

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, January 27, 2017 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285
2:00pm

Attendees:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Nathan Corder – Graduate Student
Dave Ellis – NC State Alumni Association
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communications
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Rob Hoon – General Counsel
Madison Maloney – Undergraduate Student
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communications
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting

Guest Attendees:

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz, (athletics administrators); Eileen Goldgeier, Aubry Dix (Office of General Counsel); AJ Cole (student-athlete); Shawn Rychcik, Mark Stevenson (guest head coaches).

Unable to Attend:

Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

1. Welcome. In Dr. Roby Sawyers' absence, Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the November 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the November 2016 Council on Athletics meeting.”
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coaches.

- a. Shawn Rychcik, softball. Coach Rychcik is in his fifth season with the softball program. He spoke of the changes made to build the program up during his first three seasons, which included an ACC Championship win and a NCAA Super Regional birth. The team lost their starting pitcher and ran into early challenges in 2016, leading to a disappointing season. The team has made a lot of changes in the offseason and has concentrated on team building and leadership exercises; he feels they are back on track with their girls. Recruiting is going well, even though he struggles with the need to put offers out to 8th and 9th graders. The group discussed early verbal commitments and what could be done to curb the national trend.
- b. Mark Stevenson, gymnastics. Coach Stevenson is in his 37th year at NC State. Even though the 2016 team had the best win/loss record they've ever had at 15-2, they missed advancing to postseason participation for the 2nd time in 27 years. They had a lot of student-athletes in and out during the season, as student-athletes experiencing injuries take time to ease back into competition. The team's GPA for the fall semester was over a 3.4. The team has already competed against Florida and Georgia this season and will compete against Southern Utah at 7pm. The group was encouraged to attend. The group discussed the formation and purpose of the East Atlantic Gymnastics League.

4. Guest Student-Athlete. AJ Cole, an industrial engineering major and junior punter on the football team, addressed the group. He explained how he started punting only in his senior season of high school. A Georgia native, he chose NC State because of the strong engineering program and is thankful for the opportunities being a student-athlete has provided. He is a member of SAAC, AIA and on the leadership council for football. He summarized his annual mission trip to Kenya as part of FCA. He also discussed the complications of scheduling required engineering classes that directly conflict with football practice times.

5. Deputy Athletics Director Michael Lipitz briefed the group on the topics listed below:

- a. Competitive Update. The group reviewed a chart that summarized fall competitive finishes, including a current 12th place standing in Director's Cup points. The chart also outlined the many winter sports that are ranked in their respective top 25.
- b. Director's Cup Return on Investment. Mr. Lipitz discussed how the athletic department continues to overachieve in its overall competitive achievement compared to its budget ranking within the group of Power Five conferences. The department is making great strides towards becoming a top 25 program. The group talked about the ability to publicly promote these successes and it was noted that it is important for the marquee sports of football and men's basketball to be part of that progress.

6. Title IX Report. Associate AD Michelle Lee provided the group with a summary report of gender percentages in athletics participation, scholarships and other funding areas compared to campus enrollment numbers. She reported that while athletics has employed strategies to increase the number of female participants, the campus population has also increased female enrollment.
7. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle reviewed legislation that passed at the recent NCAA Convention, focusing on those items dealing with time demands for student-athletes.
8. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, February 24th and will be held in Talley Student Union Room #5101.
9. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.