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