

BIG 8

CONFERENCE

Assembly Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2011
San Joaquin Delta College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Mary Ann Paz at 9:15 a.m.
2. **All in attendance introduced themselves.** Attending and representing ARC: Jean Snuggs, Tim Finney, and Rick Anderson; CRC: Liz Belyea, Jeanne Calamar and James Giacomazzi; DVC: Christine Worsley and Jackie Ponciano-Babb; Folsom Lake: Ron Richardson; Modesto: Bill Kaiser, Cheryl Mulder and Bo Aiello; SCC: Mitch Campbell; SJDC: Mary Ann Paz, Mike Maroney and Reed Peters; SRJC: Jim Forkum, Ron Myers and Lacey Campbell; Sierra: Tom Gang, Scott Decker and Darci Brownell; and Big 8 Commissioner, Mike Liddell.
3. **Minutes** from March 10, 2011, were approved as presented.
4. **Additional agenda items** requested: Basketball Statistics, 3 Year Eligibility Rule, Scheduling, and Commissioner's Cup and Sportsmanship Award.
5. **Upcoming meetings** were announced for 2011/12:

Presidents/ADs Meeting - December 6, 2011, 10 a.m., DVC
Spring Assembly Meeting - Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 9 a.m., SJDC
6. **Spring 2012 Supplement Approvals:** All supplements approved with specific changes to be reflected in the final copy.

Baseball – Ron Myers – Action: MSC with conference schedule changes noted of 21 to 24 games. CRC field temporarily under repair; possible site changes TBA. Commissioner is reviewing umpire association.

Golf – Bill Kaiser – Action: MSC

Softball – Jim Forkum – Action: MSC

Swimming/Dive – Mike Maroney – Action: MSC

Tennis – Rick Anderson – Action: MSC; discussion over Ojai play; ARC courts temporarily under repair.

Track/Field – Jean Snuggs – Action: MSC; discussion on hosting conference meet without appropriate facilities (hammer ring); SRJC to host 2012 conference meet; if unable to host, ARC will be the backup site.

7. **Reports:**

Financial Report – Action: MSC

Decorum Violation Report – Accepted with additions of ARC and SRJC

Appeals/Injury/Other Reports – Accepted

Allegations/Investigations – None reported

Hosting Report: Accepted - (Note: Napa dropped W Golf; Sequoias dropped M Tennis and Butte dropped M Golf; pending, adding Lassen, M Golf).

Constitution: Jeanne Calamar will update the constitution as discussed.

Christine Worsley volunteered to serve on this committee with Calamar, Snuggs, and Campbell.

Gender Equity: Tom Gang volunteered to serve on this committee with Calamar, Snuggs and Campbell.

Management Council: Jim Forkum, Chair: CCCAA investigating possibility of having all sports statistics posted at one central site (CCCAA office). Deans are encouraged to review data in statewide academic success report. Re-conferencing will again be addressed in the future. Form 5 legislation must meet deadlines and proper format or will be rejected. AD's Convention will continue to be held at Lake Tahoe, June 5, 6, 7, 2012.

8. **Commissioner Discussion and Informational Items:**

Bylaw 2.12: Colleges must adhere to this bylaw and post on their website a disclaimer.

Certification Testing: Not universally accepted by all community colleges. Big 8 Conference compliance scores are outstanding. Suggestions are to make the test sport specific. Workshops for R1, 2 and 3 are still required. Infrastructure problems were expressed. Test revisions are still being considered. If you have suggestions for change, send email to Jim Forkum or Carlyle Carter. The CCCAA Board voted approval of this test.

Baseball Officials: Commissioner has authority to select and hire all official associations. Commissioner will seek input from all involved.

Form 3: Continue to encourage deans to review and be accurate before submitting for verification.

Contemporaneous Medical Records: When submitting injury illness appeals, more extensive records from the doctor are now being required.

Decorum Reports: Deans are encouraged to notify the commissioner within 24 hours.

Inappropriate Bad Language: Inappropriate bad language (swearing) will not be tolerated in the Big 8 Conference at athletic events. This is a decorum violation. Officials have been notified and asked to enforce.

Liability Insurance: No increase in cost.

Residency Report: Report will be available in March.

Emergency Contingency Plan for Conference Game Management: Carlyle Carter recommends all conferences prepare such plans. Commissioner will present emergency plan at the December 6 meeting.

All Academic Team: Deans are encouraged to forward names of all athletes who qualify for the All Academic Team according to the Big 8 Constitution to commissioner. The deans will present award certificates.

Big 8 Website: Commissioner encourages deans/coaches to send sports information news to David Silverstein, webmaster. He also encouraged deans to review site and make suggestions for improvement.

Basketball Observers: Committee met last spring to discuss basketball issues with assignor, Dan Hooper, and requested deans receive the observer reports.

End of Year Report Form: Administrative sport reps are requested to use the new report form when submitting supplements for approval.

Campus Closures: DVC reports they cannot have contests on their campus on weekends or furlough weeks.

9. **Other Agenda Items:**

Basketball Statistics Reporting: Some college coaches are not posting statistics. Coaches cannot be penalized for not posting statistics. Coach's statistical website must be officially approved by the CCCAA. If required in the basketball supplement of the Big 8 Conference, commissioner can take action.

Flexible Scheduling: Again discussion ensued surrounding the request to have flexible scheduling for various athletic events. This remains to be institutional agreements between ADs.

3 Year Eligibility – This is new thinking about community college eligibility. There are positive and negative points for this eligibility which need to be addressed. Commissioner will bring this topic up for discussion at the next commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner's Cup/Sportsmanship Award: Big 8 Conference likes this idea and suggests having this in place 2012/13. Criteria needs to be developed. Conference will look at criteria developed by Orange Empire Conference. Big 8 Constitution Committee will pursue this to present to Assembly.

Transgender: Information was presented to the Assembly regarding transgender Form 5 legislation. Discussion occurred and information presented regarding the difference between transgender and cross gender. The Big 8 Assembly was informed by the Management Council Chair that the Form 5 legislation failed in the CCCAA Constitution Committee because it goes against CA State Law. Current Bylaw 1.11 stands.

CCCAA Scholarship Athlete Award: The Big 8 Conference deans recommended the following outstanding scholar athletes and team nominations, however, these scholars were not selected: Christie Hobby, MJC; Alejandriana Garcia, CRC; Kelsi Meier, CRC; Kayla Riedea, SCC; and one scholar team, Folsom Lake W Tennis. The recipient names to be presented by the Big 8 are: Female Athlete, Kirsten Shimizu, ARC, Basketball, GPA 3.950; Male Athlete, Joshua Lozancich, SCC, Track, GPA 4.0; Scholar Team Award: Modesto, M Golf, GPA 3.08; College of the Sequoias, W Tennis, GPA 3.3.

Program Review: MJC, November 29, 2011
CRC, Spring 2012, TBA

