

PRESENT

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Administrative Matters:

-Annick will be figuring out a time/day that works during senior week-where all the senior athletes can meet and speak with Wendy Smith—kind of like an open forum.

Restructuring: Results of Survey---

-8 out of every 10 schools supported maintaining DIII as it currently exists.

-Most positive takeaway from survey is that it showed that institutions value DIII and are willing to endure the strains of growth to maintain that affiliation.

-Survey revealed significant difference among schools- redshirting, prohibiting athletics financial aid

-Survey's most surprising result was that: At least half of responding institutions say that schools should be permitted to consider athletics "leadership" (such as team captain) in putting together financial aid packages for student-athletes—provided the policy is consistent with the consideration of leadership in other student activities

-This response might point not so much to a difference in opinion between segment of the membership, but instead to tension within the widely endorsed philosophy that 'student athletes should be treated like other students. Student athletes shouldn't be advantaged, but they also shouldn't be undervalued.

-In the final report, DIII working group urged various committees to address the impact of growth in specific areas.

1. The Championships Committee will be asked to consider ways of dealing with pressures on access to postseason competition:
2. Membership Committee will devote even more attention to membership standards, education, compliance and accountability;
3. Strategic planning and finance committee likely will re- evaluate current programmatic priorities while considering achievable ways of increasing budgetary support, such as hiking membership dues;
4. Financial Aid Committee will have to give further thought to balancing philosophy and practice in the awarding of financial aid.

SAAC MEETING SUMMARY:

- DIII vs. DIV—restructuring summary was covered
- Sportsmanship Award: was awarded to a Dickinson m/f—Carly Onkotz of the women's basketball team and Michael Geosit of men's basketball team. They each had inspirational stories; recovering from injuries/adversity and being positive leaders on their respective teams.
- Other topics discussed was the bridge the gap between athletes vs. non athletes on campuses
- SAAC also talked about restructuring the format of their semi annual meetings. There was talk of having an overnight session once a year in addition to one Sunday meeting. Students would arrive and be put up in a hotel for a night and continue the talk the following day.
- Our HCAA group was NOT in favor of this, and thought it would be unrealistic to expect students to do this.
- Other topics discussed was whether the level of competition is fair amongst schools that are academically elite and other division III schools that are larger and not as selective.

ATHLETIC DEPT. SERVICE DAY FEEDBACK

- Went over the fact that the weather was not ideal, but it was nice that we had a good turn despite the conditions.
- One thing we can do to make it stronger, is to make it more inviting. Some athletes didn't think it was fair to make it a mandatory event, or didn't understand what exactly the service day was or it's importance.
- Perhaps we could have a reception afterwards, or make t-shirts for the day
- Other comments that were made by athletes... why do only athletes have to participate in this event?

SUMMARY OF YEAR

- One of the goals of the HCAA this fall was to do a lot of community service...and that goal was really accomplished

Community Outreach: Street Outreach, ElderNet, Peer Mentoring, Athletic Dept. Service Day, AIDS Quilt

Athletic Dept. Feedback Form: Helped to develop it and reinforce it amongst peers.

DIII Restructuring: Represented the student athletes in filling out the survey

Bi Co Weekly: With the ideas of the HCAA, they helped make the sports section in the BI CO stronger; senior spotlight was developed.

COMMENTS:

- As for the future, next year the group would like to continue to do the community work they have done this year...but no more. Greg felt that it is important that we don't force something and want to prevent the athletes from having resentment if we ask them to do too much.

This was the final meeting of the semester for HCAA---Next year's members are: Jessie Belden, Adam Care, Greg Rosnick, Lindsay Festa, Julia McGuire, Jeff Bumgardner

Thanks to all the seniors: Annick, Emily, Jeff L. and Allison...they have done a tremendous job.