

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, November 21, 2014 – Case Athletics Building
2:00pm

Attendees:

Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM
Karen Bullock – Faculty, Social Work
Dave Ellis – NC State Alumni Association
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Daniel Gunter – NC State Alumni Association
Jodi Hall – Faculty, Social Work
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Jermaine Holmes – Director, ASPSA
Michael Lipitz – Athletics, Senior Associate AD
Page Marsh – Athletics, Head Women’s Golf Coach
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Athletic Committee*)
Mike Poterala – Office of General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel
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
Deborah Yow – Athletics, Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Jon Choboy, Sherard Clinkscales, Carrie Doyle, Simon Earnshaw, Elisha Hande, Michelle Lee, Diane Moose, Jule Rich

Unable to Attend:

Derek Aday – Faculty, Applied Ecology
Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Neal Patel – Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences
Joanne Woodard – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity

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

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the September 2014 Council on Athletics meeting as presented.”

(APPROVED – Unanimously)

3. Membership changes. Chairman Sawyers informed the group that Sarah Ash would be replacing Derek Aday as representative from the Faculty Senate. Also, Mike Poterala will be leaving the university and his replacement will also assume the athletics council representative role.
4. New location. Having outgrown the current meeting space in the Case Academic Center, the council will hold future meetings in a different location. The group will be informed of the January meeting space, likely to be in Talley Student Union.
5. Athletics Director Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow shared and discussed three documents. The group reviewed a report on operating budgets for student-athlete academic support units. The report compared conference institutions and was broken down into per-student-athlete expenditures. NC State was second in per-student-athlete expenses. The group also reviewed recent graduation success data which also included comparisons to other peer institutions. Lastly, the group reviewed a document outlining how to operationalize organizational values and philosophy, something that is used routinely with coaches and staff.
6. Guest Coaches. Coach Jon Choboy, men's tennis head coach, shared his excitement that this year's team could be one of the best since he came to NC State in 2002. The team has competed in the NCAA Tournament for three consecutive years and has a goal of being ranked in the top ten nationally. The tennis facility has just been resurfaced and a new video system has been installed that will allow for the online streaming of matches. Coach Simon Earnshaw, first year coach with women's tennis, discussed his previous coaching successes and his optimism for the upcoming season. Both coaches discussed recruiting on an international level.
7. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Elisha Hande, senior on the women's tennis team, was recognized for receiving the Haier Achievement award. She is a 4.0 economics major and has already accepted a position, upon graduation, with Deloitte in Virginia. She discussed her involvement in SAAC and her desire to use her experiences as an international student-athlete to help with the transition of other like students.
8. ASPSA Update. Director of ASPSA Jermaine Holmes provided a summary report of the presentation given to the Board of Trustees regarding academic success rates and trends. He also discussed the Reconnect program, explaining that the program focuses on helping those former student-athletes outside of the 6-year graduation rate window complete their degree.
9. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle briefed the group on topics that will be heavily discussed at the January 2015 NCAA Convention. She explained that the new autonomy voting process has created a rushed timeline for institutions to preview proposed legislation. She also reviewed newly passed meal legislation. She led discussions on the potential impacts of cost of attendance legislation and interpretations.

10. Title IX Report. Due to lack of time, the Title IX report was tabled until the January 2015 Athletics Council meeting.

11. Committees.
 - a. Faculty Academic Committee. FAC Chair Joel Pawlak briefly reviewed the committee's discussions, including progress towards degree, practice/class schedules and a policy to prohibit teams from competing during exams. He also revisited the topic of "excused absences," explaining that the university had no official policy and only class instructors can officially excuse an absence.

 - 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 three NC State student-athletes had been nominated to represent the ACC in the new NCAA autonomy voting categories, but none were selected. Ashley Eli, women's basketball student-athlete, was chosen as the 2014 Leader of the Pack, becoming the first student-athlete to receive the honor, as well as the first female to be honored since the award moved to a non-gender specific recognition.

12. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd.

13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.