

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, February 19, 2016 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3222
2:00pm

Attendees:

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Karen Bullock – Faculty, Social Work
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Division of Academic and Student Affairs
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Sherard Clinkscales (Senior Associate AD), Josh Dalton (Athletics Staff), Carrie Doyle (Senior Associate AD), Rachel Eppley (Student-Athlete), Emily Harris (Student-Athlete), Michael Lipitz (Deputy AD), Diane Moose (Senior Associate AD), Harold Trammel (Guest Head Coach) and Shawn Troxler (Assistant General Counsel).

Unable to Attend:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Larry Silverberg – Faculty, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the November 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits. It was **MOVED** and **APPROVED unanimously** to accept the minutes of the November 2015 Council Meeting.
3. Athletics Update. Athletic Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics, as listed below:
 - a. Tax Deduction for Donations to College Athletics. Discussion regarding President Obama's proposal to Congress that would end the tax deduction available to individuals who donate for the 2017 budget to college athletics. Currently, 80 percent of these donations are tax deductible.
 - b. Women's Swimming & Diving. The NC State women's swimming and diving ACC championships is underway. The team has set itself up in the early events for a successful outcome.

- c. Beyoncé Concert. Beyoncé will be performing at Carter Finley Stadium on May 3, 2016. We are hosting the concert because Beyoncé is a popular music artist and tickets are in demand, as was done with U2 and The Rolling Stones.
 - d. Time Demands on Student Athletes. A recent, widely discussed issue is that of time demands on student athletes (SAs). The NCAA has informed the institution that an upcoming survey regarding time demands will be initiated for student athletes.
 - e. Habitat for Humanity Build-A-Block. Build-A-Block, in collaboration with the Habitat Campus Chapter at NC State, will build 11 homes on behalf of low-income families. Each home costs \$65,000 to construct; athletics has committed \$65,000 to the project and will participate in building the townhomes.
 - f. 2016 NCAA Convention. The convention touched on issues such as student athlete time demands, coaching personnel limits, amateurism and recruiting. Handout provided.
 - g. Estimated Probability of Competing at the Professional Level. A small percentage of student athletes are going to compete at the professional level. It is important for student athletes to be aware of the statistics. Handout provided.
4. Reynolds Coliseum Renovation. Michael Lipitz, Deputy AD for Internal Operations, updated the group on the progress of the Reynolds renovation. The renovation is expected to be complete in August. A Grand Opening will occur, in conjunction with the 2016 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, in the Fall of 2016. Additionally, the student-led initiative, the “Coaches’ Corner” will be unveiled at that time inducting Coaches Kay Yow, Everett Case, Norm Sloan and Jim Valvano.
 5. Student Athlete Time Demands. Dr. Sawyers touched on the time demands of student athletes’ survey. The feedback from this survey will play a significant role in the implementation or rejection of upcoming proposals.
 6. Guest Head Coach – Harold Trammel. Coach Trammel is a 2000 graduate of NCSU in Textile Engineering and 2 time cheerleading captain and MVP. He works as an engineer locally in addition to maintaining his duties as the head cheerleading coach. Coach Trammel has coached the NC State squad for 14 years. He noted the high academic achievements of his current cheerleaders; this includes Mikayla Raleigh, who was recently recognized for the “Leader of the Pack” award. The cheerleading roster includes 45 cheerleaders and 8 mascots. The team has enjoyed the opportunity to practice in the indoor practice facility. He pointed out that the cheerleading squad achieved national success at the UCA Cheerleading Championships, with a National Championship in the 2016 All Girl Partner Stunt event. NC State has a great tradition of cheerleading. This reputation and continuing achievements attract talented future prospects. In addition, Coach Trammel encourages alumni cheerleading engagement and noted that has continued to increase. In addition, injury prevention is a priority which has continued to improve with new rules and regulations. NC State athletics hired a certified trainer committed to cheerleading.
 7. Guest Student Athletes.

