

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 21, 2023 – Talley 3285
12:00 pm

Attendees:

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
Jaiden Thomas - Student SAAC
Buzzy Correll - NC State Student Aid Association (Wolfpack Club)
Keith Edmisten - Soil & Crop Sciences
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Dance Program
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry
Christopher DePerno - Forestry & Environmental Resources
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, Garrett Munro, Todd Stansbury, Raymond Harrison, Paige Timberlake, Lulu Black (Guest Student-Athlete), Dave Doeren (Guest Coach)

On Zoom:

Kim Bush, Wendy Crumpler

Unable to Attend:

Jeremiah Feducia, Sheri Schwab, Joel Pawlak, Christopher Roland, Shawn Troxler

1. Welcome. Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of February 24, 2023 were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of February 24, 2023 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Student-Athlete. Lulu Black is a senior Sport Management student-athlete on the Women’s Cross Country / Track and Field team and is graduating in May. She is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana and chose NC State for the culture and team environment, but also for the warmer weather. Said she knew she wanted to come to NC State within two hours of her official visit and attributed it to Coach Henes making Raleigh feel like home. Also talked about how she

knew she would get a well-rounded experience at NC State with great academics as well as her athletic career. Lulu has accepted a job with the Durham Sports Commission after she graduates and said she has been reflecting a lot on the things she has learned since coming here as a freshman. She focused mainly on learning what her identity was because she had several injuries that affected her cross country career and had to become a great teammate instead. She touched on all of the volunteer opportunities she was able to be a part of such as a Wellness Assistant at the University Recreation Facility, an intern for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, US Ambassador for International University Sports Federation, and a Research Assistant for a professor looking into mental health in student-athletes. She has accomplished many things during her time here at NC State even if they weren't doing her sport.

4. Guest Head Coach. Dave Doeren has been at NC State for 10 years and has 72 wins and at least eight wins in five of the last six seasons. Spoke about his spring meetings with all 120 student-athletes on the football team and how they go through where they are personally, in the program as well as where they want to improve in the next three months before fall camp. Team is a fun team to coach and they are hungry for next season. They lost a very experienced group and one-third of their team is new and they are working on building the chemistry. Pointed out that he is now the second longest-standing coach in the league behind Dabo Swinney and really appreciates the stability NC State has provided for his family. Said the biggest challenge the team faces in today's world is the NIL space and the transfer portal due to the lack of enforcement by the NCAA. This has created instances where people are targeting players on people's current rosters with boosters' money. Said it has been very challenging, but sees positives in the NIL and transfer portal if used correctly. Also talked about the program he & his wife created at NC State called One Pack. Empowered which will provide support for students at NC State on the spectrum by giving them space to meet with a mentor once a week that will help advocate for them when they have a hard time doing it themselves.
5. Athletic Department Update. Boo Corrigan, NC State Athletic Director, spoke about the decision to drop the rifle program and the process that the athletic department went through to evaluate the best way to support those student-athletes. Discussed how they were traveling 500 miles to each competition and had an interim head coach with no home range to practice at. Said the athletes would keep their scholarships and they would continue to get support from the athletic department. Also spoke on the decision to move on from the softball head coach and how his view is that you are more likely to get fired for bad culture over a bad record. Said they formed a group of people to investigate what was going on and there was a consistent theme that was not in alignment with who we are and what we are. A search committee is being formed to hire the next head coach and hope it will be done by the end of May. Boo also introduced Todd Stansbury as the new Deputy AD that came from Georgia Tech. Updated that football has over 34,000 season tickets sold and our basketball teams had record crowds this year which is a testament to the fans of NC State. Praised all of his head coaches and the successes they had this past season.
6. ASPSA Update. Katie Graham, Assistant Dean & Associate AD for Academics, spoke about the cumulative GPA for all of our teams after the Fall 2022 semester was a 3.18. Also said we had 62 student-athletes with a 4.0 in the Fall and 349 student-athletes that had over a 3.0. NC State's

graduation rate is projected to be 92% again this year. Also gave an update on the dispersion of our student-athletes' majors and compared it to the rest of campus. Went over the Academic Progress Rate and how we are losing points. Also discussed ways that ASPSA is trying to improve the experience for the student-athletes and how to work around the schedules of each sport. The appendix includes more specific details on the ASPSA update.

7. Title IX Update. Raymond Harrison, Senior Associate AD of Leadership, Inclusion, and Engagement, gave an update on the department's Title IX progress. Described what Title IX Compliance is and how there are three areas: Participation, Scholarships, and Other Benefits. Right now, NC State's participation is off by 8.72% due to the undergraduate enrollment of the university becoming 50/50 with male and female students. Said it is an area the department is looking into, but went through the rest of the presentation and showed what NC State is doing well in for Title IX compliance. The appendix includes more details on the Title IX update.
8. Sub-Committee Updates.
 - Faculty Academic Committee - Eligibility review in Case on May 8th from 12pm-3pm.
 - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness - Put forth some recommendations in terms of mental health. One is first aid for individuals who have extensive interaction with student-athletes - not a diagnostic and doesn't treat, but allows people to be aware and link them to important resources. Second recommendation is micro-messaging which is consistent messages around environments regarding mental health.
 - Legislative - Tasked to develop a plan around changing NCAA regulations about the FAR having complete access to the student-athletes and what that may look like. Decided it may be best to have Joel visit each team prior to the season and then put QR codes in the locker rooms that go to a landing page with more information about the role of the FAR and what conversations could be had with him. Second thing asked of the committee was to look at the Student-Athlete Handbook and they found a few topics where the language needed to be updated. Just want to make sure the language is consistent with the University's. Will work with Raymond Harrison to get that done.
9. SAAC Updates. Update provided by Jaiden Thomas. Said there was not a lot of new information from SAAC other than they are excited for the Wolfies that is happening next week. Jaiden did talk about her experience on an Adidas trip as a brand ambassador and how she got the opportunity to moderate their session with non-profit leaders about being more inclusive on college campuses. Said she was able to network and connect which will help her in her career because she wants to work in athletics. Also mentioned that she will be graduating in May but will be back for the Fall semester to finish up her soccer career at NC State.
10. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:57pm.