

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, November 20, 2020 – Online Via Zoom  
12:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Buzzy Correll – NC State Student Aid Association  
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  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
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  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Management

**Guest Attendees:**

Beverly Armwood, Fred Demarest, Carrie Doyle, Will Hale, Raymond Harrison, Jenna McLaughlin, Stephanie Menio, Garrett Munro, John Portland (athletics administrators); Shannon Kearney (guest student-athlete); Simon Earnshaw (guest head coach)

**Unable to Attend:**

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design  
Jason Bocarro – Faculty, PRTM  
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering  
Rachel Finn – Undergraduate, Student Senate  
Joy Gayles – Faculty, ELPHD  
Michael Kanters – Faculty, PRTM (*Chair – Faculty Academic Committee*)  
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association  
Sheri Schwab – Vice Provost, Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate

1. Pre-Welcome. Boo Corrigan makes note of his tie. Dr. Pawlak requests it be added to the minutes.
2. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.
3. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the October 23, 2020 meeting were reviewed, with one recommendation for edits,

- Buzzy Correll replaced Jimbo Robbins and will be the NC State Student Aid Association representative.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the October 23, 2020 Council on Athletics meeting”  
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

4. Guest Head Coach. Simon Earnshaw, Head Coach for Women’s Tennis, joined the group as the guest head coach for the Council. Earnshaw expressed gratitude to the Council for being able to discuss NC State’s Women's Tennis Program. Earnshaw came here in 2014 and has improved with the team each year finishing as high as the Sweet 16 along with 4 straight NCAA Championship bids which is the longest streak in school history. Earnshaw highlighted the team’s momentum through 2019-20 being ranked #9 and qualifying for the indoor tournament beating a highly ranked Florida team to advance. In addition, the team beat the #1 ranked UGA team in 2019 during the season. The team had much success and moved up the rankings as high as #3 before they were stopped by COVID. Earnshaw’s team received US Open Wild Cards for their top-2 american players. Earnshaw and his team boasted the highest GPA in the history of the athletic department with a 3.83 GPA in Spring of 2020. As they look forward to the upcoming season, Earnshaw noted they had the #12 ranked recruiting class along with the two winningest players in program history returning for this season. Coach Earnshaw also highlighted their community service efforts and passion for “Abilities Tennis” in which they have about 80 intellectually disabled players that participate in the clinic and tournament. The team enjoys interacting with the players and sharing their love for tennis. They also enjoy “Tennis for Life” where a group of ladies that have beaten cancer participate in telling stories and creating awareness. Lastly, Coach Earnshaw discussed the benefits of data-driven tennis and unique projects with the Institute for Advanced Analytics at NC State to help improve their athletes' skills.
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Shannon Kearney, Swimming Student-Athlete, joined the group to discuss her experience at NC State. Kearney is a Junior from Chicago and a member of the SAAC Executive Team. Kearney is studying Psychology while minoring in health and medicine. She has been an Irish dancer her whole life. Her biggest reason for choosing NC State was because of the family aspect. The Coaches and Team provide a caring family dynamic at NC State and she noted she did not want to be anywhere else. Kearney has enjoyed being a part of SAAC and her involvement with other teams, sports, and student-athletes has been very enjoyable. Kearney noted that COVID has brought some challenges but the hard work and grit this team has is something that is special. Kearney and her teammates are looking forward to the ACC and NCAA tournaments this year. Lastly, Kearney noted that she is hoping to work as a Child Life Specialist in a Hospital one day.
6. Athletic Department Update. Athletic Director Boo Corrigan provided a brief update regarding the Athletic Department matters, as follows:

- Day of service on election day → News & Observer with Article about our students was a powerful statement
  - Football Player encouraged the Hellinski's Hope to come on campus → Raise your hand if you are struggling, it's a sign of strength to ask for help
  - SAAC is a powerful piece of the Student-Athlete's voice → really wanting to empower our student-athletes
  - 18 of our 21 teams scored a perfect 1000 APR
  - Financials are not good with \$20 million loss
  - MBB is coming soon, normally \$8.5 million but only 25 people are allowed in venue with tickets going to athlete's families
  - Guardian Wolves - Murphy Family has stepped up to support and Wolfpack Club has done an excellent job
  - 12,900+ tests with a .86 positivity rate
  - FB playing 9th game this weekend and excited we have been able to get through this
  - WBB and MBB start on 25th with series of games at Reynolds
  - Will have schedules for Spring sports come January
7. ASPSA Update. Katie Graham, Asst. Dean & Director of ASPSA, provided an update on academic support initiatives.
- Graduation rates: 2013 cohort with an all-time high of 89%, federal with 2nd highest is 69% → continuing to project that these will increase over the next few years.
  - Predicting a 93% GSR.
  - Federal over the next two years for 2015 FGR projected to increase as well. Will be released 2022.
  - The NCAA has decided to not do a release of the APR numbers for the next two years.
  - Didn't want to waste a crisis. Improve effectiveness and efficiencies.
  - Will continue to do some tutoring virtually.
8. FAC Upcoming Activities. Jeremiah Feducia, Faculty with Chemistry, provided an update regarding recent FAC upcoming activities.
- Reviewing applicants for ACC postgraduate scholarship → email to come
  - December 7th will be eligibility review → email to come
  - Spring Meeting will be February 4th – ASPSA Overview Meeting → email to come
9. SAAC Updates. Shannon Kearney, Member of the Executive Team for SAAC, provided updates to the council.
- Civic Engagement Day
  - Food Bank volunteer
  - Presentation from Hellinski with Mental Health
  - #PackUnited became an official student organization
10. Other Business. No other business.
11. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2021, virtually.

12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:37 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Will Hale.*