



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Conference Spring Meetings - Day 1 Recap Intercontinental Hotel - Kansas City, Mo.

Points of Discussion

- Discussion of national issues, including cost of attendance.
- Preparation for a 10-team athletic conference.

Notes of Interest

- A diversity program was conducted on Monday, which included a young, aspiring leader from each institution.
- A group of Big 12 representatives will take part in a community service project at the Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday afternoon.

Quotes

Dan Beebe, Commissioner

on opening day of meetings:

"We opened up with the Joint Council, which included the athletics directors, faculty athletics representatives and senior woman administrators. Then each group went to its individual meetings. We reviewed what is going on nationally. We have representatives on national committees and cabinets and they reported out on their respective committees and were interested in input from our group."

on cost of attendance:

"I don't think the Big 12 will come to a conclusion at these meetings just as we haven't nationally. It is good to have open dialogue in all meetings and discuss the different aspects of what could arise."

Joe Castiglione, Oklahoma Vice-President for Intercollegiate Athletics Programs - Director of Athletics

on the focus of this year's meetings:

"We are focused on the future and tweaking some things as we move forward. I have always admired this Conference as it's always looking at ways to get better - ways to be innovative and creative. I think that is exciting."

on the future of the Big 12:

"Look at how good this league is and the position we are in moving forward. We have a great number of teams competing right now in postseason softball, baseball and men's golf. Our teams will continue to play a significant role in the national picture in every sport."

Note - Oklahoma serves as the chair and spokesperson for administrative and coaches groups this season.

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