

SAAC Minutes – Week of December 2, 2007  
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- ✓ Meeting began at 7:07
- ✓ Athletic Director, Mr. Dave Wright on the future of Division III
  - Background
    - Division III is largest division in NCAA and it is growing rapidly due to:
      - NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics), which served 200 members, but lost 20 members to the NCAA and therefore will likely disband
    - If NAIA would disband, teams would likely join Division III and would create huge problems
  - Present
    - Currently, there is moratorium on growth but will end in January 2009
    - At the end of moratorium, there will be a vote to decide the future of Division III
      - Two scenarios:
        - Subdivision – like Division I (A & AA)
        - Separate into two divisions Division III and Division IV
    - Centennial Conference feels that the way things currently stand are appropriate and does not want to see more restrictions placed on institutions
    - After January meetings with the presidents and athletic directors of other schools, new proposals will be brought back to SAAC for discussion
  - Suggestions
    - Write letters as a whole committee with points of concern to President Will and carbon copy (CC) Barbara Fritze (Vice President of Enrollment and Education Services), Dave Wright, Steve Ulrich (Centennial Conference Executive Secretary), and National SAAC
- ✓ Feedback from SAAC members (Paraphrased):
  - Track: Division IV sounds awful; don't want Division III to be less competitive than it is already seen as; don't want it [Division III] to turn into a joke
  - Wrestling: Subdivisions sounds better than two separate divisions; possibly separate by academic standards or size
  - Volleyball: Most people if given a choice will go to Division III and not Division IV, if there is a split, so it likely won't be fair nor will it be smaller or stay the same size no matter what
- ✓ Meeting closed at 7:43