

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, April 26, 2019 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285  
12:00pm

**Attendees:**

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design  
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Nick Faulkner – Graduate Student  
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Betsy 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  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting  
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication

**Guest Attendees:**

Georgia Brown, Chris Boyer, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz, (athletics administrators); Emily Holsopple (guest head coach); Maggie Tamburro (SAAC representative); Leon Krapf (guest student-athlete)

**Unable to Attend:**

Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association  
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association  
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication  
Sheri Schwab – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:11pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed, and with no recommendations for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the February 2019 Council on Athletics meeting.”  
(*APPROVED – Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Coach Emily Holsopple is finishing her first year as head coach of the rifle team. Emily was a 9-time All-American at the University of Kentucky. The rifle team did not have a facility or a training space when she arrived, but they now practice at Wake Tech and in Broughton Hall. The program is in the process of finding a new home. Her first year has been one of changes and challenges, with the teams' scores and finishes not being what she wanted. Her mission in the first year has been recruiting and the staff has brought in the best recruiting class in school history. They will again host matches in Reynolds Coliseum and will host NCAA Championships in 2022. Her team's majors vary, including many in STEM programs. They are high-achieving. She recruits from all over the country, primarily from ROTC and club programs.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Leon Krapf is a sophomore goalie on the men's soccer team from Germany. He is studying business administration with a finance focus and accounting minor. He just recently received the "Heart of the Wolfpack" Award at Wolfies. Leon transferred to a prestigious soccer academy at the age of 10, eventually playing for the Germany junior national team. He would have eventually been forced to choose between professional soccer and a college education, so he chose to come to the United States in order to do study and play. He selected NC State based on websites and phone calls. He likes being part of establishing a new era and earning back respect for the men's soccer program and feels that all of the resources are amazing. He stays involved with SAAC and Captain's Council and enjoys all of the opportunities. His goal is to keep career path options to the MLS and to the business world. He will be completing a summer internship with state treasurer of North Carolina. He discussed model of one-semester season versus two semester season and is a proponent of the 21<sup>st</sup> century model.
5. Athletics Director Update. Athletics Director Debbie Yow updated the council on the following areas:
  - a. Retirement. She thanked everyone for attending her retirement celebration. She believes the staff will be able to learn a new way to do business from a new leader. She thanked the council for a strong working relationship.
  - b. Men's Basketball update. She addressed the issue of Coach Keatts appearing on Christian Dawkins' list of coaches to target. She is not alarmed that he appeared on the list.
6. NCAA Legislative Update. Senior Associate AD Carrie Doyle provided the group with an update, going over selected legislative proposals that were voted on in April.
7. SAAC Update. Outgoing SAAC President Maggie Tamburro just recently received the Kennett Award at Wolfies. She provided a summary update from the Student-Athlete Advisory Council. The Wolfies event was a highlight for SAAC. She summarized how the beginning of the year goals were a met: 1) Communication – made strides in various avenues, 2) Legislation – a subcommittee was formed to better know legislation, 3) Sportsmanship – focused on one game

each month and a Wolfies award, and 4) Mental Health – will continue to be a focus area for years to come.

8. Title IX Update. Associate AD Michelle Lee provided a summary report on Title IX compliance. She reviewed the three basic parts of Title IX compliance, the NC State Athletics Proportionality Report, as well as roster numbers and scholarship summary.
9. Academic Progress. Assistant Dean Katie Graham recognized council member Nicole Teague as being incoming Student Body Vice-president. She then provided an annual overview report for academic progress in the student-athlete population, reviewing semester grades, graduation rates, majors, academic progress rates, and related awards.
10. Continuing Eligibility Certification. Dr. Michael Kanters reminded the group of their 11am meeting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
11. Other Business. Dr. Pawlak extended gifts and acknowledgements to the following departing members of the council: Astra Ball, Nick Faulkner, Jeremy Feduccia, Ed Funkhouser, Lynsey Romo, Nicole Teague, and Paul Williams. He additionally shared the following thoughts regarding AD Yow:

“As the Chair of the Council on Athletics and Faculty Athletics Representative for NC State, I would like to thank Athletics Director Debbie Yow for her outstanding leadership of the Athletics Department during her tenure at NC State. Director Yow’s leadership has been transformative for NC State Athletics. During her time at NC State, the Athletics program has become a top 25 performing Athletics Department, recorded the highest graduation rates of our student athletes in history, the highest gpa’s of our student athletes in history, and has established a culture of compliance and trust. Furthermore, on behalf of the Council, I would like to thank you for your openness, honesty, and transparency that you have provided to the council. You have always been willing to answer all of our questions and provide candid opinions about the progress of our athletics department. You worked tirelessly to earn the trust of the Council and of the university. We also thank you for the trust that you have placed in this group, which has created a positive and collaborative relationship between the Athletics and the wider university. As you move on to become the first Athletics Director Emeritus at the NC State, know that, in the tradition of the academy, this is recognition of not only what you have done for the university, but also an invitation to continue to contribute to the university. Thank for your service to our students, the leadership of your staff and coaches, and we wish all the best in your future endeavors.”

12. Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on August 30, 2019 at noon in Talley #3222. Lunch will be provided.
13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:03pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Georgia Brown.*