



## **CSFL Virtual Meeting Summary Thursday, July 9 – 11:00am**

### **Meeting Participants:**

Alderson Broaddus: Lee Bradley and Brad Jett  
Army West Point: Gene McIntyre and Mark West  
Caldwell: Mark Corino, Joe Giacchi, and Jim Kelly  
Chestnut Hill: Jesse Balcer and Gio Thomas  
Cornell: Terry Cullen and Willie Evans  
Mansfield: Kristen Decker, John Evans, and Peggy Carl  
Navy: Jason Dewald and Matt Munnelly  
Penn: Brad Fadem and Jerry McConnell  
Post: AJ McNamara and Adam Schultz  
St. Thomas Aquinas: Nicole Ryan, Andrew Tartara, and Matt Barry  
CSFL Office: Dan Mara, Doug DeBiase, and Ellen O'Brien

### ***Virtual meeting commenced at: 11:04AM***

#### **I. Welcome/Updates**

- a.** Brad Fadem will serve as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Jesse Balcer will serve as Chair and Jason Dewald as Vice Chair of the Playing Weight Committee.
- b.** The conference opened an account with Morgan Stanley for the CSFL funds.
- c.** The National Football Foundation will include senior CSFL student-athletes (who meet the criteria) in the Hampshire Honors Society. The five institutions who only sponsor sprint football will have their helmets included on the College Football Hall of Fame Wall of Helmets. The NFF is working on rebranding their "Football Matters" campaign. Doug is working with the AFCA on strengthening their partnership and getting involved with the Good Hands team for community service.

- d. The Ivy League announced that no athletics competition will take place during the Fall 2020 semester.

## **II. Institutional Updates – Fall 2020**

- a. Alderson Broaddus: AB is considering postponing the Fall season. They are in favor of moving sprint football to the Spring semester as well. They plan to test student-athletes upon their return to the institution. A decision has not been made regarding ongoing testing.
- b. Army West Point: Army is allowed to play teams outside of the conference if it does not involve overnights or plane trips.
- c. Caldwell: The CACC has not made a decision regarding the Fall 2020 season. If Caldwell cannot play in the Fall, they are interested in trying to play sprint football in the Spring. They do not plan on conducting testing at this time. If the NCAA strongly recommends testing in order for competition to take place, major financial concerns will arise.
- d. Chestnut Hill: Chestnut Hill plans to test all students upon return to campus as well as continual screening. If the NCAA strongly recommends testing in order for competition to take place, major financial concerns will arise.
- e. Cornell: Playing sprint football in the Spring is an option if enough teams are available. Teams will be able to practice and workout during the Fall semester. Cornell will not be permitted to stay overnight for athletics competition in the Spring. Single day trips would be possible against Penn, Mansfield, Army, STAC, Caldwell, and Chestnut Hill.
- f. Mansfield: The PSAC Board of Directors meets on Tuesday. Mansfield does not plan to conduct testing. They are emphasizing personal responsibility and monitoring. They will have temperature and screening checks prior to practice and competition. If testing is required, they will probably cancel all sports.
- g. Navy: Navy will test students upon arrival on campus. After two weeks of restriction of movement (ROM), students will be tested again. Weekly testing will begin once practice starts. Overnight travel and plane trips will not be permitted. They are not permitted to play against schools who do not conduct testing.
- h. Penn: No Fall sports competition.
- i. Post: Post will conduct classes online and phase in the return of athletes based on seasons of competition. Fall student-athletes will return on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Returning student-athletes must bring proof of a negative COVID-19 test. They will be partnering with a local hospital to conduct testing. There have been conversations about not playing sprint football this year. A decision should be made within the next week.
- j. St. Thomas Aquinas: STAC is still planning to play sports in the Fall, however, that may change as the conference makes its decision. They plan on screening student-athletes and to provide those reports to opponents before traveling. If the NCAA strongly recommends testing in order for competition to take place,

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### **III. Additional Discussion**

- a.** Other leagues and conferences may follow the direction of the Ivy League. Division II has had ongoing discussions about pushing Fall sports to the Spring.
  - i.** Caldwell prefers moving football to the Spring rather than canceling the season altogether. It is important to play a season for retention reasons.
  - ii.** Mansfield is prepared to move forward with a Spring season if their BOD makes the same decision for other sports. Limited facilities and staffing will pose major challenges. Mansfield would not participate if COVID-19 is still a major issue in the Spring.
  - iii.** Chestnut Hill will do everything they can to allow all teams to participate in the Spring.
  - iv.** The ECC, NE10, and PSAC will likely move Fall sports to the Spring. The MEC has a call today.
  - v.** No school stated opposition to pursuing a Spring season for sprint football.
- b.** Testing
  - i.** Army West Point will likely conduct initial testing and screening.
  - ii.** Patriot League teams will only be permitted to compete against institutions that conduct testing. Athletic Training protocol will need to be implemented as well.
  - iii.** If only initial testing is required for sprint football student-athletes, it may be more feasible for league members from a financial standpoint. If the season is moved to the Spring, the initial testing would then take place once students return for the Spring semester.
- c.** Significant Playing Opportunity
  - i.** Army West Point and Navy agree that seven games should be played if the season is moved to the Spring and a vaccine is available. Penn agrees as well but has concerns regarding facility availability in the Spring.
  - ii.** Games may need to be played midweek rather than only on Fridays and Saturdays. The season could begin in March and wrap up by May 1<sup>st</sup> with the championship. Neutral sites may need to be used during the season if there are facility conflicts.
  - iii.** STAC's last day of finals is May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv.** Schools may be eliminating the spring break period. Academic calendars for the Spring semester may be altered as well.
  - v.** Cornell will stagger which classes are on campus each semester (ie. freshmen and sophomores in the Fall semester).
- d.** Decision Making Timelines
  - i.** The PSAC Board of Directors meets on Tuesday.
  - ii.** The CACC Presidents Council meets tomorrow.
  - iii.** The ECC should have a decision within the week.

