



SAAC Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

SAAC Chair Hopes To Increase Attendance at Home Events This Year

By Aaron Eisberg
SAAC Chair

Greetings my fellow student athletes. This is our first SAAC newsletter. Our purpose for this newsletter is to present you, the student athlete, as well as staff and faculty with information about games and upcoming events within the athletic department. We have a great committee this year and we have a lot of great plans for the future. However, this does not lie solely upon your team representative, it takes the cooperation of all student athletes to make our events successful. Our primary goal is to gather more support for our teams. With programs such as our "Feature Games" and our new "Buddy Teams" we hope to increase fan attendance. I want to thank all the athletes who attended our first two Feature Games that which were a huge success. If you have any suggestions on how to make our time here at LMU more successful please contact your team representative. Good luck in the month of October!

Review of Minutes From September's SAAC Meeting

Several Agenda Items Were Discussed at First SAAC Meeting

By Anthony Podegracz
SAAC Secretary

At the Sept. 12 SAAC meeting, we introduced our new officers for the 2000-2001 academic year: Anthony Podegracz (secretary), Mark Siegfried (vice-chair), and Aaron Eisberg (chair). For all members of the SAAC, but especially the new members, the SAAC Bylaws were discussed and a copy of the SAAC Constitution was passed out. Michael Cortez, NCAA SAAC Representative from the WCC, shared about his involvement with the national SAAC and invited input from all LMU SAAC Representatives. The implementation of "Buddy Teams," along with the requirements and team pairings was then discussed. After discussing the dates of future meetings, we dealt with feedback on the Welcome Back BBQ with the overall feeling that it went well but could have been even better. Assistant Athletic Director Dan Smith went over a list of New Athletics Staff Members. The representatives voiced feedback on adjustments made to the weight room and the new Burns Rec. Center. The idea continuing on the award of "Student-Athletes of the Month" was presented and it was agreed that the program should continue with input from the entire SAAC. Feature Games was a program that was successful last year and will be continued this year, hopefully associated with events put on by ASLMU and Lion Pride. The Website LMULions.com was discussed, with information and accuracy the main focuses. Two issues of old business were raised: Alumni Discounts for games and the Choices Grant. The reps asked Dan Smith what could be done to get alumni into the games cheaper, so that more would come. Also, the idea of reapplication of the Choices Grant was tossed around, as we were rejected when we applied last year.

"God gave us two ends. One to sit on and one to think with. Success depends on which one you use; head you win—tails, you lose.—" Anonymous

Sneak Feature Games

First Set of Feature Games Attracts Great Crowds

On Friday, Oct. 6 our first "Sneak Feature" game was in men's water polo against UC Santa Barbara. The attendance was well over 300 and many of you helped to make this possible. We really appreciate all your support and hope you will continue to support all of our 17 athletic teams here at LMU. Also, thanks for supporting the women's volleyball team against Pepperdine last Saturday night...we know they appreciated you coming out to cheer them on.

We hope to have the rest of the "Sneak Feature" schedule set and posted in the next newsletter. Be sure to talk with your SAAC team representative for more information on upcoming games.

We Want To Know

This is our first attempt with this newsletter and we want to know what you think. If you have ideas or suggestions to make this better, please talk with your SAAC team representative.

Did You Know?

Eligibility Checkpoints

- I. You must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units in order to practice and compete. You also must complete a minimum of 24 units per year.
- II. Each year, you must maintain a cumulative GPA above 2.0.
- III. At the beginning of your junior year, or fifth full-time semester, you must:
 - a. Declare a major.
 - b. Complete 25% (30 units) of the course requirements in your specific degree program.
- IV. At the beginning of your senior year, or seventh full-time semester, you must:
 - a. Complete 50% (60 units) in your specific degree program.
- V. At the beginning of your fifth year, you must:
 - a. Complete 75% (90 units) in your specific degree program.

NOTE: Most degree programs are 120 units. If you have questions about your eligibility, contact Dan Smith in the Compliance Office at Ext. 87789.

Michael Cortez Represents WCC At National SAAC Convention

The NCAA SAAC has been extremely busy as of late. Our most recent meetings were in Indianapolis last April and Long Beach in June. Several of the items we have discussed include; deregulation of amateur regulations, transportation safety of student athletes, and improving communications between athletic personnel and athletes. In our examination of issues facing the NCAA we focus on two main themes; competitive equity and student athlete welfare. The NCAA committee will meet again in Florida in January. If there are any issues that you would like brought to the NCAA's attention please direct them to me through my e-mail at macortez@mailcity.com.

Need Help With Advising?

We've Got A New Academic Advisor For Athletics

Some of you may have already met her...and some of you may have not...but we now have an academic advisor for athletics. Earlier this summer, the athletic department hired Sr. Maureen Schaukowitch as the Coordinator of Athletic Academic Services at LMU. Better known as "Sister Maureen", she has already done an awesome job of helping many of us with our academics. Here's some words from Sister Maureen...

