

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, November 30, 2018 – Talley Student Union, Rm #3285  
12:00pm

**Attendees:**

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design  
Astra Ball – NC State Student Aid Association  
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association  
Nick Faulkner – Graduate Student  
Jeremiah Feducia - Faculty, Chemistry  
Ed Funkhouser – Faculty, Communication  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication  
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  
Sheri Schwab – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Deborah Yow – Director of Athletics

**Guest Attendees:**

Beverly Armwood, Chris Boyer, Josh Dalton, Carrie Doyle, Michelle Lee, Michael Lipitz, Julie Phelps (athletics administrators); Maggie Tamburro (SAAC representatives); Brittany Nimmo, Bethany Neeley (guest student-athletes)

**Unable to Attend:**

Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Accounting

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the October 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits. It was **MOVED** and **APPROVED** *unanimously* to accept the minutes of the October 2018 Council Meeting.
3. Guest Head Coach. Coach Popolizio was unable to attend because the wrestling match vs. Old Dominion was rescheduled to the evening of November 30 due to an anonymous report of a bomb threat that canceled all activities at Old Dominion University Norfolk campus on November 29.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Brittany Nimmo is a member of the softball team from Springfield, Missouri. She is a senior majoring in Civil Engineering. Brittany discussed her recruiting process and journey to NC State. She is excited about the upcoming year and the new coaching staff who appear to be highly engaged with the team. Further, she has seen growth in her abilities with the new pitching coach.
5. SAAC Update. Student Athlete Advisory Council President Maggie Tamburro provided updates on SAAC initiatives. She recently attended ACC SAAC meetings to review NCAA legislative proposals.

One important purpose of SAAC is to incorporate ideas and opinions for student athletes into legislative decisions that affect them. In addition, SAAC members partnered with NC State basketball programs to participate in “Feed the Pack,” a community-based initiative dedicated to addressing the issue of food insecurity and supporting the Wolfpack community. Lastly, members of SAAC are scheduled to visit a Veterans hospital next Friday.

6. Compliance. Carrie Doyle, Senior Associate AD in Compliance, summarized NCAA legislative proposals for the 2018-19 legislative cycle. The group discussed select proposals related to topics including recruiting, eligibility, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and autonomy proposals.

7. Faculty Academic Committee Report. Michael Kanters was unable to attend so Dr. Pawlak provided an update to the group regarding recently discussed topics including a pilot program which supports and tracks student athletes throughout their academic career. In addition, Dr. Pawlak informed the group that ACC Postgrad nominees were submitted on behalf of NC State. Voting from the conference will occur in February 2019.

8. Financial Update. Debbie introduced Julie Phelps, retired Associate Vice President for Finance at the University of Maryland. Julie Phelps and Beverly Armwood provided financial updates. Beverly provided handouts with an overview of expense and revenue budgets:

- a. Expense. The total expense budget is \$85.3M. Salary and benefit expenses make up 45% of these budgeted expenditures.
- b. Revenue. The total revenue budget is \$85.4M. Of this, 33% of Athletics revenue is generated by ACC distributions (television, revenue, football championships/bowl game revenues and men’s basketball tournament revenues).

9. Athletics Director Update. Athletics Director Debbie Yow gave a brief report including the following:

- ACC Broadcast Studio. The construction of the NC State Athletics Broadcast and Production Center is approximately 90% complete. Procurement of equipment will begin in the coming months and the project should approach completion in April 2019.
- Academic Progress Rates (APR). Dr. Yow touched on APR and the continuous monitoring of this metric. She provided the background of APR and the perhaps unintended consequences.
- Community Service Initiatives. NC State has partnered with Operation Toy Storm and Toys for Tots where donations will be collected at Saturday’s football game vs. ECU to benefit those affected by Hurricane Florence.
- Captain’s Counsel. Dr. Yow developed a group called the “Captain’s Counsel” which consists of captains from each of the 23 teams. The group meets twice a year with the Athletic Director and shares ideas and feedback regarding select initiatives and operations.
- National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete. Quarterback Ryan Finley has been named a NFF National Scholar-Athlete and finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which annually recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation. He is the first NC State student-athlete to be named to the NFF National Scholar-Athlete class since 1981.

10. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2019, in Talley #3285. Lunch will be provided.

11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:53pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Josh Dalton.*