

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, August 28, 2015 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285
2:00pm

Attendees:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid 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, Health and Exercise Studies
Rob Hoon – General Counsel
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Michael Lipitz – Athletics, Senior Associate AD
Page Marsh – Athletics, Head Women’s Golf Coach
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Larry Silverberg – Faculty, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Carrie Doyle, Michael Lipitz (athletics administrators), Christian McCurdy (student-athlete), Wes Moore (guest head coach)

Unable to Attend:

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Dave Ellis – NC State Alumni Association
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM
Sandy Stallings – Faculty, Communication
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries

1. Welcome. Chairman Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Membership introductions. Chairman Sawyers welcomed all new committee members and introductions were made around the room.
3. Athletics Update. Athletics Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics listed below:
 - a. Wrestling Accolades. Two freshmen members of the team were named to the True Freshman All-Academic Team by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. NC State

was the only team with two individuals recognized. NCAA Champion Nick Gwiazdowski participated in his first international tournament over the summer, winning his weight class.

- b. Football. Football tickets for the 2015 season have sold out, reaching the 2nd highest number of season tickets ever sold. The Close-King Indoor Practice Facility has been completed and is everything it is designed to be. The team has already been able to escape inclement weather during practice. Senior Shadrach Thornton will be suspended for the first two games. He is eligible for graduation in December.
 - c. Howling Cow. NC State is now producing a protein drink that is being utilized by student-athletes for post-workout nutrition.
 - d. Article on majors of student-athletes. A miscommunication occurred in which a staff member erroneously stated that we could not – and would not – provide the majors of our student-athletes at the point when birth dates were removed for security reasons. That miscommunication has since been corrected, as that information is something we do want made known to the public because it should be available and we are proud of the degrees being pursued.
 - e. Case Commons Residence Hall. The planning process has been approved for a new small residence hall to be adjacent to Case Academic Building and Dining Hall. The residence hall will house 49% student-athletes (men's and women's basketball teams) and 51% general student population. This on-campus dorm will help to curb issues related to agent access that can occur at off-campus residences, as well as put the two teams near their academic support building and evening meal, while best ensuring they experience true on-campus residential life. The selection process of the 51% population has yet to be determined.
4. Guest Head Coaches.
- a. Page Marsh, women's golf. Coach Marsh talked about the upcoming women's golf season in which they will have only one senior and four international freshmen. She enjoys the enthusiasm and energy of the group. Several former players are competing and performing well at the professional level. The team was congratulated for being recognized for their national top 10% APR (academic performance rate) performance.
 - b. Wes Moore, women's basketball. Coach Moore thanked the group for their involvement in supporting athletics. He noted that the 2014-15 season was challenging primarily due to injuries. The team this year will have six freshmen and the recruiting class was ranked #16 nationally. He praised improvements to campus and academic support for student-athletes, remarking that what the student-athletes should focus on isn't about four years, but about the next forty years.

5. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Christian McCurdy, a senior on the men's swimming and diving team, who is majoring in computer science, addressed the group. He discussed the improvements he's experienced in his performance since attending NC State, as well as the big goals that have been set by the team under the relatively new staff.
6. Litigation Updates. Deputy AD Chris Boyer briefed the group on several ongoing court cases that have potential to impact collegiate athletics. The ruling in the O'Bannon case has been stayed until a decision on the NCAA's appeal has been granted. The Kessler case, relating to anti-trust laws, is set to begin October 1st. The National Labor Relations Board issued an opinion that they do not feel they have jurisdiction to rule over the Northwestern University student-athletes' wish to unionize.
7. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle reviewed cost of attendance legislation and gave an overview on how NC State will function under the new scholarship definition. Each student-athlete on a full scholarship will receive approximately \$2,700 per year in cost-of-attendance funds. Also, \$1,300 from the Student-Athlete Assistant Fund will be distributed to full scholarship male student-athletes and female student-athletes on scholarships ranging from 75% to full, as well as smaller amounts going to partial scholarship Pell Grant recipients.
8. ASPSA Update. New Director of ASPSA Katie Graham informed the group that the ASPSA program now falls under the new University College program, continuing to report to Dr. Mike Mullen. This will allow the program to work closely with other University College units like University College Exploratory Studies (formally First Year College). She provided a positive review of the Summer Start program, which included first-year student-athletes.
9. Committees. Committee assignments will be made in the near future. The committee structure and charges will be examined this year with the goal of making the committees more useful to the Athletic Department.
10. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, September 25th and will be held in Talley Student Union. Chancellor Woodson is scheduled to attend.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.