

SAAC Meeting Minutes Sunday September 11, 2005

The first SAAC meeting of the 2005-2006 school year began at 5:00 pm, Sunday September 11, 2005. Maxine Maloney, Associate Athletic Director of Business & Finance-Senior Women's Administrator (SWA) and Kaye Waldrep, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach lead a discuss on the purpose and role of SAAC.

There were 15 student-athletes present which represented 9 out of 10 athletic teams at Augusta State University.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the year. Jessica Matta, a junior on the softball teams was elected President. Jessica then directed the election process for the election of Christi King, a junior on the volleyball team, as secretary and Amanda Smith, a junior on the women's golf team, was elected Vice President.

It was decided by SAAC members to hold meetings bi-monthly during the fall semester with a suggestion to hold meetings in the conference room instead of the AV room within the Christenberry Field House. Each meeting the members will discuss their choice of location. Ideas will be brought forth to each meeting in regards to various locations around Augusta.

It was mentioned by Kaye Waldrep that the SAAC break down the projects by semester to prevent having too many activities in the beginning. Kaye Waldrep lead the group into thinking about the type fall semester projects the members would like to plan for this year. Several ideas were mentioned such as a "community service project-participating in the hurricane relief effort," community service day for all athletes, and various other ideas with promoting our student-athletes in the community. In addition, the SAAC representatives were presented with the idea of creating a survey/questionnaire to gather their ideas about the "end of year awards banquet" that is held in the spring. Further discussion will be conducted by all SAAC representatives at the next meeting.

The spring semester projects could involve areas such as the establishment of an "academic recognition day event" for student-athletes. It was also mentioned that the most important thing that will be done in the spring is to make sure that the SAAC will have elected their officers for 2006-2007 before the spring semester ends. Lastly, SAAC will be responsible for distributing the "coaches evaluation" forms to their teams, collect, and return to the athletic office.

Two topics were given to the SAAC members to discuss with their teams and present at the next meeting:

1. What Life Skills topics would the student-athletes like to cover in upcoming seminars? We have had "Alcohol and Drug Awareness" in the past. What topics would be of interest to the teams for future educational seminars?
2. Provide feedback from team members on the "fall athletic orientation" session. Was it more beneficial to have smaller group sessions than one large group presentation?

The next meeting was set for Sunday, September 25, at 5pm in the conference room at the Christenberry Field House.

Meeting was adjourned around 6pm.