

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, August 25, 2017 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285  
2:00pm

**Attendees:**

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association  
David Beam – NC State Alumni Association  
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Chase Conner – Undergraduate Student  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association  
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry  
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communications  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Zach Lewis – Student Senate  
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  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communications

**Guest Attendees:**

Chancellor Randy Woodson; Georgia Brown, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, James Greenwell, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz (athletics administrators); Harli Hubbard (SAAC representative); Tim Santoro (guest head coach); Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials; Maulies Pettaway (ASPSA)

**Unable to Attend:**

Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences  
Tommy Holden – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Rob Hoon – General Counsel  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communications

1. Welcome. Dr. Roby Sawyers welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Introductions. New members of the council were recognized and meeting attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Sawyers explained Student-Athlete Harli Hubbard's role in the NCAA Autonomy voting process, being one of only 15 student-athletes, nationally, to be able to vote on legislation.

3. Chancellor Remarks. Chancellor Woodson addressed the group and stressed the importance of the council, which serves in an advisory role. The council was created as an additional step at NC State to ensure that the student-athlete experience is best that it can be. This group pays attention to what policy changes are necessary to stay ahead of the curve in terms of managing our athletics program, with a heavy focus on maintaining eligibility and student-athlete academic progress. NC State is fortunate to have the administrative, compliance and academic leaders in place to do everything possible to have sound management throughout. He concluded by thanking the council for their service.
4. Athletics Director Updates. Athletics Director Debbie Yow briefed the group on a number of topics listed below:
  - a. Football Program. She shared a document that outlined the necessary steps for establishing a culture, reinforcing the culture and acting with integrity when the culture is threatened. The football program has recently been challenged in such a way and Coach Doeren has done everything he can, in a fair and firm manner, to discipline the student-athletes involved based on violations of team rules and departmental code of conduct. His focus now remains on coaching the team and preparing them for upcoming competitions.
  - b. Men's Basketball Academics. ASPSA staff, administration and coaching staff members continue to work through APR measurements for the men's basketball program. The group was reminded how APR is calculated and that a 4-year average of 930 or higher is necessary to avoid penalties.
  - c. Student-Athlete Welfare. The department is working to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time sport psychologist and is glad to be able to offer this service to our student-athletes.
  - d. Preparing for Budget Presentations. The 2017-18 budget is being finalized and is projected to be \$82M, which is in the bottom quartile of all 65 Power Five budgets. Athletics is projecting to clear \$300K at the end of the year, as the budget puts as much money into teams as possible for them to be competitive. \$1.8M was taken from reserve in the previous fiscal year for the transition of the men's basketball staff so the goal will be to rebuild the reserve.
  - e. Graduation Success Rate. She commended Katie Graham and her staff for their great work. The Graduation Success Rate for 2017 will be at all-time best 85%, which will be publicly released in October.
  - f. Competitive Updates. Volleyball faces #6 Kansas tonight. Women's Soccer won last night at home after successful west coast trip. Men's soccer opens tonight at 7p.
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Harli Hubbard, senior on the softball team is attending as a member of the SAAC Executive Board. Those officers will be attending council meetings more regularly. The SAAC goals for 2017-18 will focus on building community within the student-athlete population and with the general student-body government.

6. Guest Head Coach – Tim Santoro, Women’s Soccer. Coach Santoro is entering his 5<sup>th</sup> season. The team found success last year, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 21 years, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen, and finishing in the top 25. They started 10 freshmen and sophomores last year so they return a really strong core, both as people and athletes. They are currently 3-0 and ranked in the Top 25. They will begin ACC play on September 15<sup>th</sup> against #4 Virginia. His team has an overall GPA of 3.3.
7. Review of SA Eligibility Certification process. – Senior Associate AD for Compliance Carrie Doyle and Director of ASPSA Katie Graham provided the group an overview of the student-athlete eligibility certification process, including: data sources/IT systems, work flows, and certifying officers. This process has been approved by Chancellor and it was noted that NC State has a rare model through which faculty are part of the certification process.
8. New Business. Dr. Michael Kanters stated that the Faculty Academic Committee meetings had not yet been scheduled, but they are compiling agenda items and the group should be on lookout for upcoming meeting dates. Dr. Sawyers distributed adidas allotment items and football game credentials.
9. Next Meeting. The next meeting for the Council on Athletics is scheduled for Friday, September 29 and will be held in Talley Student Union, room #5101.
10. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:39pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*