

BIG 8

CONFERENCE

Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2013
Presidents/Deans Meeting
Cosumnes River College -

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 President Jim Forkum at 9 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing SCC: Kathryn Jeffery and Mitch Campbell; SRJC: Jim Forkum, Lenny Wagner and Ron Myers; CRC: Deborah Travis, Liz Belyea and Jeanne Calamar; ARC: David Viar and Greg Warzecka; Sierra: Willy Duncan and Peg Grady; SJDC: Kathleen Hart and Mary Ann Paz; DVC: Peter Garcia and Christine Worsley; MJC: Bill Kaiser, Carlyle Carter, and Commissioner Mike Liddell.
3. CRC President Deborah Travis welcomed the Big 8 administrators to the campus and briefly talked about the continuing construction occurring on their campus with the new parking facility and the Winn Center scheduled for completion this fall. Campus enrollment has been strategically reduced due to recent State budget challenges. The newly rebuilding of the sports facilities (the stadium turf and the baseball/soccer complex) were dedicated in March and they hosted the State Basketball Championships in March. They recently awarded 770 degrees with 110 students receiving 3.5 gpa or above again stressing the emphasis on strong academic and athletic programs. They are recognizing a retiring coach Travis Parker for coaching 43 seasons.
4. **Minutes** from the December 6, 2012 Presidents/Deans meeting were MSC.
Agenda Additions – Big 8 Constitution Update
5. **Commissioner Reports: Budget** – Presented without comment. Proposed budget for 2013/14 was presented showing the increase of \$1000 for the webmaster. The commissioner will be exploring the benefits of a new Presto website. **Decorum/Violations** –Decorum violations are down in the Big 8 especially in baseball. **Allegations** – none; **Investigations** – none; **Appeals** – The FLC probation was briefly mentioned.

All reports were MSC. It was again mentioned that injury appeals need to be accompanied by a thorough paper trail.

The Residency Report for 12/13 will be mailed out in July or August.

The proposed Commissioner Sportsmanship award has been tabled for the immediate future.

Carlyle Carter spoke briefly about Presto. It's a centralized state platform to record state stats for sports. CCCAA voted to use this web site and are working to upgrade the site. As more colleges use Presto, the cost will go down from the current \$3000.

6. **CCCAA Report** from Kathryn Jeffery (SCC Big 8 Conference Board Rep) – The major items discussed were those surrounding cost containment. The CCCAA awards program was well done in which FLC personnel were recognized along with two Big 8 students, Lenny Wagner (SRJC) and former commissioner Bruce Werner. President Jeffery's 3 year term is coming to an end on the CCCAA Board. It was MSC that she continue on in this role for another three years representing the Big 8. President Jeffery accepted.
7. **Management Council** – Jim Forkum - Jim's term on the Council will be ending July 2013; the new chair will be Newton Chelette, Antelope Valley College. From the Big 8, Mitch Campbell is the rep for tennis and the chair of PCRC; Christine Worsley is the rep for swimming/diving. Much discussion has focused on the NCAA's 3rd year of eligibility feasibility study for junior colleges. Carlyle Carter commented on the 3rd year of eligibility by saying when a student is full time, the five year clock starts which can have a negative effect on students at risk. It appears the NCAA views a 3rd year as a competitive issue rather than an academic issue; CCCAA pushes this as an academic issue.
8. **NorCal Football** – Gary Kollenborn – In mid 90s, COA formed the NorCal Association and drafted the constitution and bylaws that are currently adhered to. Their purpose was to provide parity of competition; conferences were formed with this purpose in mind. The governing body was head football coaches and ADs; the Executive Committee gave approval for the schedules. When coaches complained a Competitive Committee was formed to study the criteria used. A three (3) tier concept was formed; colleges could petition to move up or down in the tier level. Currently there are six (6) football conferences with 1200 student athletes involved this past year. There are two proposals presented for the 2014 year: a 3 tier alignment, and a 2 tier alignment. The 2 tier idea comes from the coaches and does not necessarily offer parity of teams. Coaches want to move all "B" level teams up. Gary feels the college presidents need to be involved in teams moving up. 90% of the coaches approve of the current system. The Competitive Committee is advisory and is exploring the two proposals. The schedule is set for 2013/14. Cost reductions started in 2008 affected parity. Peter Garcia (President DVC) commented that distribution of costs needs to be discussed by the colleges; equity must take into account the total costs. It was mentioned that coaches should be a recommending body; presidents and ADs should make the decisions based on the goals for their college. Some colleges have had conversations about playing outside NorCal.
9. **NorCal Track/Field Update** – Jim Forkum – He explained to the group the reasons surrounding the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to address track and field issues. Commissioner Liddell chaired a conference call of Northern CA

AD's during which concerns were voiced regarding how NorCal track and field was being run. It was felt that the issues raised by the AD's were not fully addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee. The current committee has been disbanded. Mike Liddell will head a new committee for the purpose of addressing the issues raised by NorCal AD's

10. **Officiating Contracts** – Mike Liddell – The basketball contract has been negotiated and has been given to the Deans for review. Water Polo contract is waiting for a change to be made on it before sending it to the Deans. Baseball: the coaches want to make a change in associations; there will be an increase in fees; this contract has yet to be negotiated.
11. **Title 5** – Mitch Campbell – The 175 additional hours has been approved. It was suggested by Liz Belyea that the four Sacramento colleges work through this legislation, map it out, and bring it back to this group to see if there can be some sort of equity within the conference. This affects each college in a different way because of the FTE.

Academic Progress, P3, failed but the Board came back and said we accept the vote but by July 2014 there will be academic progress. The main issue surrounded the increase in the gpa from 2.0 to 2.25 to continue competition.
12. **Program Review** – SRJC is scheduled for Spring 2014 and SJDC is scheduled for Fall 2014.
13. **Sierra College – International Travel** – Peg Grady – (Bylaw 3.8.1) The request was made for approval of Sierra athletes to travel in July 2014 to Hungary and compete in Water Polo. The vote from the floor was 12-1-0. Carlyle Carter will take this proposal to the CCCAA Board.
14. **NATYCAA Cup Standings**– MT. SAC finished in 1st place. Big 8 was well represented with ARC being in 3rd place and SRJC in 6th place. The convention is in Orlando, June 12-14, “Changing Landscape in Junior College Athletics”. Jim Forkum will be recognized by NATYCAA as Athletic Director of the Year.
15. Updates from Presidents – DVC has new baseball and softball fields. Kathryn Jeffery mentioned that they have been doing well with the upkeep of the newly renovated Hughes Stadium after 1 year of use.
16. There was no date set for the December 2013 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned