

SAAC Minutes: 1/5/2010 @ 1pm

Make-A-Wish Fundraising @ ASU Home Basketball Games- See list of games for dates each team has signed up for in the remaining season. More to come on protocol for collecting donations from Coach Mullins as it becomes available to her.

Discussion of Athletic Banquet-pros, cons and ideas from last year to this year: Make team awards more personal by letting coaches announce their respective athletes rather than just presenting the award plaque, and having a more personal space for interactions between teams during the meal. Athletes would like to see more media at the awards presentation, such as team video/photos, photos of the athletes receiving awards. We would like to examine the possibility of a keynote speaker for 15 min or so before the awards, and possibly a time filler/icebreaker game like ASU trivia while waiting for the beginning of the ceremony/meal. We would like to look at the venue, since the ballroom has been too crowded in the past, and the amphitheater did not allow for the media aspect because of lighting, the Christenberry Fieldhouse is a viable option, to be catered by Sodexo/JSAC. We agreed the dress code would remain "Sunday dress" and that length of ceremony could be longer to give recognition to the athletes without being boring. We looked what could make recognition of the Cheerleading squad better, but the ways to address appreciation and awards have not been decided.

This semester, Junior student athletes will attend a Career Center series on select Tuesdays @ 7-8pm to prepare them for completion of school, job application/interviews, etc. as part of the NCAA Lifeskills program.

Seniors will attend an Etiquette dinner at the end of January, also funded by NCAA, to learn proper manners at a professional dinner.

The SAAC members (and teammates, up to about 40 persons total), will attend NCAA's Diversity Training as well (TBA).

SAAC will plan fundraising for Make-A-Wish at the golf tournament, as well as a Make-A-Wish road race slated for March.

At the next meeting, SAAC will also discuss JAG Cup system points, and SAAC members will be responsible for turning points in for their team with proper documentation.

The next SAAC meeting will be at the fieldhouse on Sunday, Jan 17, 2010, at 5pm.