

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, February 24, 2023 – Talley 4280
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Kimberly Bush - Faculty, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Mgt
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics
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
Bayne Bennett - Student SAAC
Buzzy Correll - NC State Student Aid Association (Wolf Pack Club)
Keith Edmisten - Soil & Crop Sciences
Christopher DePerno - Forestry & Environmental Resources
Shawn Troxler - General Counsel
Ricky Etheridge - AAR, Alumni Association
Grant Johnston - AAR, Alumni Association
Katie Graham - Academic Support for Student Athletes - Ex-Officio
Boo Corrigan - Athletic Director, Athletics - Ex-Officio

Guest Attendees:

Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Colin Hargis, Raymond Harrison, Beverly Armwood, Carrie Doyle, Daniel Bellamy (Guest Speaker), Paige Timberlake, Abigail Rencheli (Guest Student-Athlete), Kyle Spencer (Guest Coach), Katie Walston

Unable to Attend:

Jeremiah Feducia, Tara Mullins, Marion Martin, Wendy Crumpler, Sheri Schwab

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 January 27 meeting were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2023 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Kyle Spencer has been at NC State for six years as the Men’s Tennis Coach. Talked about their success last season and how they came up a little short but was proud of the progress they made as a program. Team is made up of one 5th year senior, two seniors, and five sophomores (the #1 recruiting class in the country three years ago). Two of the guys are from North Carolina and the rest are international student athletes. Talked about how fantastic it is to be a part of the different cultures coming together and coexisting on and off the tennis court. The team had a good first semester academically as well. Hoping to continue the success this

semester, but it is hard on the student-athletes because they have ACCs and NAAs during finals and that is an added mental toll on them to perform well athletically and academically. Touched on the unique aspect of tennis and how it is an individual sport that is played as a team and the challenges the coaches face when trying to coach different players during the matches and get them motivated to win points for themselves and the team as a whole. Praised his assistant coaches for being really supportive and leading the recruiting process for the team as well as being able to handle the day-to-day with the team while Kyle handles the long-term vision.

4. Guest Student-Athlete. Abigail Renschli is a third year student-athlete on the women's tennis team. Was the second player in program history to advance to the NCAA Championship Quarterfinals and was a part of the team that took down the top seed last year. She is majoring in Psychology and is an All-ACC Academic team member. She is originally from Moldova but her parents moved them to Florida when she was six years old. Got into tennis because her older sister played and she wanted to beat her in everything they played. Talked about her recruiting process and how she got bombarded with emails and how overwhelming it was. Said she took her official visit to NC State and talked with Simon Earnshaw (head coach) and committed the next day. Said she appreciated the way they approached everything and was drawn to the idea of building the program here instead of going to a school where the program was already established. Touched on how she started college during the COVID-19 pandemic and how much of a different experience it was being locked down and only being able to meet your teammates and roommate. Abi is the Vice President of Pack United and she talked about how she wanted to be involved because she saw this organization take action and spread awareness about all issues. Joining Pack United helped her decide that after pursuing her professional tennis career, she wants to focus on student-athlete mental health and use her experience here at NC State to help out future student-athletes handle the pressure.
5. Athletic Department Update. Boo Corrigan, NC State Athletic Director, provided the update. Boo spoke about the great week NC State had prior to the meeting with the NHL hosting their Stadium Series game in Carter-Finley stadium where it was broadcast nationally and internationally and how good it was for our brand. Also pointed out that the Women's basketball team, Wrestling team, Men's basketball team, and the MC State Club hockey team all beat UNC in the same weekend while the Men's Swimming team won its second ACC Championship in a row and the Women's Swimming team had a huge comeback to finish second. The 1983 Men's Basketball National Championship team was honored at halftime of the Wake Forest basketball game and the baseball and softball teams opened their season at home. Boo touched on what Abi mentioned earlier and complimented the work Pack United has done and that it speaks to how great our student athletes are.
6. Sports Medicine Update. Daniel Bellamy, Associate AD for Sports Medicine, spoke about his experiences that led him to NC State and referenced that he pursued sports medicine as a career because of the impact he realized he could have on the student-athlete that was deeper than just taking care of them physically. Said we have a competent group of athletic trainers here at NC State and his biggest goals are to advance patient care, have a positive impact on athletic performance, and to build education and mentorship programs here. Was asked what resources he

needed to make this happen and he said the main thing is to create a centralized space where all aspects of student-athlete care are together to make it easily accessible.

7. Athletic Budget Update. Beverly Armwood, Senior Associate AD of Business Operations, gave an update on the budget. Talked through the last three years post-COVID and how we are getting back on track with normal amounts of revenues coming from the multimedia rights, Wolfpack Club, ticket sales, etc. The Business Office has noticed a spike in travel expenses though so that may exceed what was budgeted. The appendix includes details on the budget update.
8. Sub-Committee Updates.
 - Faculty Academic Committee - Circulating a request for meeting times and agenda items for the next meeting.
 - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness - During the last meeting, talked about student-athlete well-being and discussed a survey from the ACC. Also talked about overall university wide student well-being and said they would meet in April to discuss the task force report and make recommendations.
 - Legislative - Next meeting is in late March to prepare a report for the April meeting and aren't aware of any recent changes since the last meeting.
9. SAAC Updates. Update provided by Bayne Bennett. Sean from INFLCR came and spoke at the last SAAC meeting and walked them through how to use the app and what resources are available to get the student-athletes names out to get NIL deals. Nutrition also came and spoke at the meeting to hear from different teams about what is needed and wanted from a student-athlete's point of view. SAAC also talked about the Wolfies and what awards would be presented this year. A career fair for the student-athletes was also held and there were 37 companies available for the student-athletes to talk to about interviews and internships. Pack United had a successful donation drive at the Women's Basketball game versus UNC - the most donations they've had.
10. Next Meeting. Friday, April 21, 2023
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55pm.