

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, October 21, 2016 – Talley Student Union, Rm #4280  
2:00pm

**Attendees:**

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  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Rob Hoon – General Counsel  
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM  
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  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communications  
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries

***Guest Attendees:***

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee (athletics administrators); Lisa Zapata (interim director of ASPSA); Adam Hubbard (Eligibility Coordinator); Quashawn Cunningham, Simonas Bilas (student-athletes); Mark Gottfried, Braden Holloway (guest head coaches).

**Unable to Attend:**

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association  
Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education  
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM  
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association  
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak served as meeting chair in the absence of Dr. Sawyers. He welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.
2. Guest Head Coaches.
  - a. Braden Holloway, men's and women's swimming and diving. Coach Holloway is in his sixth season. The 2015-16 season was the best combined season the men's and women's programs have ever had, culminating with four swimmers qualifying for the Olympics, one winning a gold medal. He introduced Simonas Bilas, who was a member of the 2016 ACC Championship team and an Olympic finalist. Coach Holloway said that the men have an ACC Championship title and third place national finish as their goal and the

women look to improve from last year. Both programs have a 3.3 team GPA as their academic goal. He credited his staff and a “student-athlete led program” for their recent success.

- b. Mark Gottfried, men’s basketball. Coach Gottfried talked with the group about the pending eligibility status of two student-athletes on the roster. He stated the 2016-17 team will be much better than the previous season and fans will enjoy watching them play. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle further explained the NCAA’s process related to investigating the eligibility of international student-athletes.
3. Introductions. Director of ASPSA Katie Graham introduced the new eligibility coordinator Adam Hubbard.
4. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the September 30, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

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

5. In the absence of Athletics Director Debbie Yow, who was traveling with the football team to Louisville, Deputy AD Chris Boyer briefed the group on a number of topics listed below:
  - a. Community Service. The Athletics Department has a strong commitment to community involvement. The department is financially supporting the construction of a Habitat for Humanity condo as well as providing student-athlete volunteers. In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, the department hosted practices and competitions for ECU in its facilities and will hold upcoming canned food drives in collaboration with Harris Teeter.
  - b. Competition. There are several programs ranked among the top teams in the country, including Women’s Soccer, which is having a breakout season and is currently #28. Rifle is ranked #8, which is significant since only the top eight teams will advance to the NCAA Championship. The Swimming and Diving teams are both highly ranked in pre-season polls and will begin their season versus a talented Wisconsin. Women’s Cross Country tops the list at #3 in the nation and will compete for an ACC title next week when NC State hosts the ACC Cross Country Championship.
  - c. Academic. Jack Tocho is a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy, which is the highest national award for a collegiate football scholar-athlete.

6. Compliance Report. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle reviewed the NCAA legislative proposals with the group, particularly those with an academic eligibility impact. Of interest to the group was the proposal about allowing hours in academic minors count as progress towards degree. The council discussed how to voice concerns about legislative proposals by communicating them to the FAR. The Faculty Athletic Committee will also discuss the proposals in their October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Associate AD Michelle Lee shared additional proposals around time demand legislation and explained to the group the difference between Countable Athletically Related Activities and Required Athletically Related Activities. She also provided a summary of action items from the Fall ACC meetings.
  
7. Guest Student-Athlete. Quashawn Cunningham, a junior sport management major on the men's track and field team, addressed the group. Hailing from Charlotte, he chose NC State over UNCC. He was an All-American in 2016 in the 4x100m relay and expects that group to be stronger than last year. He hopes to have a future in sports administration.
  
8. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, November 18 and will be held in Talley Student Union Room #4280.
  
9. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:41pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*