

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, February 23, 2018 – Talley Student Union, Rm #5101
2:00pm

Attendees:

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Rob Hoon – General Counsel
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Zach Lewis – Student Senate
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Interim Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication

Guest Attendees:

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, Michael Lipitz, (athletics administrators); A.J. Cole (SAAC representative); Leon Krapf (guest student-athlete); George Kiefer (guest head coach)

Unable to Attend:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Chase Conner – Undergraduate Student
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the January 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the January 2018 Council on Athletics meeting.”
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Athletics Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow provided the group with updates on the following topics:
 - a. Competitive successes. Both Women's and Men's Basketball are outperforming pre-season expectations. Women's Basketball has a chance for a double bye in the ACC Tournament. Men's Basketball is focusing on one game at a time and completing their academic responsibilities. Women's Swimming finished third at the ACC Championships and the men's team is currently dominating their championship. Wrestling won the ACC regular season dual title and Gymnastics is doing well under their new head coach.
 - b. Yahoo article. She discussed the Yahoo article, released this morning, that detailed an FBI investigation into numerous men's basketball programs. She responded with a statement, and Yahoo additionally corrected their claim that NC State had not responded to requests for comments. She shared with the group that NC State Athletics formally disassociated with Andy Miller in 2012, and that we have documentation that we continually attempt to ask all the right questions related to identifying any impermissible activity. She said that she and her staff will respond with integrity as is outlined in the previously discussed ERA document.
4. Guest Head Coach
 - a. George Kiefer – men's soccer. Coach George Kiefer recently completed his first season as head coach of the men's soccer team. He was at USF for 15 years prior to joining the Wolfpack. The Wolfpack made an NCAA appearance for the first time since 2009. He said while the team had fallen off competitively prior to his hire, their academics, social habits, and sense of responsibility were all in a great place; he knew they had great potential. He described how NC State was his dream job, and once having a top staff, a top-ten recruiting class and buy-in from returners in place, he knew he had been provided the resources for the team to become one of the best in the country. He also discussed with the group international and domestic recruiting, as well as a proposal for their competitive playing season to be spread across a full academic year calendar.
5. Guest Student-Athletes.
 - a. Leon Krapf – men's soccer. Leon is a freshman goalkeeper on the men's soccer team, a native of Germany and a business administration major. He grew up in a small village but spent eight years with a major soccer club, playing for the national U15, U16 and U17 teams. He decided that going straight into the professional ranks would not allow him the ability to also pursue his education, which he could do in the US. The support system, as well as the impressive facilities and resources, allowed him to settle quickly. The experience has been far beyond his expectations and he is glad to be at NC State.

- b. A.J. Cole – SAAC Representative. A.J. Cole, junior punter on the football team, provided updates from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. They have concluded or are working on the following initiatives: Be the Match Bone Marrow Donor Drive, Wolfpack 1st and Goal Career Fair, Wolfpack Blitz service week and the Human Trafficking Awareness event.

6. ACC Winter Meetings. Dr. Pawlak provided an overview of discussions at the FAR Winter Meetings, including: Mental wellbeing initiatives and access, travel complications for student-athletes and the transfer working group. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle led discussions on the transfer working group, potential changes to current transfer procedures and the NCAA legislative process.

7. Next Meeting. The last meeting in the 2017-18 academic year for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, April 27th and will be held in Talley Student Union, room #3285.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.