

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, April 28, 2017 – Talley Student Union, Rm #5101  
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  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
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*)  
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communications  
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

**Guest Attendees:**

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz, (athletics administrators); Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman (incoming council member); Torin Dorn (guest student-athlete); Keith Miller (guest head coach).

**Unable to Attend:**

Joy Gayles – Faculty, Leadership Policy & Adult and Higher Education  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM  
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM  
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 24, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the February 2017 Council on Athletics meeting.”  
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Council Membership. Dr. Sawyers thanked those who are finishing up their council terms: Michael Kanters, Chris Tonelli, Joel Pawlak, and Dave Ellis. He also introduced Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman who will be officially joining the council in the 2017-18 academic year.
4. Athletics Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on the topics listed below:
  - a. Council Service. She thanked all of those council members whose terms are ending, noting that it takes time and effort to understand the nuances of athletics.
  - b. Head Coach Searches.
    - i. Men's Basketball. Fox Sports has called the selection of Kevin Keatts as the "best hire in the nation." He is currently completing his staff and focusing on academic progress for the remainder of the semester.
    - ii. Gymnastics and Men's Golf Searches. National searches are currently ongoing for both the gymnastics and men's golf head coach positions.
  - c. Director's Cup Overview. After the completion of winter sport championships, the program sits at 16<sup>th</sup> nationally, but ability to remain in the top 25 after the spring championship season is unclear. She reviewed the Director's Cup standings versus overall operating budget, demonstrating NC State's impressive ability to have one of the best points per dollar yields.
  - d. Football. Football is ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the preseason rankings.
5. Guest Head Coach.
  - a. Keith Miller, rifle. Coach Miller has been in his position as Head Rifle coach for 27 years. He is an NC State graduate and rifle team alumnus. He reviewed all of the achievements his team has had since November 2015, including: two individual appearances at the NCAA finals in back to back years, three All-American honors, participation at the 2016 Rio Olympics, breaking all program records, holding two home matches in Reynolds Coliseum and being awarded the bid to host the 2022 NCAA Rifle Championships.
6. Guest Student-Athlete. Torin Dorn, a communications major and junior on the men's basketball team, addressed the group. A Charlotte, NC native, he chose transferred to NC State from Charlotte after a coaching change there. He selected NC State for the school itself and how its underdog mentality fits with his personal mentality. He is excited for next year and likes the direction and mentality of Coach Keatts. He wants to pursue a career as a filmmaker.

7. Autonomy Governance Forum. Dr. Sawyers provided the group with a synopsis of the NCAA Autonomy Structure adopted in 2014, allowing each Power 5 school and 15 individual student-athletes their own vote on select topics. Harli Hubbard on the NC State softball team is one of those individual student-athletes. A forum was recently held to discuss the following autonomy issues: insurance coverage, post-season travel for families, policies/process for turning pro and time balances.
8. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle updated the group on NCAA legislation, noting that 143 items passed for implementation. She focused on the time demands legislation, providing the group with a summary sheet that explained the tenets of the legislation, such as the introduction of RARA activities, additional days off and development of a time management plan.
9. Professional Sports Counseling Panel. Deputy General Counsel Rob Hoon, chair of the Professional Sports Counseling Panel, reviewed the summary report of the academic year. The written report was previously provided via email. The panel advised a number of student-athletes throughout the year, including women's basketball, men's basketball, men's soccer and football. The group advises on LOV/Disability insurance, agents and professional alternatives without any bias to the student-athlete's final decision.
10. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics will occur in the 2017-18 year. Meeting dates and locations will be sent out once they have been established.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*