

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, September 26, 2014 – Case Athletics Building
2:00pm

Attendees:

Derek Aday – Faculty, Applied Ecology
Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
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 Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
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, Communications
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
Joanne Woodard – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Deborah Yow – Athletics, Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Sherard Clinkscales, Carrie Doyle, James Greenwell, Bob Kennel, Michelle Lee, Diane Moose, Jule Rich, Tim Santoro

Unable to Attend:

Neal Patel – Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences

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 August 2014 Council on Athletics meeting as presented.”
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Introduction of newly attending members. Chairman Sawyers introduced the members of the council who were unable to attend the previous meeting.
4. Athletics Director Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow reported on her recent meeting with the NC State Board of Visitors. She also shared with the council a roster of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, noting the impressive diversity of majors and interests.
5. Update on the O'Bannon Case. Senior Associate Athletics Director Chris Boyer updated the group on the current status of the O'Bannon court case. Both parties have requested that the appeal process be expedited and it is expected that the appeal will be heard by the court in February 2015. This would allow NCAA institutions time to react to a ruling in order to update August 2015 offer letters as necessary. Senior Associate Athletics Director Carrie Doyle reminded the group that cost of attendance discussions are happening independently of the O'Bannon case. The group discussed several additional topics that are getting attention at a national level: multi-year scholarships, lifetime ability to complete a degree and lifetime medical expenses.
6. Guest Coaches. Coach Tim Santoro, head women's soccer coach, talked about the continuing efforts to rebuild the program. The ACC is an elite conference for women's soccer so he must work to recruit student-athletes who can compete successfully at that level. An emphasis has been placed on recruiting and the program could not ask for more in facilities or academic programs. Their 2014 class of recruits was ranked 14th nationally. Coach Page Marsh, head women's golf coach, also discussed the impact of the athletic facilities, as her program recently moved into the new golf clubhouse. Last year's program finished the season ranked 10th nationally, and she felt her team was a great example of well-rounded student-athletes. Her current team is very diverse, with a large number of seniors who are looking to build on last year's success.
7. ACC Intra-conference transfer rule. Dr. Sawyers shared the intra-conference transfer rule for the ACC. Currently, if a student-athlete wishes to transfer from one ACC institution to another, they must sit out one year, lose one year of eligibility and receive no aid for one year. There is a process to waive these penalties, through which the FARs can evaluate an individual's personal hardship that requires them to transfer to a different ACC member school. The FAR group will vote during their October meeting on amending the policy, requiring objective evidence of personal hardship, as well as requiring a two-thirds vote for a waiver approval. The group discussed unethical recruiting practices, options to attend non-ACC schools and the need for consistency in waiver decisions. Coach Marsh will reach out to all head coaches, requesting that they provide feedback to Dr. Sawyers on the policy.
8. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Jule Rich, second-year graduate student on the men's track and field team, discussed his experience as a student-athlete, including his various on-campus internships and jobs. Jule is currently serving as the president of SAAC and expressed his appreciation of the new retreat for all SAAC representatives. He stressed the importance

of time management throughout all of his roles and duties, and noted the difficulties present in creating a coursework plan within the Liberal Studies graduate degree program.

9. ASPSA Update. Director of ASPSA Jermaine Holmes provided a summary report from the 2013-14 academic year and explained how the metrics are calculated. He reported that the ASPSA program now employs two full-time learning specialists that will work with at-risk student-athletes to develop academic skills that allow them to become independent learners. These learning specialists also serve as liaisons to University Disability Services and conduct necessary skill testing. The group discussed Summer Start and the apparent success of the program overall; it was noted that the selection of appropriate summer courses for incoming student-athletes is still being evaluated.
10. Senate Questionnaire. Ms. Doyle provided the group with copies of the questionnaire that was sent from US Senators to all 65 “Power 5” members. The questionnaire covers a variety of hot-button topics such as: multiyear scholarships, cost of attendance, financial compensation and healthcare. The University’s legal counsel will coordinate the completion of the questionnaire. The group additionally discussed Title IX and how it relates to interpersonal violence.
11. Committees.
 - a. Faculty Academic Committee. FAC Chair Joel Pawlak shared a draft revision to the current attendance policy for at-risk student-athletes. The revision more clearly states the intent of the policy, which is to ensure student-athletes are in class. As long as a student-athlete is present in the class, they will not be penalized within this policy. It was noted that the instructor’s own attendance policy will still be in effect for academic credit. The group discussed official versus unofficial absences, the university’s policy to accept letters of excuse for athletically related absences and the variance between academic departments on absence limits.

It was MOVED to:

“Endorse the revisions to the attendance policy for at-risk student-athletes as presented.”
(APPROVED – Unanimously)
 - b. Finance, Facilities and Personnel. Committee Chair Paul Williams gave a summary of the previous fiscal year’s finances, as well as projections for the current fiscal year.
 - c. Student-life, Equity & Sportsmanship. Committee Chair Karen Bullock reported on the full schedule of student-athlete welfare activities planned for the year. The committee will be analyzing the Council on Athletics bylaws as they relate to Title IX. Their next meeting will be October 3rd.

- d. Compliance. Committee Chair Tom Roberts reported that this group will be looking at various degree audit issues.
12. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, October 24th. However, due to travel schedules, it may be canceled. A decision will be made at a later date.
13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.