

HCAA Meeting 4/21/2009

Present:

Jamie Gluck
Lindsay Festa
Adam Care
Alison Crawford
Maggie Cronin
Greg Rosnick

Senior HCAA members were asked to come up with a time and place during senior week where Wendy Smith can make herself available to meet with senior athletes (informally) to get feedback on their athletic experiences at Haverford. This would be casual and just a helpful way for Wendy Smith to see what works and what needs improvement within our athletic department.

Greg Rosnick suggested that Wendy attend one of the senior bbq's where most seniors will be present. The seniors have yet to receive their senior week schedules, but once they do, the senior HCAA members will let us know which bbq/time Wendy should make herself available.

SAAC Conference Call – 1-2 p.m. (Sunday, April 19)

Lindsay Festa was Haverford's representative on the Conference Call. Representatives from each conference school (on the call) were asked to vote for two athletes (male & female) to receive the conference sportsmanship award. Other topics of conversation were Facebook and texting by coaches in the recruiting process. Although both are violations, it was discussed that texting is more intrusive especially as recruits are charged for any text received. Another topic that was briefly discussed (more in our HCAA meeting than SAAC meeting) was the issue of recruits Facebooking current students-athletes. Currently this is an NCAA violation, but it puts students in an uncomfortable situation, where recruits try to 'friend' them, and they can not respond back. The conference is planning to make the Fall SAAC meeting into a conference call and make the Spring SAAC meeting into overnight weekend.

Feedback Forms

The HCAA went through the feedback forms and were able to make specific suggestions on how the feedback forms can be more concise and organized. Some criticism was the order of the feedback and cutting down some of the wordage of the rating questions, and rather than putting 'additional comments,' list some guiding questions for the student-athletes to answer. More specific changes will be given to Wendy Smith to look at and perhaps implement.

Senior Banquet – May 12th

All seniors on the HCAA will be asked at the conclusion of the banquet to speak with their teams and get feedback on how it can be improved.