

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, December 9, 2022 – 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
Ricky Etheridge - Alumni Association
Boo Corrigan, Director of Athletics
Katie Graham, ASPSA

Guest Attendees:

Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Carrie Doyle, Raymond Harrison, Beverly Armwood, Paige Timberlake, Virginia Blake (Athletics Administration), Sam Highfill (Guest Student-Athlete), Simon Earnshaw (Guest Head Coach)

Online: Wendy Crumpler, Sara Simpson, Katie Walston

Unable to Attend:

Keith Edmisten, Christopher DePerno, Tara Mullins, Shawn Troxler, Grant Johnston, Buzzy Correll, 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 October 28 meeting were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the October 28, 2022 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Simon Earnshaw with Women’s Tennis spoke about last year’s season. The team was named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic team for the 21-22 season. In addition, four members of the squad were named 2022 ITA Scholar Athletes: Jaeda Daniel, who honored for the third-straight season, Sophie Abrams, Sara Nayar, and Priska Nugroho. Jaeda Daniel has been selected as a recipient of the 2023 NCAA Today’s Top 10 Award and named a finalist for the 2022 NCAA Woman of the Year, both to be announced at the NCAA Convention in early January 2023. Looking forward to a great upcoming season with a great freshman class.

4. Guest Student Athlete. Sam Highfill with Men's Baseball, senior studying Finance and will graduate in May and is applying for graduate school. Sam shared his experiences from high school to college to dealing with COVID, the College World Series disappointment in Omaha and injuries. Excited and optimistic for the upcoming season and the improvements to the baseball field.
5. Athletics Department Update. Boo Corrigan provided an update. Hired two new staff members: Dan Bellamy, Associate AD for Sports Medicine and Jon Tanguay, Assistant AD for Sport Nutrition. New nutrition stations at Weisiger-Brown and Murphy Center. High turnover for athletic trainers, working to create balance. Brought in U.S. Council for Athletes' Health (USCAH) and conducted an assessment of our program. Working through some of the recommendations. Installing a new videoboard at Carter-Finley for the 2023-2024 football season along with other updates based on a surveys after each game. Building updates; Case Academic renovations, Women's Cross Country and Men's Wrestling locker rooms were upgraded - working through other team locker room upgrades, weight room remodeled in Murphy Center. Multi-Media Rights is going through a request for proposals currently. Women's Cross Country won back to back NCAA Championships. New York Times wrote an article about Coach Laurie Henes and how she coaches and encourages her team, will share with the council. End of season updates for fall sports. Rifle coach resigned a few weeks ago, staff have stepped in to help and Rifle shot a program high on the road. Thank you to staff for keeping the office together while Boo was serving on the College Football Playoff Committee. Chris Dunn, kicker for football, won the Lou Grozo award. Will play Maryland at the Duke's Mayo Bowl in Charlotte on December 30 at noon.
6. Mental Health/Wellness Update. Michelle Joshua, Licensed Psychologist and Certified Sport Psychology Consultant, and Assistant AD of Sports Psychology in Athletics for the last nine years. [Overview](#) of the department and the connection to Campus Health Counseling Services. Increase in demand for services, review of trends related to services such as telehealth, coming to college with previous counseling experience, and student-athletes wanting to meet as part of prevention. [Student Behavioral Case Management](#) at NC State (also known as NC State Cares) is a program on campus that allows anyone to submit a referral on a student distress or who have been identified as exhibiting concerning or worrisome behaviors. Student Mental Health Task Force has been created by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, you can learn more about the task force and their progress on their [website](#).
7. Mental Wellness Advisory Committee Input (Interactive). Attendees were asked to provide input by providing the top two things to help improve the mental health of students/student-athletes.
8. Attendance Policy Revision. Policy has been in place since 2009. COVID has brought forth the discussion of the policy as it does not cover a lot of situations. For example, online classes, hybrid classes, online synchronous classes, and online asynchronous classes are not clearly defined within the policy. Faculty may also record classes and students can watch them outside of class time, creating confusion about having to attend class. The revision to the policy addresses these issues and clarifies a number of points that may have been ambiguous. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. The policy was approved with a 14-1-0 votes. [Redline Version](#), [Revised Version](#)

9. Sub-Committee Updates.

- Faculty Academic Committee – The FAC met to review the continuing academic eligibility of the student-athletes on December 20th. The committee also review the application for the ACC Postgrad Awards and made a recommendation to the FAR for nominations.
- Student-Athlete Health and Wellness sub-committee - No updates
- Legislative - NCAA regulations reviewed with Compliance, NIL updates, transfer updates, and updating the student handbook

10. SAAC Updates. ACC SAAC set goals for all schools to post project life movement as part of the leadership on their campuses, will be in Talley on February 13. Will be meeting with Tonya Washington and the president of Pack United to set initiatives and goals for the spring semester. Will attend a meeting in January and provide an update at the next meeting.

11. Other Business. Presentation on student-athletes and learning disabilities and a formal commendation for Coach Laurie Henes for her work. Cross Country NCAA Championships signs are up across Raleigh. [Dr. Carol Tosone](#) will speak on January 19th in Withers Auditorium on shared trauma and vicarious trauma in the classroom.

12. Next Meeting. Friday, January 27, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted by Katie Walston