

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, January 23, 2015 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285
2:00pm

Attendees:

Sarah Ash – Faculty, Food Bioprocessing & Nutrition Sciences
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM
Karen Bullock – Faculty, Social Work
Daniel Gunter – NC State Alumni Association
Jodi Hall – Faculty, Social Work
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Jermaine Holmes – Director, ASPSA
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Michael Lipitz – Athletics, Senior Associate AD
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Tom Roberts – Faculty, Health & Exercise Studies
Sandy Stallings – Faculty, Communication
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting

Guest Attendees:

Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Sherard Clinkscales, Carrie Doyle, Eileen Goldgeier, Michelle Lee, Joe Mills, Diane Moose, Brad Trahan

Unable to Attend:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Ivey Carroll – Student Senate, PRTM
Dave Ellis – NC State Alumni Association
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Page Marsh – Athletics, Head Women's Golf Coach
Neal Patel – Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences
Joanne Woodard – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Deborah Yow – Athletics, Director of Athletics

1. Welcome. Chairman Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. Previous Minutes.

After a request to remove the “s” after “Communication” in membership listing, it was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the November 2014 Council on Athletics meeting.”
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Membership introductions. Chairman Sawyers introduced Sarah Ash, the new representative from the Faculty Senate.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Joe Mills, a senior on the men's soccer team, who is double majoring in international studies and marketing, addressed the group. He discussed the team's youth and potential, stating that a culture for success is present. He intends to have a career in the wine industry, such as with E & J Gallo, and praised the 1st and Goal career development event for the opportunities it provides student-athletes to investigate various employment opportunities.
5. Title IX Review. Associate AD Michelle Lee provided the group with a document that summarized the three ways in which compliance with Title IX can be achieved in athletics. She additionally reviewed NC State Athletics' historical percentages and numbers for: overall student body enrollment, athletics participation and scholarship allocation. She explained how athletics staff members evaluate the numbers and utilize roster management to maintain compliance. It was noted that female enrollment numbers are trending up across the country. The group requested to view an operational budget comparison without factoring in salaries and benefits. It was noted that the Student-life, Equity & Sportsmanship subcommittee plans to review other program areas within the Title IX measurements. General Counsel Eileen Goldgeier gave a historical view of NC State compliance with the law, including the additions of women's softball and women's golf teams in the early 2000s, stressed the need to constantly reevaluate data, and stated that she is very comfortable with NC State's efforts and results for Title IX.
6. ASPSA Update. Director of ASPSA Jermaine Holmes provided a summary report of teams' fall academic data, including GPA, class enrollment and selection of majors. Concern was expressed that average cumulative student-athlete GPAs have been trending down since 2010 (by an average of .0175 grade points per year), while overall campus trends have been on the rise. It was noted that student-athlete numbers are still positioned within an acceptable range. It was requested that those listed as being enrolled in the DASA major (First Year College) be further itemized to show breakdown of freshmen and sophomores, as well as to which colleges they were transitioning. It was explained that it can still be difficult for First Year College members to be accepted into the program of their choice. The topic of "intending to major" was also discussed. It was further noted that the Registrar routinely reviews course and major 'clustering' with the Provost Roundtable and that NC State has no issues in this area.
7. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle briefed the group on topics that were voted on during the NCAA Convention using the new autonomy voting structure. She reviewed the legislative proposals and further explained those that were passed. The cost of attendance amount has been added to the allowed full grant-in-aid package; this will impact total scholarship budget, amount of equivalencies available for those coaches who offer scholarships in dollar amounts, and uses for the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. It was

explained that cost of attendance varies by institution and is calculated through a prescribed federal formula. The amount for NC State is determined in mid-February each year.

8. Athletics Budget Review. Senior Associate AD Diane Moose reviewed the 2014-15 budget with the group and compared it to the 2010-11 budget. She explained that while budgets can be hard to compare across conference peers, the NC State budget has improved from the bottom third of the league to the middle. It was requested that the group be provided a version that includes revenues, as well as Wolfpack Club numbers. It was noted that the department's annual NCAA Financial report is publicly available online. The council noted ongoing league discussions of a future ACC Network.
9. Committees.
 - a. Faculty Academic Committee. FAC Chair Joel Pawlak reported that the new online student information system is being used for eligibility recertification for student-athletes and that the transition has gone well. Their next meeting will be Friday, February 6th.
 - b. Finance, Facilities and Personnel. Committee Chair Paul Williams had no new updates to share.
 - c. Student-life, Equity & Sportsmanship. Committee Chair Karen Bullock reported that the subcommittee will also be reviewing the Title IX report and will explore ways to ensure that the best possible data is presented. It was noted that the Athletics Department issues both 1) an annual, anonymous survey to all student-athletes and 2) an exit survey to those who have exhausted their eligibility to best ensure candid student-athlete feedback is received and considered for multiple support areas, including marketing, sports medicine, ASPSA, travel, etc. The sport supervisors utilize that data to make decisions about priority areas needing attention or improvement. Their next meeting will be Friday, February 6th.
 - d. Compliance. Committee Chair Tom Roberts reported moving an issue regarding splitting degree hours from their agenda to the FAC agenda.
10. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, February 20th and will be held in Talley (*room TBD*).
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.