

Abbreviated Minutes from February 9, 2009

The student-athletes in attendance were Angii Vebeelen, Kara Kreutzer, Celia Kresser, Lyndsay Nichols, Shelby Sutton, Leann Barber, Dianna Meyer, Amy Hunt, Asha Gwynn, Anna Lindeborg, Brandon Gillins, Evan Smith, Giovana Fensterseifer, and Guilherme Ferraz.

1. Make-A-Wish update...fundraising going very well. Cross Country team picked up some of the remaining bracelets to give to those who donate at Wednesday's home basketball game.
2. Athletic Award Banquet updates: **Tennis team checked with the venue (JSAC) for the menu, Coach Mullins will also make sure we have a reservation for April 30th at 6m in the Ballroom.** Tamara was not present with an update on decorations, but she also wanted to have an idea about the budget first. In terms of the video that teams have the option of creating for the Banquet slideshow, Amy checked with Media Services. **There is a camcorder available to checkout from the university, as well as software and help from Media Services to put the footage together.**
3. An update on the drinking and driving discussion: Amy mentioned that the President was not supporting the cab company idea, but was in support of programs to educate students about safety and alcohol. However, Amy is also on a grant-writing committee seeking funds for the university for alcohol awareness, and it's possible that working with a cab company for a student rate might be an option with some of the funds.

The committee heard about roster restrictions for Peachbelt Conference competition, and then took a vote (transcript included below):

Roster Restrictions

In an effort to cut costs for the university, Peachbelt Conference Athletic Directors agreed to limit roster sizes at all Peachbelt Conference competitions.

What will the restrictions entail?

What will the limitations mean for the ASU teams? (speaking especially for the Cross Country team, since I'm on the team)

Will the restrictions really save the university money?

The Roster Restrictions for next year are as follows:

Team

Baseball 26

Softball 20

Volleyball	14?
Cross Country	7
Basketball	14 per squad
Golf	6 per squad (Not apply because Div I?)
Tennis	7 per squad

What does this mean for ASU teams?

-that means that all the athletes who make the squad or are on scholarship may not go to all the meets

-or that teams will choose not to compete against other Peachbelt Conference teams in regular season competition (may end up traveling further, which could cost more)

-means that coaches won't always know who their top athletes are, which puts them at a disadvantage: No other Conferences in our Region have passed these regulations, so they can choose freely to match up or come to different events

-Disadvantage recruiting: Freshmen competing for limited spots on the team... Baseball team has 30 guys on the team, 26 travel... Will freshmen want to come onto a team where they'll have to work twice as hard in practice as the upper classmen who are consistently batting or pitching well in the games already?

Cross Country team has 10 girls this year, next year the travel roster will be limited to 7. At meets, top 5 runners score for each full team, with numbers 6 and 7 as tiebreakers (but it's their job to get in front of other teams' fifth runners, to increase competitors' scores). A runner's place in race is typically their points scored (First place in the race scores one point), unless there are unattached runners (perfect score for a team would be 15).

At the end of the season, for Conference, Regionals and Nationals, Cross Country teams must "declare" which runners are the top 5, even if more runners from the team are in the race. But throughout the season, the runners may finish in different places on the team. If only 7 go to each race, the other 3 may never get a chance to move up, even if there's a rotation. Not being able to race on a course that will be run again for a championship puts those other 3 at a huge disadvantage: The fifth runner could twist their ankle the day before the championship and number 8 might need to step in to fill number 7's slot. However, if anyone else is not doing well in the race, the next runner has to be able to pick up the slack and score, there are no innings or substitutions or timeouts in Cross Country. If a runner hasn't raced on the course or raced much in the season, the team's score could be out the window.

2008 Time Trial	GCSU (pre-Conference)	Jag 6k Blanchard (home)
Jen	Jen 4 th 19:26	Jen 2 nd 24:23
Celia	Celia	Savannah
Lyndsay Nichols	Savannah	Kara
Kara	Kara	Sophie

Sophie	Sophie 12 th 20:24	Celia 13 th 26:40
Savannah	Marybeth	Kat
Lyndz Barber	Kat	Lyndz Barber
Marybeth	Lyndz Barber	
Shelby	Lyndsay Nichols	
(Kat was injured)	Shelby	

Anderson	Wingate 6k Pre-Regionals	Slippery Rock (pre-Nats)
Jen 3 rd 19:25	Jen 3 rd 25:05	Jen 29 23:32
Kara	Savannah	Kara
Savannah	Sophie	Savannah
Sophie	Celia	Sophie
Celia 16 th 20:50	Kara 10 25:49	Celia 95 th 25:24
Lyndz Barber	Marybeth	Lyndz Barber
Marybeth	Lyndz Barber	Marybeth

GCSU Conference	Wingate Regionals 6k	Slippery Rock Nationals
Jen 2 nd 19:54	Jen	Jen
Sophie	Savannah	Kara
Kara	Kara	Celia
Savannah	Sophie	Savannah
Celia 25 th 22:00	Celia	Lyndz Barber
Lyndz Barber	Lyndz Barber	Sophie
Marybeth	Marybeth	Marybeth

The 2007-2008 NCAA Rulebook lists the maximum number of Cross Country runners who may compete to be 12, unless otherwise agreed upon (Rule 8, Section 7, article 1 found on page 122). Why can't the coaches decide how their budget should be spent?

Which brings us to the last question, will these restrictions really save the university money? I don't think so. The same amount of budget money is allowed for each team, they're just being required to spend it on fewer athletes. Why can't the teams be responsible for where and how their budget is spent?

Unanimously, the teams voted "oppose" to the roster restrictions: Baseball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, and Women's Cross Country.

4. Coach Mullins printed off the menu options for the Athletic Banquet and after perusing the selections, the committee voted on Menu #3: Salad, Pasta with Chicken Alfredo or Marinara, Steamed Broccoli, Bread/Rolls, Cheesecake, and Tea/Water.
5. **The committee did not yet set a date for the next meeting.** The SAAC t-shirts were in, so Coach Mullins distributed them and the meeting was adjourned.