

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday August 22, 2014 – Case Athletics Building  
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  
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education  
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*)  
Neal Patel – Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences  
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic 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:***

Chancellor Randy Woodson, Elliott Avent, Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Sherwood Bryan, Sherard Clinkscales, Meeghan Ford, Bob Kennel, Michelle Lee, Diane Moose, Porscha Tidwell, Ralston Turner, Mark Stevenson, Richard Sykes

**Unable to Attend:**

Derek Aday – Faculty, Applied Ecology  
Daniel Gunter – NC State Alumni Association

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

3. Introduction of new members. Chairman Sawyers introduced the new members of the council to the group. He also informed the group that the standing head coaches' representative to the council will be Page Marsh, head women's golf coach.
4. Remarks from the Chancellor. Chancellor Randy Woodson reaffirmed the group's critical role as his advisory board on athletics matters. He stated that the work of the council is important, ensuring that athletics remains an integral part of the university and operates with integrity. He praised the senior management team in place.
5. Update on the O'Bannon Case. Attorney Mike Poterala gave the group an overview of the ruling in the O'Bannon vs. NCAA lawsuit. The presiding judge has issued an injunction that will prohibit the NCAA from enforcing legislation that limits the amount of funds provided to current men's basketball and football student-athletes. The implications of the 99-page ruling are still unclear, but the NCAA will likely both ask for a stay of the ruling, as well as appeal it. Athletics Director Debbie Yow discussed the ruling's potential impact on the athletic department, as well as other current events on the national scene, such as NCAA restructuring, meal legislation and "loss of value" insurance. She additionally discussed the ongoing Kessler lawsuit that could potentially become the most expensive court case if upheld, since it deals with revenue sharing of TV money with student-athletes.
6. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Ralston Turner, senior on the men's basketball team, spoke of his excitement for the upcoming season and thanked the council for everything he and his teammates have been provided. He compared it to his earlier school and indicated our teams are treated quite well.
7. Guest Coaches. Coach Mark Stevenson, head gymnastics coach, gave a summary of his program's previous season and discussed the enthusiasm he had for this year's team. Coach Richard Sykes, head men's golf coach, relayed his disappointment for not participating in the NCAA tournament in the previous year. He has hired a new full time assistant coach who was previously at Ole Miss. Coach Elliott Avent, head baseball coach, spoke of how campus – both in academic reputation and aesthetically – has improved during his employment. His team will be very young in the upcoming season, but he is happy to be incorporating three new energetic staff members.
8. Athletics Staff Introductions. Members of the Athletics Department introduced themselves to the group.
9. New SIS Platform for Certifying Eligibility. Director of SIS Sherwood Bryan, Associate Athletics Director Michelle Lee and ASPSA Director Jermaine Holmes led discussions on the need to streamline the current paper-only method of sharing materials during the eligibility certification process. A new computer-based method, accessed within the MyPack Portal, will pull a student-athlete's live data from the existing student information system transcript and automatically run rules of eligibility. The system will give reviewers the ability to lock and save a copy of a student-athlete's certification at any point. Additional trainings will be available for

those committee members involved in the certification process. A dual paper/computer version will be used for certification during the 2014-15 year, as the system continues to be tested and reviewed. ASPSA staff has access to view the system and can use it as a tool when advising student-athletes. The online process will not replace periodical in-person meetings, as those will still prove valuable to discuss various certification issues.

10. Committees. Chairman Sawyers distributed rosters of the four council committees and explained that each council member will serve on at least one committee. General charges for each committee can be found in the Council on Athletics bylaws. He will schedule a meeting of the committee chairs at a future date to discuss various agenda items. The Faculty Academic Committee will meet on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*