMMENDATION (Men's Basketball): **not moved**

Amend Section IV-A-1 (On-Court practice) by moving to adopt NCAA Division III playing and practice season regulations.

RECOMMENDATION (Men's Basketball): **not moved**

The Conference championship game should begin at 3 p.m.

MOTION (Men's Basketball): **passed 10-0-1**

Amend Section VI-J (Player Introductions) as follows: "The announcer shall introduce the starting players **in alternate fashion**, beginning with the visiting team."

MOTION: Haverford moved that the Friday (Jan. 14) games scheduled on the 2004-05 back-to-back weekend (Jan. 14-15, 2005) be moved to Thursday, Jan. 13 at opposite sites (*defined as "if you are home on Thursday, you are away on Saturday, and vice versa*).

MOTION (Wrestling): **passed 6-0-5**

Amend Section V-F (Officials) as follows: "The following pool of **NCAA certified** officials should be used for the Centennial Conference championships:" remove the following: Steve LaPrad, Jimmy Chung, Alan Katz, Marshall Schlossberg, Mike McCormack and Nelson Woodhouse. Add: Mike Junkins, Nathan Chapman, Randy Gerhis, Deno White, Joe Cesari Sr., Fred Richardson.

MOTION (Swimming): **passed 6-0-5**

Amend Section III-A-2 (First Contest or Date of Competition) as follows: "An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to **November 1 or the preceding Friday if November 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday** ~~the first Saturday in November.~~" **AMENDMENT:** Swarthmore moved that the date cannot be used for a Centennial Conference dual meet. **Passed 8-0-3. MOTION as Amended: Passed 8-0-3.**

IV. Membership Issues

Ulrich reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership will meet via conference call on Friday, April 2, to discuss various membership issues that have arisen in the past months. Members of the committee are Dickinson's Bill Durden (president), Ursinus' John Strassburger (president), Haverford's Greg Kannerstein (athletic director), McDaniel's Jamie Smith (athletic director), and Muhlenberg's Jenny Chipman (assistant athletic director).

The Delegates asked that the committee consider the Conference's necessary needs with regards to automatic qualifiers, while identifying emerging sports.

V. Tie-Breakers

MOTION: Haverford moved to amend Section IV-C (Tiebreaker format) as follows:

"The tiebreaker formula to determine **playoff positions** ~~seedings~~ is as follows:" **Passed 10-0-1.**

MOTION: Gettysburg moved the following tie-breaker procedure for all sports except basketball:

1. head-to-head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
2. records vs. teams in descending order of standing;
3. *a sport-specific criteria (such as goal differential in soccer) to be recommended by committee*
4. if criteria 1-2-3 does not break the tie
 - a. for the final playoff position, a play-in game will be held. The Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine the site.
 - b. for other ties among playoff-bound teams, the Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine playoff position. In the event of multiple ties, a random drawing will be held for the playoff positions.

This motion has an effective date of August 1, 2004.

passed 11-0.

VI. Conference Governance Issues

The Delegates asked that a committee be put together to create a proposal to review the role of the Board of Delegates. Members of the committee: Carol Fritz, Jenny Chipman, Josh MacArthur.

The Executive Director was asked to survey other conferences for grievance and appeal processes for review.

VII. New Business

The Delegates will review the effect of the 2004 NCAA Convention proposal on the 2003 Centennial reform package at its May meeting.

The Centennial SAAC meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 18, at Franklin & Marshall.

The spring Delegates meeting is scheduled for Wednesday-Thursday, May 26-27 at Swarthmore.

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Centennial Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, at Franklin & Marshall.