

Clark University SAAC
First Large SAAC Meeting
Sunday September 23, 2007- 5pm

Attendance

All in attendance except:

Dave Gagnon - baseball
Carley Corkum - field hockey
Kate Willis - field hockey
Russell Giacobbe - Rowing
Harry Banks - men's soccer
David Blum - men's soccer
Tim O'Keefe - men's swimming
Emily Tremaine - cross country

Agenda

1. Introductions

- Intro of Executive Board
- Intro of Large Group members- name/year/sport
- Intro of Supervisors/ Intro to SAAC goals
 - Linda Moulton, Athletic Director
 - Goal to be a cohesive SAAC in order to make improvements in athletics, to strengthen communication to spread information, and to have a strong student-athlete voice in order to create greater campus involvement.
 - Dalya Qualls, Sports Information Director
 - Creating greater publicity for athletics through flyers in residence halls, the UC, and the Kneller, more thorough Clark Athletics coverage in the Scarlet, and Cougar of the Week. Team should let Dalya know of any big events so she can help to publicize them.

2. Four Goals for the Year

- Visibility
 - Publications: Flyers, Scarlet coverage, Facebook group and events.
 - CCN: still have not gotten a response from the network. Also need a host of some kind?
- Communication (goes along with visibility)
 - Facebook- everyone should join the SAAC group

- Eboard member communication with assigned team captains and SAAC reps.
- Faculty Mentor Program: strengthen faculty-athlete relationship by breaking down stereotypes.
 - Each team should be assigned a faculty mentor
 - Provides academic support
- Intra-Team Support
 - Try to reinvent the Buddy System and make it more effective
 - Facebook- using it to let Clarkies know about games
 - Having a "Big Game" for each team

Tentative Times for "Big Games"

- Volleyball: Tuesday, October 9th @ 7pm vs. Mt. Holyoke- Senior Night, last home match
- Women's Soccer: Saturday, October 13th @ 1pm vs. Wheaton
- Field Hockey: Tuesday, October 23rd @ 7pm vs. Smith- Senior Night
- Men's Soccer: Saturday, October 27th @ 1pm vs. Wheaton- last home game
- Women's Tennis: Saturday, September 29th @ 1pm vs. Babson
- Rowing: Sunday, October 14th???
- Cross Country: ??? any other meets?

3. Committee Breakout

- Handout given explaining committee responsibilities
- Generate ideas for each committee:
 - Community Outreach
 - Kid's Café- try to get a schedule together for athletes to go help out
 - Trick or Treat of Canned Goods
 - Supporting High School Teams
 - Intra-Team Support
 - Buddy System
 - "Big Games"- try to get it started this fall
 - Get people to want to go to games
 - Campus Engagement
 - Photo Contest for pictures of Clark athletics
 - Cougar Crawls

4. Clark University High School Partnership (CUHSP)

- Letting SAAC know about meeting times:
 - 9/25- Grace Conference Room, 3 pm
 - 9/27- Winton Faculty Dining Room, 7:30 pm

5. Final Thoughts

- Fundraising- what to do with the 50/50 raffle
- Coach Evaluations/ Senior Exit Interviews
- Senior Awards
- Facilities- Fitness Center, Under-use of the Dolan

End: 6:05 pm