

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, October 26, 2018 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3222  
12:00pm

**Attendees:**

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design  
Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association  
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association  
Nick Faulkner – Graduate Student  
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry  
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Besty Lanzen – General Counsel  
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology  
Jason Osborne – Faculty, Statistics  
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association  
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication  
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication

**Guest Attendees:**

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee (athletics administrators); Wes Moore (guest head coach); Maggie Tamburro (SAAC representative); Sean Fausz, Bethany Neeley (guest student-athlete)

**Unable to Attend:**

Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Sheri Schwab – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Athletics Director Update. Athletics Director Debbie Yow gave a brief report before departing with the football team to Syracuse. She summarized the status of FBI court case against former adidas employees, or related runners. The three defendants were found guilty on all counts and await a February sentencing hearing that will likely be appealed. Other cases are scheduled for February and April. The university doesn't have any new information related to ties to the case. Wiretap recordings have been released and nothing in them so far has been linked to NC State. AD Yow addressed issues with inaccuracies in a recent local media story. The compliance staff is continuing to gather information and support documents that can clearly reflect the culture of compliance at NC State Athletics She also reported that NC State Women won the ACC Cross

Country Championship meet earlier in the day. The men finished third, earning important qualification points necessary for an at-large bid to nationals.

3. New Members. New members to the council were introduced.
4. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the September 28, 2018 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the September 2018 Council on Athletics meeting.”

*(APPROVED – Unanimously)*

5. Guest Head Coach. Coach Wes Moore is entering his 6<sup>th</sup> season as head coach of the women’s basketball team. He thanked the group for their work in establishing the strong academic reputation of the school. He recapped the previous season in which the team was picked to finish 10th in ACC, but ended up advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament. Additionally, the team GPA was above 3.0 last year, with 10 players recognized as NC State Scholar-Athletes and 2 being named All-ACC Academic. He gave a lot of credit for the team’s academic success to their Academic Coordinator, Megan Albidrez. The team is picked to finish 4th in league this year, but he notes that the team has their work cut out for them after an unexpected loss of their returning point guard. He encouraged the council to come watch their games in Reynolds.
6. Guest Student-Athlete. Sean Fausz is a red-shirt senior on the wrestling team. He is an electrical engineering major from Kentucky. He came to NC State because of his engineering focus, but also due to relationships his prep coaches had with current NC State coaches, as well as the opportunity to work with one of the assistants during his time on the national team. The wrestling program was ranked 60th nationally, at the time, but he could see the promising future. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> nationally last season. He competes in the 125lb weight class; the group discussed in depth the impacts and techniques of weight management. He is a 3-time Academic All-American and qualified for another world team this year, with which he will wrestle in Romania in the upcoming weeks. After graduation he would like to continue training with Regional Training Center before working full-time as an engineer.
7. Athletics Update. Deputy AD Chris Boyer provided the group with a number of updates:

-Graduation Rates. There will be a public release in November in which the Graduation Success Rate will be reported at an all-time high.

-Fall Competitive Updates. The department still focuses on striving for Top 25 status. Women’s Soccer will not qualify for the ACC Tournament, but could still qualify for NCAA play. The men's soccer team is hopeful their resume will also be impressive enough to make the NCAA Tournament. Winter sports are starting up, including

women's basketball, men's basketball, gymnastics and wrestling. Women's basketball season tickets are at an all-time high.

-Athletics Hall of Fame. Assistant AD Georgia Brown reported that April 13<sup>th</sup> has been selected as the date for rescheduling the postponed Athletics Hall of Fame Induction event. The group will receive additional information regarding reserving their one complimentary ticket.

-Scheduling a 12<sup>th</sup> football game. A home football game on December 1<sup>st</sup> with East Carolina has been set. Deputy AD Boyer will follow up to the question related to student tickets that were already awarded to students for the West Virginia game.

-Relationship with adidas. The group discussed the concept of remaining with adidas in light of the investigation. The agreement holds as is and there have been no conversations exploring anything otherwise. Other major companies are also implicated as part of the recent hearings, so there are no guaranteed safe options.

8. SAAC update. Student Athlete Advisory Council President Maggie Tamburro provided updates on SAAC initiatives. She recently attended an ACC SAAC meeting to review NCAA legislative proposals. The group recently helped collect items for hurricane relief, participated in a walk to support breast cancer research, started a pen pal program with local elementary students and held a "Pack Play" event.
9. FAC Report. Dr. Michael Kanters presented the group with two proposals for policy updates related to class attendance for at-risk student-athletes and missed classes due to team schedules.

-Class Attendance Policy. The attendance policy for at-risk student-athletes has recently employed iBeacon technology to monitor class-by-class attendance for those who must abide by the policy. This technology replaces the human attendance-checkers that used to monitor each class. The proposal will adopt language into the existing policy to cover the use of this electronic monitoring.

It was MOVED to:

"Update the Class Attendance Policy by adding the following language:

*ATTENDANCE CHECKS:*

*The Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes will use the following methods to monitor class attendance:*

1. *Random Class Checks*
2. *Communication with Professors (e.g., progress reports, telephone calls, emails)*

3. *Electronic classroom attendance monitoring. In addition to items 1 and 2 above, ASPSA may use an electronic monitoring system that detects when a student has entered and departed a regularly scheduled class.*

*If an instructor reports a student as absent, if a student is reported absent by the class checker, or a student is noted as absent by the electronic classroom monitoring system, the student will be notified of the reported absence via email. If a student did attend this class, then he/she should refer to section C (below) to file an official appeal. If no appeal is made within 48 hours, then the official absence notification will be used.”*

*(APPROVED – Unanimously)*

-Missed Class/Final Exam Policy. The group discussed the need to develop a formal policy that best captures expectations on missed class due to team travel, as well as any required athletic-related activities that would impact exams.

It was MOVED to:

“Create a Missed Class Time Policy that reads as follows:

*Missed Class Time Policy:*

*Annually, the Director of Academic Support for Student-Athletes and the Faculty Athletics Representative review missed classes for each of our sports. The goal is to minimize the amount of missed class time.*

*Final Examination periods:*

*Regularly scheduled athletic related activities shall not cause a student to miss a final exam. Should athletically related activities require that a student is to miss a final examination it must be approved by the Faculty Athletic Representative or his/her designee. Typically, these approvals will only be granted for competition whose schedule is not under the institution’s control.”*

*(APPROVED – Unanimously)*

10. Presentation on Mental Well-Being. Michelle Joshua, sport psychologist for the athletic department, provided a presentation on mental well-being, including a summary of the services provided by their staff, which now consists of one full-time and two post-doc providers. She also shared a PSA on mental health that was developed by the student-athletes.
11. Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on November 30, 2018 at noon in Talley #3285. Lunch will be provided.

12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:48pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*