

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 30, 2021 – Online Via Zoom
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Kermit Bailey – Faculty, Graphic & Industrial Design
Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM
Buzzy Correll – NC State Student Aid Association
Wendy Crumpler – NC State Student Aid Association
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry
Joy Gayles – Faculty, ELPHD
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*)
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association
Sheri Schwab – Vice Provost, Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity
Taylor Thomas – Student Government
Paul Williams – Faculty, Management

Guest Attendees:

Beverly Armwood, Ben Broussard, Josh Dalton, Fred Demarest, Carrie Doyle, Will Hale, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee, Jenna McLaughlin, Stephanie Menio, Garrett Munro, John Portland (athletics administrators); Elissa Cunane (guest student-athlete); Press McPhaul (guest head coach); Leon Krapf (SAAC representative)

Unable to Attend:

Boo Corrigan – Director of Athletics
Rachel Finn – Undergraduate, Student Senate
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication
Nicole Teague – Undergraduate, Student Senate

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 February 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2021 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Press McPhaul, Head Coach for Men's Golf, joined the group as the guest head coach for the Council. McPhaul highlighted their efforts to grow as a program by controlling what they can control. As a program, they were very excited coming out of COVID and being able to compete again. Press emphasized the enjoyment and excitement of competition. He noted as a part of their team's philosophy that there has been a joy attached to all their work. Coach McPhaul focused on 3 simple goals: to see the team GPA rise above a 3.2, to develop a program that wins ACC championships, and to make it into match play at the NCAA championships that provides an opportunity at winning a national championship. Lastly, Press expressed their thankfulness to the department, and the University at-large for all of their support of their programs.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Elissa Cunane, Women's Basketball Student-Athlete, joined the group to discuss her experience at NC State. Cunane is a junior with hopes to play professionally. She is majoring in conservation biology with a minor in business and wants to start a non-profit. Originally from summerfield NC, Elissa chose NC State because of the major offerings and the great fit. She feels blessed to be here even with the challenges COVID has brought to their season. Cunane highlighted their successes by beating the #1 team on the road twice and that their team stood up for social justice issues by hosting fundraisers and marches. Cunane expressed her gratitude for all of the support provided throughout COVID from administrators and staff on their efforts to keep the teams safe. Lastly, Cunane mentioned that she would be competing for Team USA's basketball team during the Summer.
5. Athletic Department Update. Deputy Athletic Director Stephanie Menio provided a brief update regarding the Athletic Department matters, as follows:
 - Leon → Matthews Medal Award Winner as a graduating Senior
 - #PackUnited → received the Chancellor's award for student organization
 - Comprehensive review of department, budget, and staffing
 - Furloughs and salary cuts set to end at the end of FY20-21
 - 5 teams in top-10 and 10 teams in the top-25
 - Spring Teams starting to jump in to NCAA's
 - Approval from Centennial Authority → Naming Rights to build out hospitality space in the North End zone
 - Expecting strong renewals for Football for next Fall
 - Camps and Access Plan established for Summer
 - Recruiting begins June 1
 - Commissioner Phillips is coming to meet with us on campus
6. Athletics Academics Update. Katie Graham, Assistant Dean and Director of ASPSA, joined the group to provide an update regarding academics.
 - 3.31 Fall GPA → Highest ever
 - 22 of 23 sports programs had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - 38 student-athletes with a 4.0
 - GSR is 89 currently from 2020 and is highest to date
 - Transfers impact the GSR rate

7. Report on Title IX. Michelle Lee, Associate AD for Administration/SWA, joined the council to provide an update regarding Title IX for the department.
 - Participation should be “substantially proportionate” to enrollment
 - 5% is a general benchmark for compliance
 - Participants are deemed as: participates in organized practice activities, listed on squad list, receives athletics aid
 - Aid should be provided in a manner that is “substantially proportionate” to participation
 - Treatment → provide equal athletics opportunities for members of both sexes
8. FAC Report. Dr. Jeremiah Feducia, Faculty in Chemistry, provided an update regarding the FAC Report.
 - Will provide a recommendation to the Athletics Department for a more formal internship program
 - Spring Eligibility review will take place on May 13th from 1-4 → Please RSVP to that
9. Student Health and Wellness Sub-Committee Report. Dr. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman, Faculty in Communication, provided an update on the Student Health and Wellness Sub-Committee.
 - Collaborative conversations with the sub-committee and the Pack Performance Team will begin this Summer
10. Legislation Sub-Committee Report. Dr. Jason Flores, Faculty in Biology, did not have any updates on the Legislation Sub-Committee.
11. SAAC Updates. Leon Krapf, SAAC President, provided updates to the council.
 - Matthews Medal Award Winner
 - Pack Blitz → athletes go to local schools to read to children and share their college athletics experience with them
 - New student-athlete ideas and interests provided by support from administration
 - Establish a new application process to become a SAAC participant → individuals that are brought in and want to be a part of that
 - 1st in-person meeting occurred at Murphy center and we had a University police officer come speak with us to build trust with community and the police
 - Unity walk with a variety of students, athletics staff, and the Police Chief to bring awareness and build community
 - PackTalks podcast with student-athletes created recently
12. Other Business. Thank you for your service. No other business.
13. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Fall 2021.
14. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Will Hale.