

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 29, 2016 – Talley Student Union, Rm #4280
2:00pm

Attendees:

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Nathan Corder – Graduate Student
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Division of Academic and Student Affairs
Rob Hoon – Deputy General Counsel
Michael Kanters – 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*)
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Josh Dalton (Athletics Staff), Jonathan Davis (Student-Athlete), Dave Doeren (Guest Head Coach), Carrie Doyle (Senior Associate AD), Kelly Findley (Guest Head Coach), Michelle Lee (Associate AD/SWA), Michael Lipitz (Deputy AD)

Unable to Attend:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Karen Bullock – Faculty, Social Work
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Page Marsh – Athletics, Head Women's Golf Coach
Larry Silverberg – Faculty, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits. It was **MOVED** and **APPROVED unanimously** to accept the minutes of the February 2016 Council Meeting.
3. Recognition of New & Returning Members and Members Rotating Off. Dr. Sawyers welcomed the new and returning Council on Athletics members which included Dr. Paul Williams, Dr. Ed Funkhouser and Nathaniel Corder. Members rolling off the Council were thanked for their contributions and Dr. Sawyers provided these members with gifts as a token of appreciation for their service.
4. Athletics Update. Athletic Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics, as listed below:

- a. NCAA Proposals. Director Yow touched on three NCAA proposals which were recently approved. The proposals were as follows:
 - An institution is permitted to pay the actual round-trip costs for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians in the sport of football (expenses for up to two people) to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his official visit (Adopted – Final).
 - An institution is permitted to pay the travel costs for up to four people with the student athlete in all varsity sports.
 - Eliminated the requirement that athletically related summer financial aid must be awarded in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid a student-athlete received during the previous academic year (Adopted, 60-Day Rescission Period now in play).
- b. Reynolds Coliseum Renovation. The Reynolds Coliseum Renovation and Walk of Fame & History project is on schedule and under budget. Michael Lipitz, Deputy AD for Internal Operations, confirmed the progress of the Reynolds renovation; the renovation is expected to be complete in August with the Grand Opening in September of 2016. He serves as Chair of the Building Committee.
- c. Beyoncé Concert. Beyoncé is still scheduled to perform 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. The athletics program needs the additional revenue and the WPC also receives revenue.
- d. Associate AD for Sports Administration & Student Services. A prospect has been identified to replace Sherard Clinkscales in his former role as Associate AD for Sports Administration & Student Services. The department anticipates an official announcement within the coming weeks. This candidate brings a wealth of experience from positions at Texas A&M and the University of South Carolina and is expected to be a great fit for the position.
- e. Notable Student Athletes. Director Yow specifically mentioned the accomplishments of Jonathan Addison (track and field) and Nick Gwiazdowski (wrestling). Jonathan was named ACC Scholar Athlete of the Year in track and field as well as ACC Field Performer of the Year while Nick was named ACC Scholar Athlete of the Year in wrestling, was the ACC champion and NCAA runner-up. In addition, both student-athletes were Post Graduate Award recipients from the ACC.
- f. Carter-Finley Stadium 50th Anniversary (1966-2016). 2016 kicks off the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Carter-Finley Stadium. The celebration is ongoing through the conclusion of the 2016 football season. The game day celebration occurs on October 8, 2016, when the game will mark 50 years to the day since the first game was played in Carter-Finley Stadium in 1966. Former players, coaches and fans will share memories of Carter-Finley Stadium.
- g. Time Demands of Student Athletes. The widely discussed issue of time demands of student athletes (SAs) is ongoing. No recent proposals have addressed the possibility of

reducing the number of regular season contests. Director Yow noted that while athletes enjoy competing, cutting back on 10% of athletic contests each season would assist in addressing this issue as much as any other initiative.

5. Guest Head Coach – Kelly Findley. Coach Findley joined NC State as the Head Coach for men's soccer in December of 2010. This year the men's soccer team finished with the No. 33 RPI in the nation, and a 2-3-3 record against teams in the Top 25. The team defeated No. 15 South Carolina and No. 16 Boston College while they tied in matches versus No. 1 Wake Forest, No. 7 Notre Dame and No. 24 Louisville. However, in the end, the team fell short of qualifying for the NCAA tournament. Coach Findley noted the measurable improvements and maximum effort of the players each day. Coach Findley shared a fascinating video about cycling and their commitment to incremental/marginal gains as an example of his approach to improvements.
6. Guest Head Coach – Dave Doeren. Coach Doeren took over the Wolfpack football program in December of 2012. The team finished the 2015 season in the Belk Bowl versus Mississippi State.

