

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, August 26, 2016 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285  
2:00pm

**Attendees:**

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid 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  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Rob Hoon – General Counsel  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM  
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM  
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology  
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association  
Roby Sawyers – Faculty, Accounting (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Deborah Yow –Director of Athletics

***Guest Attendees:***

Chancellor Randy Woodson, Mike Mullen (DASA), Chris Boyer, Georgia Brown, Carrie Doyle, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee (athletics administrators), Lucas Kozeniesky (student-athlete), Laurie Henes, Rollie Geiger (guest head coaches), Bob Kennel (guest)

**Unable to Attend:**

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association  
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Lynsey Romo –Faculty, Communications  
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
2. Introductions. Members of the council and meeting attendees introduced themselves.
3. Chancellor Remarks. Chancellor Woodson reminded the group of NCAA and ACC policies that require his oversight over the university's athletics program and that the Athletics Council serves in an advisory capacity for that oversight. The NC State Council on Athletics is one of the most comprehensive arrangements in the nation and he thanked them for the important part played in ensuring a quality Student-Athlete experience. He is proud of what the program is

accomplishing and thanked everyone for their service. He also noted that is the first time that all but one, of over 500 student-athletes, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

4. Athletics Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics listed below:
  - a. NCAA Rule Change for Summer School Aid. Legislation has been passed that now allows student-athletes who are on partial scholarships during the fall and spring semesters to receive 100% aid during the summer. The athletic department did not act upon this legislation for 2016 summer sessions, but are currently calculating what the potential impact could be to the scholarship budget should that accommodation be offered in summer of 2017. This will have recruiting implications across the nation.
  - b. ACC Network. The ACC Network will begin in the 2019-20 season. There are plans to build a \$6,000,000 broadcast studio in the Murphy Center to provide the infrastructure/production equipment needed to provide content for the network
  - c. Balanced Budget. The budget has been balanced for FY16 and the department is working to take care of every sport program's necessities as well as is fiscally possible.
  - d. Reynolds Renovation and Reopening Gala. The planning process for the Reynolds Coliseum renovation was led by Michael Lipitz and the renovation project is nearing its completion. The Gala to celebrate the reopening of the building, as well as honor the 2016 NC State Athletic Hall of Fame class, will occur on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Council members each receive one complimentary ticket and are encouraged to attend.
  - e. Football Schedule. The football team's schedule has been rated the most difficult in the ACC with six opponents ranked in pre-season polls, per ESPN.
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Lucas Kozeniesky, a senior on the rifle team majoring in sport management, addressed the group. He talked of the rifle team's success in 2015-16, in which they finished with the school's highest ranking ever and had their first individual All-American since 1975. He looks forward to this season and stated they will qualify for a spot in the NCAA finals, which is reserved for the top eight teams. He also provided the group with a recap of his experience as an Olympian at the 2016 Games in Rio.
6. Guest Head Coaches.
  - a. Laurie Henes, Women's Cross Country. Coach Henes spoke of the team's success in 2015, during which they finished 5<sup>th</sup> nationally. They were poised to win the conference title, so were disappointed with the runner-up finish. Six of the top seven from the 2015 squad return for this season, so they are very excited for the upcoming races.

- b. Rollie Geiger, Men's Cross Country/Men's & Women's Track & Field. Coach Geiger thanked the group for their support and recapped the 2015-16 year, which saw four of the six programs finish in the top 25. He spoke on the importance of the support from administration and Wolfpack Club. He also discussed what it means to be part of the Wolfpack Track and Field family.
7. Litigation Updates. Associate AD Chris Boyer and Deputy General Counsel Rob Hoon provided the group with updates on ongoing litigation that could be impactful to the program, including the Arrington case, which centers on concussions. The medical monitoring piece has been settled and NC State has return to play compliance measures in place. The case is currently collecting best available contact information for past student-athletes with which individual law suits could be carved out. Mr. Hoon reminded the group that public institutions have sovereign immunity. The O'Bannon and Alston/Jenkins cases were also reviewed.
8. Compliance Education. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle reviewed the Campbell University infractions report summary, and also reminded the group of NC State's eligibility certification process. She lastly briefed the group on the complex time demands legislative proposals.
9. ASPSA Report. Director of ASPSA Katie Graham discussed the NCAA Audit that reviewed NC State's reporting for APR, GSR, FGR and Financial Aid numbers. The review was considered clean.
10. New Business. Chairman Sawyers reminded the group of subcommittees and their work. All faculty are assigned to the Faculty Athletic Committee and conduct continuing eligibility reviews under the lead of Joel Pawlak, committee chair. Athletics staff members are assigned to each subcommittee to lend their subject matter expertise.
11. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, September 30 and will be held in Talley Student Union.
12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55pm. Those interested walked over to Reynolds to tour completed renovations.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*