

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, August 27, 2021 – Talley 3222
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM
Buzzy Correll – NC State Student Aid Association
Boo Corrigan – Director of Athletics
Cathy Crossland – Faculty, TELS
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry
Joy Gayles – Faculty, ELPHD
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication
March Krotee – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies
Marion Martin – Faculty, Chemistry
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Kanton Reynolds – Faculty, Engineering
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication
Shawn Troxler – Associate, General Counsel
Paul Williams – Faculty, Management
Randy Woodson – Chancellor

Guest Attendees:

Beverly Armwood, Ben Broussard, Fred Demarest, Carrie Doyle, Will Hale, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee, Jenna McLaughlin, Stephanie Menio, Garrett Munro, John Portland (athletics administrators); Peyton Barish (guest student-athlete); Pat Popolizio (guest head coach); Leon Krapf (SAAC representative)

Unable to Attend:

Wendy Crumpler – NC State Student Aid Association
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association
Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association
Sheri Schwab – Vice Provost, Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the April 30, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the April 30, 2021 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Chancellor Welcome. Dr. Randy Woodson, Chancellor, joined the group to provide the charge to the committee. Chancellor Woodson expressed his appreciation for all of the work that the faculty and staff have put in throughout the pandemic. He highlighted the purpose of the COA and that it was formed for the Faculty to have a stronger voice for intercollegiate athletics. Lastly, Chancellor Woodson noted that he serves on the NCAA board of governors and the members of the COA have a voice for NC State.
4. Guest Head Coach. Pat Popolizio, Head Coach for Wrestling, joined the group as the guest head coach for the Council. Coach Popolizio expressed his joy serving at NC State. He noted that the 2020-21 year was a challenge with COVID but was thankful for the University and departmental leadership. Coach Popolizio highlighted the academic success of the program with 32 out of 35 student-athletes earning above a 3.0 gpa, 24 student-athletes made the dean's list, and 3 wrestlers achieved a 4.0 gpa. In addition, he noted that NC State Wrestling had 7 academic all-americans and an overall 1,000 apr from the 2020-21 year. Coach Popolizio also highlighted that the team had 5 ACC champs, and 4 all-americans. Due to safeguards and protocols in place, the team did not have a single athlete miss a competition in the 2020-21 year. Finally, Coach Popolizio emphasized the team's message for the year that the most disciplined team is the one that will have the most success.
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Peyton Barish, Men's XC/Track & Field Student-Athlete, joined the group to discuss his experience at NC State. Peyton is majoring in Political Science and has aspirations to go to law school or complete a Master of Science in Public Policy program. Peyton expressed his appreciation to the group and for inviting him to speak. Peyton was selected as a Caldwell fellow and serves NC State student-athletes as the Outreach director for PackUnited in support of various social justice initiatives and police brutality awareness. PackUnited has partnered with community non-profits and several black student organizations.
6. Athletic Department Update. Athletic Director Boo Corrigan provided a brief update regarding the Athletic Department matters, as follows:
 - The department and student-athletes came together in ways they had not before COVID
 - Everyone has bought in to PackUnited
 - Projecting a \$22.8 million loss → staff took pay cuts, saved about \$6.5 million on salaries, and ended the year in a break even status
 - NIL and Transfer Portal have been interesting to navigate
 - We had the highest GPA in history
 - There have been NIL Challenges and Opportunities
7. NCAA Legislative Update - NIL. Carrie Doyle, Sr. Associate AD for Compliance, joined the group to provide an update regarding NCAA legislation.
 - Overview of NIL - allows student-athletes to monetize their name, image, and likeness in ways that have never been done before
 - Federal Government and NCAA talks slowed the process → NCAA decided to have few guardrails in order to avoid lawsuits

8. DEI and Athletics. Dr. Joy Gayles, Faculty with ELPHD, joined the council to provide an update regarding DEI and Athletics.
 - Variety of issues as it relates to injustices, ethnic discrimination, threats to democracy, anti-racist commitments & agendas, DEI appointments & task forces, calls to action, and increased awareness of social inequities
 - Critical issues for student-athletes:
 - Commercialization of college athletics
 - Neoliberal capitalist values at the expense of student-athlete experience
 - Concern about student-athlete welfare
 - Criticism of student-athlete model

9. SAAC Updates. Leon Krapf, SAAC President, provided updates to the council.
 - Modified structure for SAAC → student-athletes apply in order to join
 - Expanded executive committee
 - 3 sub-committees: student-athlete well being, campus & community engagement, and professional development
 - New initiative → mission statement of SAAC

10. Sub-Committee Report. Dr. Jeremy Feducia, and Dr. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman, provided updates on the Sub-Committees for the Council.
 - FAC → thank you for your help with the academic review
 - Student-Athlete Well Being → limitations and constraints in certain majors will have ongoing discussions for solutions

11. Other Business. No other business.

12. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2021 in Weisiger-Brown Auditorium.

13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Will Hale.