

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, Sept 30, 2016 – 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  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Rob Hoon – General Counsel  
Madison Maloney – Undergraduate Student  
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*)  
Christopher Tonelli – Faculty, Libraries  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics  
Lisa Zapata – Interim Director, ASPSA

**Guest Attendees:**

Georgia Brown, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz, Diane Moose (athletics administrators); Sydney Wooten (student-athlete); Dave Doeren, Pat Popolizio (guest head coaches)

**Unable to Attend:**

Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM  
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM  
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology  
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.
2. Introductions. New members of the council, Professor Lynsey Romo and undergraduate student Madison Maloney, were introduced.
3. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the August 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the August 2016 Council on Athletics meeting.”

*(APPROVED – Unanimously)*

4. Athletics Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics listed below:
  - a. Grand Reopening of Reynolds Coliseum. The gala for the grand reopening of Reynolds Coliseum was a fantastic event to which over 1,300 people RSVPed. She thanked Deputy AD Michael Lipitz for his work in chairing the building committee. Everything has turned out well and she is overwhelmed by all of the positive feedback.
  - b. Eligibility of international Men’s Basketball Student-Athletes. Campus is still in conversations with the NCAA regarding the eligibility of two incoming student-athletes on the men’s basketball team. The process has been labor intensive thus far and the status of their eligibility will hopefully be resolved before the season begins.
  - c. Leadership Development for Student-Athletes. In addition to those opportunities provided campus-wide, the athletics department provides events and speakers through which student-athletes can grow more mature and wiser in their choices. Individual teams also provide their own programming; the group reviewed the list of speakers and events made available to the student-athletes on the football team.
  - d. Maintaining a Compliant Culture within the Organization. A document was shared with the group relating to the importance of communicating culture expectations. The internal document is periodically shared with the head coaches and administrators and it explains how to: establish a desired organizational culture, reinforce that culture and act with integrity if the culture is threatened.
  
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Student-Athlete Sydney Wootten, a sophomore human biology major on the women’s soccer team, addressed the group. Hailing from San Diego, California, she chose NC State because she wanted to explore options away from home. She hopes to work with injured veterans after graduating. She reported that the women’s soccer team is 8-3 and that their hard work during the off-season is paying off. Their goal is to make it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 20 years.
  
6. Guest Head Coaches.
  - a. Dave Doeren, football. Coach Doeren explained that the team is coming off of a bye-week, resulting in a lot of positive practices and meetings. The team has made great strides socially and academically, focusing on how to reach each student-athlete’s ceiling as a student, man, and athlete. The team only has one player out of 115 with a GPA

below 2.0. He is proud of the growth they've seen during his tenure, but the team is still young, athletically-speaking.

- b. Pat Poplizio, wrestling. Coach Popolizio recapped the previous season, which was a breakthrough season for the program. The success from 2015-16 put the program on the map, which led to securing the top-ranked recruiting class. He takes a lot of pride in his program being a flagship program, striving to do things right, with a team GPA of 3.1 and a perfect APR over the past two years. Eight of the ten starters return for the 2016-17 season, which features a December dual matchup with Nebraska and the ACC Wrestling Championship in Reynolds Coliseum.
7. ASPSA Report. Director of ASPSA Katie Graham provided the group with two separate summaries: the 2015-16 ASPSA report and the Intercollegiate Athletics Report provided to UNC-GA. The group reviewed GPA trends, as well as academic major and admission data.
8. Financial Reporting for Intercollegiate Athletics. Senior Associate AD Diane Moose provided the council the financial report provided to UNC-GA. The report is based on data from FY15. The group reviewed departmental expenditures and revenues and discussed the projected revenue in 2020-21 from the ACC Network.
9. Security Upgrades at Carter-Finley Stadium. AD Yow discussed security measures at Carter-Finley Stadium, noting that some measures go unannounced and undetected. The addition of magnetometers at each entrance would take a considerable investment.
10. Ongoing Litigation. Chairman Sawyers reminded the group of the ongoing court litigation and that the US Supreme Court would be ruling on whether or not it will hear the O'Bannon Case.
11. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, October 21st and will be held in Talley Student Union Room #4280. It was noted that Bobby Purcell, Executive Director of the Wolfpack Club would be a good guest speaker.
12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:52pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*