



**Spring Administrative Delegates Meeting
Monday-Tuesday, May 22-23, 2006
Wisner Center, Ursinus College**

Attendance: Jody Law, Zach Pretzer (Bryn Mawr); Les Poolman, Julie Emrhein (Dickinson); Tim Downes (Franklin & Marshall); Dave Wright, Carol Cantele (Gettysburg); Greg Kannerstein, John Douglas, Wendy Smith (Haverford); Tom Calder, Josh MacArthur, Mike Renwick (Johns Hopkins); Jamie Smith (McDaniel); Sam Beidleman, Corey Goff (Muhlenberg); Adam Hertz, Karen Borbee, Christyn Chambers (Swarthmore); Brian Thomas, Erin Fitzgerald (Ursinus); Bryan Matthews, Kim Lessard (Washington); Steve Ulrich, Kim Kupec (Conference Office).

meeting commenced at 12:35.

Ulrich recognized Cantele for the coaching job she did this spring in leading Gettysburg's women's lacrosse team to the national title game.

Kannerstein announced that he has accepted a three-year appointment as Dean of the College and will relinquish his Director of Athletics duties to Douglas and Smith. He will still oversee the department. A national search will begin this fall.

I. Executive Director Report

- A. Spring Champions
 1. Franklin & Marshall (Baseball)
 2. Gettysburg (Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse)
 3. Haverford (Softball, Men's Outdoor Track and Field, Women's Outdoor Track and Field)
 4. McDaniel (Men's Golf, Women's Golf)
 5. Swarthmore (Women's Tennis)
 6. Washington (Men's Tennis)
- B. Academic Honors
319 students were named to the spring list.
- C. Executive Committee Update
Ulrich reviewed the April 18 meeting, reporting on the Mellon Foundation grant, future data sharing among Conference members, the NCAA working issues committee and the Strategic Initiatives Grant, and the decision by the Executive Committee to select the 2007 Swimming Championship venue at the May 31 meeting.

II. Committee Reports

The motions below were endorsed by the Board of Delegates or forwarded to the Administrative Delegates for more discussion.

MOTION (Baseball)

passed 11-0

Amend Section V-D (p. 43). "The home team will complete batting practice ~~60~~ **55** minutes before game time. The visiting team may hit for ~~30~~ **25** minutes, beginning ~~60~~ **55** minutes before game time. The home team takes fielding practice for 10 minutes, beginning 30 minutes before game time. The visiting team also gets 10 minutes, beginning 20 minutes before game time."
Rationale: This follows NCAA suggested times.

MOTION (Baseball)

passed as a recommendation, 11-0

Each school furnish an L-screen, first-base screen and middle infield screen for pre-game batting practice. *Board endorses as a recommendation, not a requirement.*

MOTION (Men's Golf)

failed 2-5-4

Amend Section IV-A (p. 58). "The conference champion will be determined at a **36-hole tournament in the fall and a 54-hole championship tournament in the spring**, with a maximum of 18 holes on Sunday. **The best team score from all five rounds would determine the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. The best team score from the last completed round would be the tie-breaking criteria.** ~~Ties for the team championship will not be broken rather, multiple champions will be named.~~ *The Board of Delegates wished to refer the motion to the committee. Ulrich distributed a survey from 13 other D-III*

conferences which showed how they were determining their champions for comparison purposes. **MOTION:** McDaniel moved the motion which was defeated.

MOTION (Women's Golf)**passed 6-0-5**

Committee moves that the women's championship be held at a separate venue from the men's championship, beginning no later than 2008.

MOTION (Men's Lacrosse)**failed 3-6-2**

For the 2007 season, the Conference master schedule will continue the same home/away rotation that was started in the last four-year cycle.

MOTION (Track and Field)**passed 10-0-1**

Move the outdoor pole vault to the first day of the CC championships because of existing complications now with the current format.

MOTION (Track and Field)**referred to committee**

Change the existing Conference performance standards, keeping in mind field sizes, event limitations, etc. *The Board asks the committee to "put some teeth" in new standards, reminding the committee that this is a championship event, not an all-comers meet. Ulrich distributed a compilation from the 2006 indoor and outdoor championships which showed the number of entrants, the winning performance, the 8th, 16th, 24th and last place performance, and the current qualifying standards.*

MOTION (Track and Field)**referred to trainers**

To expect the training room of championship sites to open for treatment one hour before the first event of competition and remain open for treatment until one-half hour after the last event is completed. *Board noted that the number of athletes seen by one training staff at a track championship, along with the expectations of the institution's athletes from other sports on a given weekend, demands that the trainers' committee have a say in the motion.*

III. The Dissent Package

All committee motions that were not endorsed by the Board of Delegates can be found here. If a Delegate wishes to bring a motion to the floor, it must be moved and seconded for discussion and a possible vote. If no Delegate moves a motion from the package, it is not approved.

