

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, January 27, 2023 – Talley 3285
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry
Kimberly Bush - Faculty, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Mgt
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry
Lynsey Romo - Faculty, Communication
Kanton Reynolds - Faculty, E.P. Fitts-Industrial & Systems Engineering
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman - Faculty, College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Cathy Crossland - Faculty, TELS
Christopher Roland - Faculty Senate, Physics
Jaiden Thomas, Student SAAC
Tara Mullins - Dance Program
Buzzy Correll - NC State Student Aid Association (Wolf Pack Club)
Keith Edmisten - Soil & Crop Sciences
Christopher DePerro - Forestry & Environmental Resources
Kelcie Farmer - College of Sciences
Sara Simpson - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Sheri Schwab - OIED
Shawn Troxler - General Counsel

Guest Attendees:

Michelle Lee, Raymond Harrison, Beverly Armwood, Paige Timberlake, Virginia Blake, Maria Echezarreta (Guest Student-Athlete), Darby Sligh (Guest Coach), Katie Walston,

Online: Wendy Crumpler, Ricky Etheridge, Grant Johnston

Unable to Attend:

Boo Corrigan, Katie Graham

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 December 9 meeting were reviewed. Joel noted a correction to be made to the attendance.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the December 9, 2022 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Darby Sligh, Associate Head Coach for Women’s Golf, filled in for Head Coach, Page Marsh. Handout provided. A small team of women and many players are international students. Of note on some of their student-athletes, Natalie Armbruster, from Switzerland, is currently the president of Alpha Sigma Honor Society, very involved on campus, and currently working on a grant proposal to provide compostable materials and utensils for the Weisiger-Brown facility. Natalie meets with the ACC once a month to brainstorm actionable

ideas. Sofia Migliaccio and Jaclyn Kenzel are in engineering - Sofia was a walk-on and is top of her class in Civil Engineering. Jaclyn is in Chemical Engineering and landed a great internship in Phoenix for the summer. In October, NC State was invited to play in the Ivy Intercollegiate at Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey. The two-day tournament features six Ivy League schools and six ACC schools. NCAA Regionals will be held in Raleigh in May and will be a nice advantage for the team to play on their turf. Within the ACC, NC State's facilities could be improved to be more competitive, and the facilities hurt recruitment. NC State is one of two schools that does not have an indoor-to-outdoor hitting facility. Lonnie Poole is a great golf course, but it is a public course that the students have to share.

4. Guest Student-Athlete. Maria Echezarreta with Women's Soccer is their goalie and is from Spain. Maria left home at 16 and went to a private boarding school. When looking at colleges, had never heard of NC State, but the Head Coach came to meet Maria and invited her to campus. Coming for an official visit, fell in love with the campus, and the Head Coach became like a parent. She accepted to come to State with a major in Sports Management and minoring in Nutrition and Psychology. In her sixth semester in a row taking 18 credits. It is a constant physical and mental challenge. NC State has offered many resources she is thankful for and does not take for granted. Next fall will be the last semester, and plans to go professional after college. After college, Maria would like to return to her hometown and give back to the community. She came from a small village with limited resources and would eventually like to partner with corporations to create events, create camps and ultimately construct a facility in the community. When looking at where to play professionally, the United States has a long way to go, and Europe seems to have better opportunities. As part of SAAC, she sees leadership as honesty, confidence, and being observant, which she relates to being a goalie. As a goalie and leader, you see everything, and you need to be a safe resource, be proactive, be an example, be quiet, learn how to work with those around you, and understand not everyone is like you.
5. Athletics Department Update. Michelle Lee, Chief of Staff in Athletics, provided the update. Jaeda Daniel, a student-athlete for Women's Tennis, was a finalist for the NCAA Women of the Year Award. Chancellor Woodson, Michelle, and Colin Hargis, Sports Administrator for Women's Tennis, were able to attend the NCAA convention awards ceremony with Jaeda. The National Hockey League (NHL) is hosting a stadium series game at Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturday, February 18. There will be additional activities for the university and the community to participate in. Wednesday, February 22, the 1983 Men's Basketball National Championship team will be honored at the 9:00 pm Men's Basketball game against Wake Forest in celebration of 40 years since their win. A very busy time as there is an overlap of winter and spring sports. Attached in the appendix are details related to the athletics department updates.
6. NCAA Legislative Actions. Jeff Smith, Associate AD/Compliance, spoke about NCAA legislative updates. Legislative paused for the last few years because of COVID, but they are slowly rolling out new legislation. Discussed personnel requirements, test score requirements, and transfer waiver guidelines. The appendix includes details on the legislative update.
7. Sub-Committee Updates.
 - Faculty Academic Committee - Followed up on tutoring and confirmed have to certify continuing eligibility. The committee provided recommendations for ACC Post Graduate Scholarships.

- Student-Athlete Health and Wellness sub-committee - February 7 Zoom meeting to discuss vicarious and shared trauma in student populations; work done from a trauma-informed lens.
 - Legislative - Met last semester to review changes to the NCAA rules. The new NCAA constitution identifies the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) as reporting point for student-athletes. The committee discussed how to connect the FAR with the student-athletes better. The FAR hears anywhere from three-ten students each year. This included modifying the student-athlete handbook. The committee planned to review the student-athlete handbook with an eye to DEI and will work with Sheri Schwab in OIED.
8. SAAC Updates. Mike Erwin, an inspirational speaker, came this past Sunday and spoke with student-athletes; approximately 60 were in attendance. SAAC met and discussed mental health and how to intermingle with different teams; they love the food trucks, and discussed other ideas that have worked in the past. There is an upcoming LinkedIn event to help student-athletes prepare for interviews. On January 30, have a guest speaker, Sonny Kelly, presenting *The Talk*. Pack United week is February 13-17; a few events are a bone marrow drive, a donor dinner in conjunction with the Women's Basketball game, and on Thursdays, Mom's from around the community will be at Stafford Commons offering free hugs.
 9. Other Business. Raymond Harrison provided more information about *The Talk*; a 90-minute one-man show that provides a robust conversation about race. This is in partnership with six other units across campus; *The Talk* is open to anyone. At the last meeting, Cathy Crossland recommended a commendation for Head Coach Laurie Henes from the council. Dr. Pawlak will send the detailed text to the council for their review and will invite Laurie to a future meeting to invite. Motion to move forward with the commendation approved, no discussion. Vote: In favor of - 15, opposed - 0, abstain - 0. Megan Albidrez took council members to Case Academic Center to tour upgrades to the facility.
 10. Next Meeting. Friday, February 24, 2023
 11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Walston

Appendix contained in the following pages.