I want to again say how grateful I am to be here at LMU and working with all of you. I have spent my first two months listening to you, the coaches, and the faculty. Some things are working so well that they don't need any interference from me. Other issues sound like they can use some fine tuning, while other "wish list" issues need to be explored. I want each of you to know that I'm here as a resource for you...to help advise you on your academic progress and also to assist you with tutoring programs if you need help. You need to know how many compliments I have heard about you from the faculty. There are exceptions to everything, but on the whole, the faculty members are very impressed by the "discipline the student-athletes have in their lives so that they can be even more conscientious about their studies than many of their classmates." That is a very strong testimony to your role on this campus. You represent yourselves, your teams, and the University well. Finally, a simple tip! I want to encourage each of you to view your professors as allies, not as the enemy. Don't hesitate to speak with them when questions or conflicts arise. I have been involved with several conflicts and find that sometimes it is a simple misunderstanding. These can be resolved with a simple question or conversation. You can always use me in a role-playing situation in order to be more comfortable speaking with your professors. I look forward to getting to know each of you individually as the year progresses. **Please feel free to stop by my office anytime or call me at ext. 81736. My e-mail is mschauko@lmu.edu.**

What Does The SAAC Do?

The purpose of the SAAC is to promote communication between the athletics administration and the student-athletes at Loyola Marymount University. Some of our purposes are:

1. To generate a student-athlete voice with the athletic department
2. To solicit student-athlete response to proposed NCAA legislation
3. To suggest potential NCAA legislation
4. To organize community service projects for student-athletes
5. To create a vehicle for student-athlete representation on campus-wide committees, including Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University (ASLMU).

Who Serves On The SAAC And How Are They Selected?

Membership on the SAAC includes two student-athletes from each of the 17 varsity athletic teams at LMU. The representation should include at least one non-senior representative from each team. The SAAC is representative of the diversity of both the campus and student-athlete populations. This includes both gender and racial diversity. Members are to be recommended by the student-athletes of each sport. Upon graduation or exhaustion of eligibility, that current SAAC member will select a new representative for his/her team as a replacement. The non-graduating representative may continue to hold their position on the committee until the time of his/her graduation or exhaustion of eligibility.

Your 2000-2001 SAAC Board

Chair	Aaron Eisberg	Men's Water Polo
Vice-Chair	Mark Siegfried	Men's Cross Country
Secretary	Anthony Podegracz	Men's Crew

Your SAAC Team Representatives

Women's Volleyball	Allison Gustorf	Sarah McFarland	
Women's Cross Country	Traci Pantuso	Tracey O'Donnell	
Men's Cross Country	Mark Siegfried	Michael Cortez	
Men's Water Polo	Aaron Eisberg	P.J. Rosenquist	
Women's Soccer	Tracy Sharp	Shaina Nishimoto	
Men's Soccer	Gonzalo Bonilla	Mark Lackey	
Women's Basketball	Bryn Britton	Rosa Bernasconi	Kate Murray
Men's Basketball	Robert Davis	Sherman Gay	
Women's Swimming	Lauren Roberts	Krista Zabor	
Women's Water Polo	Devon Courtney	Meredith Bellotti	
Baseball	Kris Zacuto	TBA	
Men's Tennis	Carsten Bitschkus	Erik Nelson-Kortland	
Women's Tennis	Milicia Cukulic	Julie Hladik	
Men's Golf	Elliott Neumeyer	Joe Legacy	
Women's Softball	Corrienne Rogalsky	Laura Eckley	
Women's Crew	Kristen Kelly	TBA	
Men's Crew	Anthony Podegracz	TBA	

October 2000

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October Home Athletic Events

Day	Date	Sport / Opponent	Time
Sun	Oct. 1	Women's Soccer vs UCLA	1:00 pm
Fri	Oct. 6	Men's Water Polo vs UCSB	4:00 pm
Sat	Oct. 7	Men's and Women's Cross Country at Manhattan Beach 10K	7:00 am
Sat	Oct. 7	Men's Water Polo vs Pomona	12 Noon
Sat	Oct. 7	Women's Volleyball vs Pepperdine	7:00 pm
Wed	Oct. 11	Men's Water Polo vs LaVerne	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct. 13	Women's Soccer vs San Diego	3:00 pm
Sat	Oct. 14	Men's Water Polo vs UMass	2:00 pm
Sun	Oct. 15	Women's Soccer vs San Francisco	12 Noon
Sun	Oct. 15	Men's Soccer vs San Diego	3:00 pm
Thu	Oct. 19	Men's Water Polo vs Whittier	5:00 pm
Fri	Oct. 20	Women's Volleyball vs San Francisco	7:00 pm
Sat	Oct. 21	Women's Volleyball vs Santa Clara	7:00 pm
Sun	Oct. 22	Men's Soccer vs Portland	3:00 pm
Wed	Oct. 25	Men's Water Polo vs Cal Baptist	4:00 pm
Sun	Oct. 29	Men's Soccer vs Cal State Northridge	2:00 pm

Future SAAC Meeting Dates

Tuesday	October 10	Founder's Room
Tuesday	November 14	Founder's Room
TBA	December	TBA
Tuesday	January 16	Founder's Room
Tuesday	February 13	Founder's Room
Tuesday	March 13	Founder's Room
Tuesday	April 10	Founder's Room

Important Dates This Year

Oct. 23-24	Fall Break
Nov. 3	Last Day to Withdraw or Apply For Credit/ No Credit
Nov. 13	Academic Advisement & Advance Registration For Spring Semester
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Day Break
Dec. 11-15	Finals Week
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 10	Spring Semester Begins
Jan. 15	Martí Luther King Day
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 19	President's Day
Feb. 26-	
Mar. 2	Spring Break
Feb. 28	Ash Wednesday
Apr. 13	Good Friday
Apr. 15	Easter Sunday
Apr. 30-	
May 4	Finals Week
May 5	Graduation