MOTION (Baseball)

Coaches hold a conference call on the Wednesday before the playoffs so coaches can discuss all-conference nominations and ask questions to other coaches. *Board dissented, noting best orator or most persuasive coach should not have advantage over others.*

MOTION (Men's Lacrosse):

The Conference Office will coordinate a conference call for the Monday morning after the conclusion of the regular season. By 5 p.m. that day, coaches will return their completed ballot to the Conference Office. On Tuesday, the CC Office will return the voting to the coaches for Player of the Year selection. Votes for Player of the Year are due Wednesday. *Board dissented, noting best orator or most persuasive coach should not have advantage over others.*

MOTION: Washington moved that for the sports of baseball and men's lacrosse, the Conference Office will coordinate a conference call on the Monday after the end of the regular season to discuss the All-Centennial nominees. Completed ballots must be returned to the CC Office by Wednesday at noon. Player of the Year voting will take place at the coaches' committee meeting. This procedure will be made available to all sports that wish to utilize it in the fall of 2006. Committees must make a request to the Conference Office to enact the policy. **Passed 11-0.**

MOTION (Baseball)**failed 0-10-1**

Committee proposed a change to the playoff format to a true double-elimination format. See minutes. **MOTION:** Haverford moved the motion which was defeated, 0-10-1. The Delegates asks the committee to consider the following format: Friday afternoon semifinals -- #4 seed at #1 seed and #3 seed at #2 seed in a single-elimination game. The winners advance to the best 2-of-3 Centennial Championship Series at the highest seed on Saturday and Sunday.

MOTION (Sports Information)**passed 7-3-1**

Select an offensive and defensive Player of the Week for soccer, field hockey and lacrosse, beginning with the fall of 2006. **MOTION:** Haverford moved the motion, which passed.

IV. Conference Championship Issues

- A. Track and Field qualifying standards
- B. Golf Championship / Determination of AQ
- C. Johns Hopkins' participation in swimming
- D. Continuation of Women's Golf Championship
- E. Emergence of Rowing in Conference
- F. Re-Establishment of Championships Subcommittee

The Delegates discussed each item and re-established the Championships Subcommittee. Law, MacArthur, Fitzgerald and Poolman will serve on the committee.

V. NCAA Woman of the Year Procedural Change

Ulrich informed the Delegates of the procedural change that asks each conference to select a Woman of the Year candidate, rather than individual institutions nominating to the national office.

meeting adjourned for the day at 4:35 and began on Tuesday at 9:15.

VI. Emergency Championship / AQ Procedures

In the sports of Cross Country, Swimming, Wrestling, and Track and Field, it was determined that the liaison for each respective committee should be "on call" in the event that an unforeseen emergency causes the suspension of the championship. The liaison will serve as the administrative component in the decision-making process along with the administrators on the games committee. The Delegates wish to remove the head coaches from these situations.

VII. Medical Concerns

The Delegates discussed a variety of concerns, including MRSA staph diseases, the CC jewelry policy (see trainers minutes), and the possibility of a pandemic of bird flu.

VIII. Salary / Staffing Survey Measures

The Conference Office will put out a salary and staffing survey to the Conference membership this summer for distribution prior to the 2007-08 budget cycle request at each institution. The survey will be modeled on the measures utilized by Swarthmore in a previous survey. The Delegates also discussed the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and its impact on the "way we do business." The committee is dismayed by the lack of guidance from the NCAA on the issue and asked that Ulrich contact the national office and the commissioners association to get the NCAA's attention.

IX. 2006-07 NCAA Strategic Initiatives Grant

Ulrich reported on the new procedure for the NCAA Strategic Initiatives Grant. The Conference can receive \$38,582 for the 2006-07 academic year. The allocation is divided into three tiers - Professional Development (One), Social Responsibility and Integration (Two), and Quality of the Participation Experience (Three). The Tier One allocation (\$9,685) is for annual mandatory enhancements. The Tier Two allocation (\$16,639) is for three initiatives - student-athlete well-being/community service initiatives; diversity and gender-equity initiatives; and sportsmanship initiatives. The Tier Three allocation (\$10,038) is for strategic enhancements.

The Delegates will utilize that Tier Two allocation for the 2006-07 Snell/Shillingford Symposium (Diversity and Gender-Equity Initiatives). Ulrich was asked to request that the Presidents Council consider permanent funding for the Symposium, allocating \$2,000 per institution from non-athletic funds. If the Council should approve this request, the Tier Two allocation would be used for one of three initiatives.

X. New Business

Gettysburg requested that the following be future agenda items for the Delegates: game management concerns; personal websites such as MySpace.com and Facebook.com. Johns Hopkins has formed a Student-Athlete Conduct Board and is establishing a S-A Code of Conduct that each student will be asked to sign.

2006-07 Executive Committee

Kate Will, Gettysburg; Baird Tipson, Washington; Al Bloom, Swarthmore

2006-07 Resource Persons to Executive Committee

Jamie Smith, McDaniel; Erin Fitzgerald, Ursinus

2006-07 Board of Delegates

Jody Law, Bryn Mawr; Jenny Chipman, Muhlenberg; John Douglas/Wendy Smith, Haverford; Patty Epps, F&M; Les Poolman, Dickinson.

meeting adjourned at 11:05.