

## COAST CONFERENCE MEETING BUDGET CRISIS

February 28, 2003  
Cabrillo College

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Budd, Coast Conference President.

Dale Murray started the discussion with a brief overview of the CCCADA Executive Committee recommendations and how the Coast Conference might respond with costs reducing measures. He noted that football is outside the conference jurisdiction, but the recommendations can be forwarded to the NCFE for consideration.

Dale clarified any special measures taken to reduce costs would not result in a change to the constitution, but would be emergency action with a limited duration.

Debbie suggested a reduction in COA dues rather than a passing of the COA costs to the colleges. It was suggested that a letter be written recommending a 10 to 15 per cent reduction in dues.

### **I. Review recommendations from CCCADA Executive Board**

There was a general discussion of the CCCADA recommendation list.

1. Reduce contest numbers by 10 to 15 per cent in all sports, 2003-2004 only. It was noted that there may be some inequities between sports if there was a blanket reduction. Other considerations might be moving back start dates. An emphasis should be on conference schedules rather than non-conference or regional. The idea of reducing contests was supported.
2. Consider regional state championships for 2002-03 and 2003-04. It was noted that state championships are for the student athletes and should be preserved if possible.

Recommendations 3 through 7 and 9 are in progress. Recommendation 8 concerning reducing the cost of tournaments and not using them as fund raising activities was given special consideration and support.

### **II. Coast Conference Possibilities**

There was a general discussion of the CCCADA recommendations for conference consideration.

#### **1. Schedule Double Headers**

It was discussed and recommended that double headers be scheduled whenever possible such as baseball, softball, soccer, water polo, and basketball. This would be helpful in several areas such as reduced personnel costs and travel.

2. Increase Conference Competition

It was discussed and suggested that sports coaches be contacted to develop increase conference schedules and include double headers where appropriate. This would result in fewer tournaments and travel outside of conference. Each sport must still consider cross-over games and equal strength of divisions.

3. Reduce Travel Squad

It was discussed that this should be an institutional decision.

4 & 5. Reduce Number of Officials and/or Fees

Conference considerations 4 & 5 were discussed together in an effort to reduce officials' costs as a whole.

- Dale was directed to reduce the number of basketball officials from 3 to 2 as the contract is currently up for negotiation.
- Tennis officials are to be dropped.
- Dale was directed to contact official's associations with a goal of reducing official's costs by 30 per cent through:
  - a. Reducing number of officials.
  - b. Reducing fees per game
  - c. Reducing administrative costs
  - d. Local assignments
  - e. Reducing number of contests

6 & 7. Reconferencing to Home Conferences and Approve 3-Team Conferences

- It was MSP that Dale negotiate with the Bay Valley to return colleges to home conferences for water polo and that 3-team conferences be supported for one year.

8. Evaluate Monday through Friday Scheduling

Members were in support of the concept of scheduling as many contests on week days as possible. Monday has typically been an off day, but there are sports where Monday play could be appropriate. Tennis was mentioned as one.

9. Division by Proximity

This is current practice

10. Recommend each institution consider conference make-up when dropping sports.

This concept was supported.

**III. Individual College Actions (dropping sports)**

Colleges announced their plans for sport offerings in 2003-2004.

Cabrillo – no men's and women's cross country or women's water polo.

Canada -	no women's tennis
Chabot -	no change
DeAnza -	no men's golf
Evergreen –	no change
Foothill -	no women's volleyball
Gavilan -	no change
Hartnell -	no men's and women's swimming and men's water polo
Los Positas –	no change
Mission -	?
Monterey –	no change
Ohlone - ?	
San Francisco –	no men's tennis
San Jose -	possibly no men's golf
San Mateo -	no change
Skyline -	no change
West Valley -	no wrestling, no women's waterpolo, and possibly no men's basketball

#### **IV. Water Polo Conferencing**

Discussed earlier

#### **V. Football Alliance**

There was a lengthy discussion of football issues generally considering three central issues for reducing costs.

- a. Conferencing by geography to reduce travel.
- b. Changing mandated cross-overs to reduce travel.
- c. Reducing the number of contests to reduce costs

It was suggested a return to a home conference for competition would help reduce costs. This led to a discussion of philosophy of competition, individual college needs, level of competition and the need to provide games for Northern colleges and valley colleges.

It was recommended that these issues be taken to the NCFE meeting on March 17 at Los Medanos College and that the NCFE be given the opportunity to make appropriate changes with the goal of reducing costs particularly in travel.

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