

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 24, 2015 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285
2:00pm

Attendees:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM
Karen Bullock – Faculty, Social Work
Dave Ellis – NC State Alumni Association
Daniel Gunter – NC State Alumni Association
Jodi Hall – Faculty, Social Work
Rob Hoon – Deputy General Counsel
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Katie Sheridan – Interim Director, ASPSA
Sandy Stallings – Faculty, Communication
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Deborah Yow – Athletics, Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Georgia Brown, Dave Doeren, Carrie Doyle, Eileen Goldgeier, Braden Holloway, Bob Kennel, Elaine Kennel, Michelle Lee

Unable to Attend:

Sarah Ash – Faculty, Food Bioprocessing & Nutrition Sciences
Ivey Carroll – Student Senate, PRTM
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Michael Lipitz – Athletics, Senior Associate AD
Page Marsh – Athletics, Head Women's Golf Coach
Neal Patel – Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
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 February 2015 Council on Athletics meeting.”
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Membership introductions. Chairman Sawyers introduced new council members Katie Sheridan, Interim Director of ASPSA and Rob Koon, Deputy General Counsel.
4. Athletics Update. Athletics Director Debbie Yow reported that Jermaine Holmes, former Director of ASPSA, will now be working in the Athletics Department, focusing on aiding student-athletes in finding internships and employment. The Indoor Practice Facility will be complete by the first week in June. This facility addition will make a big difference for the health and welfare of student-athletes. All teams based in Reynolds, as well as the weight room, athletic training room and equipment room, have now been located to Broughton Hall for the duration of the Reynolds renovation. She discussed the importance of the ReConnect program through ASPSA, which allows student-athletes to return to finish their degrees. She also gave an overview of the newly elected Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016.
5. Guest Coaches. Coach Braden Holloway, 2001 graduate of NC State and 2013/2015 ACC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year, addressed the group. The men's team finished their 2015 season as ACC Champions and 8th in the country; the team is committed to being a Top 25 team and sees importance in generating Director's Cup points. The team went undefeated and moved up from finishing 8th in the conference four years ago. The women's team finished in the top 20 nationally, as well, but need more depth overall. As their success continues, the level of recruits they meet with have Olympics-based goals. The team currently has 12 Olympic Trial marks. Academically, both teams are raising their GPAs and taking great pride in the improvements. Diving has not received as much of the scholarship focus, but the staff has added a new, enthusiastic diving coach.

Coach Dave Doeren, head football coach, also spoke with the group. The team finished the 2014 season on a high note, defeating UNC in the last regular season game and winning the St. Petersburg Bowl. Spring season is complete and the team is now scheduling individual meetings. Several team members are hoping to be drafted in the April 29th NFL Draft. Next year's team will still be young, but will be more experienced and possess a better mental state. The team will continue to use the outdoor practice facility, as weather permits, but the new indoor facility will make the off-season more effective. He invited the group to attend a practice.

6. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle distributed and reviewed several documents: the once-every-four-years compliance review executive summary, recommendations from the compliance review, and a summary from the Syracuse infractions report. The group commended the compliance staff for a job well-done and for the overall findings of the compliance review.
7. General Counsel Report. Eileen Goldgeier discussed the continued work of the Professional Sports Counseling Panel. The Panel is allowed under NCAA guidelines to provide guidance on agents and contracts. Panel members subject matter expertise to assist our student-athletes and coaches. While the panel cannot provide career advice, it can manage expectations and is most effective in providing preventative advice.

8. Committees.
 - a. Faculty Academic Committee. FAC Chair Joel Pawlak reported that the group is reviewing the graduate admissions process and how that impacts mid-year transfers. The provost will identify the best person in each program to consult regarding any questions.
 - b. Student-life, Equity & Sportsmanship. Committee Chair Karen Bullock stated that the subcommittee reviewed their charge and felt that it was helpful to review the Title IX report and the end-of-year student-athlete survey results and that they were pleased with both. They will review the bylaws in the next academic year.
 - c. Compliance. Committee Chair Jodi Hall suggested the need to educate faculty more on compliance topics.
9. New Business. Chairman Sawyers informed the group that they should have all received an invitation to the student-athlete graduation breakfast on May 9th at 7:30am. He also discussed an upcoming “Research Unplugged” session, arranged by the University Honors program, that will consider the topic of paying student-athletes.
10. Outgoing Members. Chairman Sawyers recognized outgoing members: Tommy Holden, Jason Bocarro, Jodi Hall, Sarah Ash, Neal Patel, Ivey Carroll and Dan Gunther.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.