- a. Emily Harris, Volleyball. Emily is a sophomore from Southlake, TX. She is studying Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. She appeared in 29 matches during her sophomore season. She enjoys the opportunities that volleyball has provided to her.
- b. Rachel Eppley, Volleyball. Rachel is a junior from Charlotte, NC. She is also studying Business Administrations. Despite an injury which caused Rachel to sit out 9 of the first 10 matches this year, Rachel competed in 23 matches. Rachel touched on the opportunities that volleyball has allowed for her and the connections she has gained through the sport.

Both women are excited about the new coaching staff. They noted the strong support and focus the coaching staff has shown thus far for academics, as well as competitive excellence.

8. NCAA Convention. Carrie Doyle, Senior Associate AD in Compliance, provided additional updates regarding the recent NCAA Convention.

Currently, student athletes are restricted on the number of hours that is considered countable athletically related activities. This includes length of practices, athletic meetings that are required, competition, among other requirements. This does not include study hall, voluntary activities, travel, banquets, et al.

Three proposals at the NCAA Convention related to student athlete time demands. These were tabled and referred for further study due to issues and questions with each.

- Proposal Number 2015-25: The travel day is not considered a day off.
- Proposal Number 2015-26: Three-week discretionary period after championship segment.
- Proposal Number 2015-27: Eight-hour athletics activity prohibition period between 9 pm and 6 am.

Several proposals were adopted including proposal 2015-21, allowing for universities to provide meals, accommodations and entertainment for up to four family members of a student athlete prospect.

Proposal 2015-19 (a controversial proposal which would allow for athletes who are self-employed to promote their non-athletically related business) was not moved due to concerns about how it would be interpreted.

It is expected that the 2017 NCAA Convention will largely be about student athlete time demands.

9. Academic Update (ASPSA). Katie Graham, Assistant Dean and Director for the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, shared several academic updates with group.
 - a. Fall 2015 Performance.
 - 14 teams with a cumulative GPA average above 3.0 in the Fall 2015 semester.
 - 12 teams with Fall 2015 GPA average above 3.0.
 - 12 teams posted GPA improvement between Fall 2014 and Fall 2015.

- b. Academic Recognitions.
 - 279 Caterpillar Scholar Athlete Recognitions (3.0).
 - 142 student athletes on Dean's List (3.5).
 - 25 student athletes earned a 4.0 semester GPA.

- c. Noted Successes.
 - Amber Whitley – Women's Cross Country and Track, double majoring in Human Biology and Psychology with a 4.0 GPA.
 - Anton Ipsen - Swimming, majoring in engineering with a 4.0 GPA. Named ACC Male Freshman of the Year, 2015 All-ACC Academic team and ACC Champion.
 - ACC Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients: Jonathan Addison (Industrial Engineering), Kaitlyn Kramer (Chemical Engineering & Textiles), Nick Gwiazdowski (PRTM), and Joe Thuney (Accounting).

- d. ASPSA Tier Structure.
 - Tier 1: Most at risk.
 - Tier 2: Moderately at risk.
 - Tier 3: Minimally at risk.

- e. Tutoring and Mentoring.

Tutoring Program.

- 280 SAs utilized tutoring.
- 153 different courses tutored during Fall semester.
- 11,197 total tutoring appointments.
- Average 1,234 sessions per week.
- Average 205 tutoring sessions per day.

Learning Specialists in Mentoring Programing.

- 121 utilized learning specialist or mentoring appointment.
- 2,630 total appointments.
- Average 146 sessions per week.
- Average 29 sessions per day.

10. STEAM Initiative planned for the 2017 ACC Women's Basketball Tournament. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) initiative would allow ACC institutions to provide a display or exhibit related to a STEAM discipline during the FanFest conducted at the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament. The goal of the event is to make STEAM fields and concepts accessible and exciting to the thousands of elementary and middle school students who attend the tournament.

11. The Eligibility Certification Process. Discussions of the steps involving the eligibility process and the individuals and entities responsible for the process. Handout provided.

12. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, April 29th and will take place in Talley Student Union.

13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Dalton.