

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, September 24, 2021 – WB Auditorium  
12:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Kimberly Bush – Faculty, PRTM  
Buzzy Correll – NC State Student Aid Association  
Boo Corrigan – Director of Athletics  
Cathy Crossland – Faculty, TELS  
Joy Gayles – Faculty, ELPHD  
Katie Graham – Director, ASPSA  
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman – Faculty, Communication  
Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Kanton Reynolds – Faculty, Engineering  
Wendy Crumpler – NC State Student Aid Association  
Ricky Etheridge – NC State Alumni Association

**Guest Attendees:**

Beverly Armwood, Fred Demarest, Will Hale, Raymond Harrison, Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Kim Strickland, Jaiden Thomas (guest student-athlete); Luka Slabe (guest head coach); Leon Krapf (SAAC representative)

**Unable to Attend:**

Jason Flores – Faculty, Biological Sciences  
Joe Rhyne – NC State Alumni Association  
Sheri Schwab – Vice Provost, Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity  
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences  
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry  
March Krotee – Faculty, Health and Exercise Studies  
Marion Martin – Faculty, Chemistry  
Lynsey Romo – Faculty, Communication  
Shawn Troxler – Associate, General Counsel  
Paul Williams – Faculty, Management

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 August 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with no recommendation for edits,

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2021 Council on Athletics meeting”  
*(APPROVED - Unanimously)*

3. Guest Head Coach. Luka Slabe, Head Coach for Volleyball, joined the group as the guest head coach for the Council. Coach Slabe is in his second year with NC State and thanked AD Boo Corrigan and Sr. Associate AD Raymond Harrison for bringing him to NC State. Luka played collegiately at BYU and helped them win a national championship in 2001. Luka has coached at every level and his current role with NC State is his first with a Women's NCAA Team.. Most recently, Luka received his first Olympic Gold Medal for Coaching Team USA Women's Volleyball to Olympic Gold in the 2020 Olympics. Coach Slabe's number one priority with coaching his teams is teaching them to "learn how to learn." Coach Slabe also emphasized the gym as a classroom, and that relationships are important for the well being of the team. Lastly, Coach Slabe focuses on the need to recruit student athletes that understand that academics come first, volleyball second, and social life should not interfere with one and two.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Jaiden Thomas, Women's Soccer Student-Athlete, joined the group to discuss her experience at NC State. Jaiden is majoring in Sport Management with aspirations to continue her soccer career playing overseas and eventually work for the NCAA. When being recruited, her mother urged her to take full advantage of the recruiting process and visit many schools. When she came to NC State, she fell in love with the environment and the people. She has truly enjoyed her time playing for NC State. Jaiden is also a member of the SAAC Executive Team and will be taking over as the Outreach Director for Peyton Barish.
5. Athletic Department Update. Athletic Director Boo Corrigan provided a brief update regarding the Athletic Department matters, as follows:
  - Pack United Dinner was held Wednesday, September 22nd.
  - Pack United Week started off with a movie.
    - Chipotle Fundraiser - Portion of proceeds go to Pack United
    - Pack United T-shirt was released
    - CPI and Adidas - partnerships formed to support Pack United
6. Athletics Strategic Plan. Stephanie Menio provided an update on the strategic plan.
  - Mission - ***Strengthen the Pack*** through the development of *Think and Do Student-Athletes*.
  - Vision Statement - Every Wolf Strengthens the Pack.
  - Core Belief - We do the Most Right Thing.
  - The goal is to show our departmental progress next June.
7. DEI and Athletics. Lisa Labarbera-Mascote with the Women's Center and Andy DeRoin with GLBT Center.
  - GLBT Mental Health Resource Fair
    - October 7, 2021 2:30pm-4:30pm. Talley Student Union, Room 3222
  - Navigating the Coming-Out Process
    - October 8, 2021 3:00pm-4:00pm. Virtual Event
  - Love Your Body Day Event
    - October 13, 2021 5:30pm-7:00pm. SAS Hall, Room 2203
  - GLBT History

o October 14, 2021 4:00pm-6:00pm. Virtual Event

8. SAAC Updates. Leon Krapf, SAAC President, provided updates to the council.
  - SAAC committee has come up with their own Mission Statement (Leon will share with Joel)
  - SAAC and ACC committees drafted a letter to the ACC urging for a level playing field. That was sent out today.
9. Sub-Committee Report. Dr. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman, provided updates on the Sub-Committees for the Council.
  - Looking at evening hours or weekends to meet with student athlete committees.
10. Other Business. No other business.
11. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2021 in Weisiger-Brown Auditorium.
12. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:28 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kim Strickland.*