

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, September 18, 2020 – Online Via Zoom  
12:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design  
Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Boo Corrigan – Director of Athletics  
Wendy Crumpler – NC State Student Aid Association  
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association  
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry  
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences  
Joy Gayles – Faculty, ELPHD  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication  
March Krotee – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Betsy Lanzen – Associate General Counsel  
Jim Mickle – Faculty, Plant and Microbial Biology  
Jason Osborne – Faculty, Statistics  
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication  
Taylor Thomas – Student Government

**Guest Attendees:**

Beverly Armwood, Buzzy Correll, Josh Dalton, Fred Demarest, Carrie Doyle, Will Hale, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee, Jenna McLaughlin, Stephanie Menio, Garrett Munro (athletics administrators); Leon Krapf (SAAC representative); Jada Rice (guest student-athlete); Braden Holloway (guest head coach)

**Unable to Attend:**

Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Rachel Finn – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association  
Jimbo Robbins – NC State Student Aid Association  
Sheri Schwab – Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Carrie Zelna – Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs / Interim Director, ASPSA

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the August 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2020 Council on Athletics meeting”

*(APPROVED - Unanimously)*

3. Guest Head Coach. Braden Holloway, Head Coach Swimming & Diving, joined the group as the guest head coach for the Council. Braden has positioned the Wolfpack swimming and diving teams as elite programs and national title contenders. With success (finishing in the top 4 at NCAAs for 4 consecutive seasons and numerous ACC Championships), there are challenges. Opponents often bring their best performances in efforts to beat NC State. He is proud of his team and how they have learned how to win. Holloway noted that both teams had success last year athletically and academically. In the 2019-2020 year the team achieved a 3.8 GPA in the classroom. Holloway highlighted their team philosophy and its emphasis regarding the classroom, the pool, and life. He is proud that they have established a great culture academically and athletically. He and his staff emphasize the importance of work ethic. They do not like to cut corners or take steps backward. Holloway also noted how COVID has impacted their team, and a number of athletes are still in Europe. In addition, he noted that they are balancing the Olympics and NCAA opportunities. Holloway looks forward to the future and developing their younger athletes (a number of which might redshirt this year). The team had several key leaders who graduated last year and have begun to swim professionally on the international swim circuit. However, the message and expectations remain the same for the team and he emphasized that regardless of whether or not you are redshirting, they still expect to win the championship. In addition, Holloway noted that his athletes are adjusting to online learning. Lastly, the season has been delayed to later in the year due to COVID and they are hoping to begin competitions in October.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Jada Rice, Women's Basketball Student-Athlete, joined the group to discuss her experience at NC State. Jada was ACC Academic Honor Roll as a freshman. She highlighted that they won the ACC Championship team in the 2019-2020 year. She is a third year student majoring in Political Science and is happy to be back in the gym with high hopes for this year athletically and academically. She noted that Women's Basketball will start the 25th of November. She is thankful that NC State is very family oriented. Jada highlighted her gratitude for the resources and connections with people at NC State. Rice also serves as the Marketing Chair for SAAC and expressed excitement about many of the upcoming initiatives.
5. Athletic Department Update. Athletic Director Boo Corrigan provided a brief update regarding the Athletic Department matters, as follows:
  - Boo began by thanking Jada and Braden for joining the Council today.
  - COVID has impacted each person differently. The department is working to accommodate individual needs and circumstances.
  - Facilities have been rearranged to allow for socially distanced workouts. The pack performance teams and support units have been outstanding to support these efforts.
  - Thankful to John Swofford for his leadership and the ACC and Fall sports.
  - To date, the Athletic Department has tested over 3100 times with student-athletes, 1100 with staff, and only 70 positives.

- Over 70% of our season ticket holders either donated the price of their tickets to the #PreserveThePack campaign, or applied the credit toward their 2021 football season tickets.
  - Social Justice initiatives will continue to take place and be led by Student-Athletes and Coaches. Patch will be worn for football and other sports will be participating in a variety of ways as well. The three prongs of #PackUnited are Education, Action, Awareness.
6. Athletics Budget Update. Beverly Armwood, Associate AD Business Operations/CFO, provided an update on the athletics department budget.
- COVID affected various revenues from ACC Distribution, Learfield (Wolfpack Sports Properties), Baseball, Other Sports, and Other Sources
  - COVID affected various expenses from Personnel, Travel, Facilities, and ACC Membership
  - We have a reserve amount of 3.7 million as of June 30th.
  - Opportunities are with Guardian Wolves (Giving Society), Preserve the Pack, Ticket Donations.
  - Potential deficit of 22-35 million due to COVID.
7. NCAA Legislative Action -- COVID-19. Carrie Doyle, Sr. Associate AD/Compliance, provided an update regarding recent NCAA Legislative Action.
- COVID-19 Action Chart → NCAA waivers from March to Now, 86 waivers of rules
  - COVID-19 Q&A Guide → Approximately 317 Questions and Answers
  - COVID-19 Actions for Consideration → Roadmap for future NCAA decision making
  - Throughout COVID things have changed very regularly (weekly)
8. SAAC Updates.
- SAAC Legislative Update → Civic Engagement Day Proposal → Approved with an annual legislated day off in the Fall to provide voice for student-athletes to engage with the community
  - Social Injustice Initiatives → Pack United & Coalition of Black Student Athletes → Encouraging difficult conversations
9. Sub-Committee Updates. Jeremiah Feducia provided updates on the Faculty Academic Committee.
- Faculty Academic Committee - Met last Friday
    - Attendance Policy for At-Risk Students → Written for Traditional Classes
      1. Increased # of progress reports for SA's
      2. Identify cues from Faculty to address this
      3. Are we looking for attendance or engagement?
      4. No changes will be made to policy
      5. Will re-evaluate this for Spring
    - Special Topics Courses → Want to be proactive with this

1. Joel will put together a process of how this is reviewed
2. We will meet again later this semester to discuss this topic

10. Other Business. Dr. Pawlak requested that Council Members review links for the subcommittee and provide information related to home address.

11. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2020, virtually.

12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:57 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Will Hale.*