

MINUTES OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
WALTER BYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Marriott Plaza San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

April 17-18, 2005

Participants:

Patricia W. Epps, Franklin & Marshall College  
Eugene Hermitte, Johnson C. Smith University  
Lee A. Meserve, Bowling Green State University  
Robert Thomas, University of Missouri, Kansas City, chair  
Elizabeth L. Wilkes, Wofford College  
Corey Bray, NCAA  
Ann Kearns, NCAA, recording secretary

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated “sense of the meeting”) in accordance with the NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee’s agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

Sunday, April 17

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the chair, Mr. Thomas. Those in attendance introduced themselves, after which Ms. Chapman and Mr. Bray reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

1. Interview Order and Times. At the conclusion of dinner, the committee determined if the male or the female candidates would interview first, after which the candidates drew for their interview times.

[Note: The meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m.]

Monday, April 18

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by the chair, Mr. Thomas. Mr. Bray and Mr. Thomas reviewed the interview structure and the order in which the committee would interview the candidates.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes.

It was VOTED

“That the minutes from the March 9, 2004, telephone conference be approved as submitted.”

3. Interview Questions. Mr. Bray reviewed the committee member interview question topic area assignments. The topic areas were athletics, academics, community service, future vision, and distinguishing characteristic(s) that helped to overcome an obstacle. Mr. Thomas then determined the order the questions were to be asked of each finalist.

4. Interview of Scholarship Finalists. The committee interviewed the six finalists for the Walter Byers Scholarship. The order for the interviews was as follows:

- a. Jemique Lauryn McCalley, University of Tennessee;
- b. Sarah Dance, Truman State University;
- c. Lindsay Hagerman, Washington and Lee University;
- d. Matthew Gunn, University of Arkansas;
- e. Todd Mortensen, University of San Diego, and
- f. James Adam Davis, Rice University.

5. Selection of Byers Scholars. After the interviews and deliberations, the committee selected Mr. Gunn and Ms. Dance to be the 2005 Walter Byers Scholarship recipients. The first alternate for the men is Mr. Davis, and the first alternate for the women is Ms. Hagerman.

The committee noted the difficulty of the decisions and congratulated all of the finalists on their outstanding achievements during their collegiate careers.

6. Future Meetings. The committee requested to see the approved NCAA meeting city list before determining the location for the 2005 meeting;
7. Other Business. The committee had no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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