Coach Doeren discussed a couple of the recent NCAA rule changes including:

- a. Satellite camps: The NCAA board of directors recently overturned the ban on holding camps away from school (known as satellite camps). The NCAA board stressed that it wants the Division I council, which enacted the ban previously this month, to conduct a thorough review of the entire FBS recruiting process. Coach Doeren and his staff plan to participate in satellite camps this summer, specifically in Georgia and Florida.
- b. Texting is now permissible between recruits and football coaches at a certain point: The Division I Council deregulated electronic communication in football, cross country, track and field and swimming and diving.

Coach Doeren updated the group regarding the latest additions to the coaching staff including Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Eli Drinkwitz (formerly at Boise State) and Offensive Line/Run-Game Coordinator Dwayne Ledford (formerly at Appalachian State).

NC State's upcoming football schedule has been cited by ESPN to be the most rigorous schedule of all ACC football programs.

7. Guest Student Athlete – Jonathan Davis. Jonathan, currently a junior, is from Gastonia, N.C. He commented on the convenience that the indoor football practice facility provides for the soccer team. He is very gratified with his student athlete experience at NC State. While the ACC is one of the toughest soccer conferences in the nation, Jonathan looks forward to his senior year to seize the opportunity and qualify for NCAAs. He is known to his teammates as "Boo" Davis.
8. University Attorney – Rob Hoon. Rob Hoon, Chair of the Professional Sports Counseling Panel, provided the Council with updates regarding the Panel activities. The Panel assists our student-athletes and their parents by providing practical information, learning opportunities and other services in regard to pursuing a professional athletic career after completing their intercollegiate career. Panel members such as Chasity Melvin, former NC State student-athlete and professional athlete along with Dewayne Washington, former NC State student-athlete and 12-year NFL veteran have been invaluable additions to the Panel. The Panel continues to focus on relationships with the student athletes. The Panel is represented on a robust website with tools and resources for student athletes. Katie Graham, Assistant Dean and Director for the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, noted the significant amount of positive feedback she received

from the football players' parents about the Counseling Panel session held prior to the spring football game in both 2015 and 2016.

9. Compliance – Carrie Doyle. Carrie Doyle, Senior Associate AD in Compliance, provided additional commentary on recent NCAA proposals. The proposals discussed, a number of which were those mentioned by AD Yow during her updates, are as follows:
 - a. Proposal Number 2015-52: An institution is now permitted to pay the actual round-trip costs for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians in the sport of football (expenses for up to two people) to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his official visit (Adopted – Final).
 - b. Proposal Number 2015-66: To define and clarify post-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified; further, to move the legislation related to pre-enrollment academic misconduct to Bylaw 14 (Adopted – Final).
 - c. Proposal Number 2015-67: To specify that nonathletically related institutional financial aid shall not count toward maximum institutional grant-in-aid limitations (Cabinet / Committee Legislation Recommendation).
 - d. Proposal Number 2015-68: To eliminate the requirement that athletically related summer financial aid must be awarded in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid a student-athlete received during the previous academic year (Adopted, 60-Day Rescission Period).
 - e. Proposal Number 2015-91: To specify that the Board of Directors shall have authority to grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division I membership because of the delay in its effective date (Adopted – Final).

Finally, Carrie discussed a flowchart finalized by the NCAA which distinguishes between Academic Misconduct Violations, Impermissible Academic Assistance Violations and no NCAA Violations. The purpose of this document is to provide clarity when identifying a potential NCAA violation.

10. Academic Update (ASPSA) – Katie Graham. Katie Graham, Assistant Dean and Director for the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, shared several academic updates with the Council:
 - a. The Academic Support Program for Student Athletes hosts a professional development conference annually. This engaging conference attracts participants from schools in Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and within North Carolina.
 - b. The Chancellor's Cup Award was presented this year at the Wolfies gala to the men's and women's team with the highest GPA. The winners this year were Tennis (team GPA 3.209) for the men and Volleyball (team GPA of 3.402) for the women.
 - c. APR (Academic Progress Rate) – The women's golf team was recognized for the fifth consecutive year for being among the nation's top 10 percent for APR.
 - d. Reconnect Program – The Reconnect Program, initiated in the Fall of 2006, provides financial assistance for former scholarship athletes to return and complete their degrees. This year, eleven former student athletes enrolled, eight of whom will graduate this May.

11. FAR Update. Dr. Sawyers briefly mentioned that discussions are ongoing in regard to time demands of student athletes. Additional information is expected to be available after the upcoming ACC meeting. He serves on the ACC Time Demands Committee.
12. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, August 26th 2016 at 2:00 pm in a location to be determined.
13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Dalton.