

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 27, 2018 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285
2:00pm

Attendees:

David Beam – NC State Alumni Association
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Interim Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

Guest Attendees:

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, John Portland (athletics administrators);
Maggie Tamburro (SAAC representative); Kylie Pickrell (guest student-athlete); Eileen Goldgeier (general counsel)

Unable to Attend:

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering
Chase Conner – Undergraduate Student
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Rob Hoon – General Counsel
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)
Zach Lewis – Student Senate
Ed Lindsay – Faculty, PRTM
Tracey Ray – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

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

3. Athletics Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow provided the group with updates on the following topics:
 - a. FBI Investigation. She shared with the group that athletics staff knows nothing new related to the FBI investigation that hasn't already been discussed. If proven that we had a coach on staff give money as was alleged, we will have an NCAA violation. Our compliance office is already in touch with the NCAA office and athletics staff are gathering all previous documents and materials that can attest to the culture of promoting compliance.
 - b. Director's Cup Standings. Director of Analytics Josh Dalton reviewed the Learfield Director's Cup scoring structure. Director Yow explained that while we are currently 5th in the standings, since we do not have as many spring sports as other schools, we will likely not stay there, but are still predicted to be in the Top 25 for the first time in school history. She is proud of all of our teams, a number of which had historic seasons.
 - c. Summer School Scholarship Budget. For the first time ever, coaches have been provided a budget for summer school scholarships. There is a cap on scholarship dollars because scholarship costs have continued to rise, so this is a method to stay within that cap. Many student-athletes rely on summer school so coaches will make decisions on what they can approve based on their respective summer school budget.
4. Guest Student-Athletes.
 - a. Kylie Pickrell. Kylie is a junior on the volleyball team who transferred from Arizona State. She is a communications major with a media concentration. With all the discussions surrounding changes to the transfer regulations, she felt it important that she share her experiences – both positive and negative - with the group. It was a very stressful situation, and she feels that providing student-athletes adequate time to make decisions is very important. Although she left a very negative environment, she is now happy at NC State. She wishes to go on to play volleyball professionally and to be an Olympian.
 - b. Maggie Tamburro – SAAC Representative. Maggie, a junior on the gymnastics team, provided updates from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She serves as the Community Outreach coordinator and worked all year to set-up volunteer opportunities for student-athletes. Like most programs, SAAC is wrapping up the academic year, having just had a successful Wolfies celebration.
5. ASPSA Update. Katie Graham provided a summary report on metrics from the Fall 2017 semester, including GPA, graduation rates and Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The Fall 2017 GPA was the highest ever at over 3.0. The four-year FGR is 66%, while the GSR is the highest ever at 85%. The group discussed differences between the federally created metric (FGR) and the NCAA created metric (GSR).

6. Title IX Report. Associate AD Michelle Lee provided the group with an update on Title IX topics. She shared the new policy adapted by the NCAA to mandate campus efforts on preventing sexual violence; she updated the group on the successful efforts by the department to meet that mandate. She also provided the summary Title IX Report related to participation and budget numbers.
7. Compliance Report. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle shared discussion points related to the transfer working group and additional autonomy driven suggestions. She also shared summaries of new legislation directed at curbing early recruiting and the Rice Commission on College Basketball.
8. Eligibility Certification. Dr. Pawlak reminded all faculty that eligibility certification will take place in the Murphy center on May 15.
9. Next Meetings. All meetings for the 2018-19 academic year will take place in Talley #3285 and will now occur on Fridays from noon to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. A full schedule will be sent out at a later date.
10. Special Recognition. Dr. Pawlak and Athletics Director Yow recognized and thanked those individuals serving in their last meeting on the Council.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.