Meeting Minutes 9/10/14

I. Introductions

II. What is SAAC?

-Provide insight on the student-athlete experience

-Respond to proposed NCAA legislation

-Promote positive student-athlete image

-“Like SGA for athletes”

III. New structure

-Meetings:

-2 per month; first one mostly information, second one time to work on things in

committees

-Student-Athlete Services

-Committees

**Community Service**

-Owls Fight for a Cure (breast cancer), Rally, Special Olympics

(helping out at events this year!)

-Fight for a Cure: soccer, volleyball and field hockey all coming up

-Owls Care blog: one person per team responsible for updating on

behalf of their team

**Welcoming and Recruitment**

-Making first years feel welcome, hosting tips, welcome video

-First event: Senior Stay Sept. 26-27

**Events and Publicity**

-Work with Sister Teams, advertising games, managing Instagram,

Fan Appreciation

-First event: Fan Appreciation games

-Athletic Department Liaisons

-Erin DeMarco: Student-Athlete Services (diversity and leadership)

-Coordinating calendars/event planning/organization

-Becky Tyler: Community Service

-Jill Breslin: SAAC coordinator

-Nicole Reiley: Events/Recruiting

-Beth Riley: Recruiting

-Team Rep. expectations

1) Communicating events/discussions to your team (email/report)

2) Join a committee

3) Attend bi-weekly meetings

4) Voting member

IV. Plenary Competition

-Plenary: September 28th

-The team with the highest percentage attendance wins a prize!

-Prize...CHIPOTLE!!!

V. Board of Trustees meeting: Friday 9/19 1:20-2:20 in Taylor C

-If you are interested in going to the meeting, LET YOUR COACH KNOW IMMEDIATELY (you don’t have to be a rep)

VI. Sister teams

-Goal: support your sister team, go to events, advertise for them

-Pairs:

-Cross Country/Outdoor Track with Basketball

-Field Hockey with Swimming

-Soccer with Lacrosse

-Volleyball with Tennis

-Badminton with Crew

-Indoor Track with Rugby

VII. Goals for the year

-Increased attendance at events

-Use committees and try to spread to non-athletes

-Increase community service across department

-Continue dining hall discussion, advocate for yourselves

-Fundraising

-Thinking about expanding outside student body

-Get your teammates involved! Start with one or two and go from there

VIII. Coach DeMarco: self-study of the athletic department

-Last one was done before we joined the Centennial Conference (1992)

-This is what we need to join the conference

-When many coaches became full-time

-7-10 subcommittees, has to be completed by November 1st

-Examples: facilities, competitiveness, student-athlete experience off of the field, recruiting, mission statement, etc.

-Information from post-season surveys, but coaches want to have in-person conversations with student-athletes

-Goal: bring findings to provost, president, and board of trustees

-In the spring, it will go to outside reviewers (in NCAA DIII athletics) who will come to campus and evaluate situation again to figure out what we need to become BETTER

-Talk to people who are involved but also people who aren’t as involved

-There might be surveys, focus groups

-GET YOUR TEAMS INVOLVED

VIII. Owls of the Week!

-Winners:

-Alice Bell (soccer): scored tying goal against Wellesley, runs for days

-Hannah Hastings (cross-country): won the Highlander Invitational 6k in

23:30 (below 6:30 pace) on a VERY hot day

-Holly Constants (field hockey): scored two goals