

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, August 26, 2022 – Talley 3285
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Jeremiah Feducia – Faculty, Chemistry
Keith Edmisten - Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman - Faculty, Communication
Christopher DePerro - Faculty, Forestry & Environmental Resources
Cathy Crossland - Faculty, TELS
Kimberly Bush - Faculty, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Mgt
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Dance Program
Kanton Reynolds - Faculty, E.P. Fitts - Industrial & Systems Engineering
Christopher Roland - Faculty, Faculty Senate
Jaiden Thomas - Student-Athlete, Women's Soccer
Wendy Crumpler - Student Aid Association
Buzzy Correll - Student Aid Association
Grant Johnston - Alumni Association
Ricky Etheridge - Alumni Association
Sheri Schwab - Ex-Officio, Vice Provost, OIED
Katie Graham - Ex-Officio, Asst Dean, ASPSA

Guest Attendees:

Randy Woodson, Stephanie Menio, Michelle Lee, Colin Hargis, Beverly Armwood, Carrie Doyle, Katie Walston (Athletics Administration), Bayne Bennett (Guest Student-Athlete), Jennifer Patrick-Swift (Guest Head Coach)

Unable to Attend:

Marion Martin, Lynsey Romo, Boo Corrigan, Shawn Troxler

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. Theme for the year is the Student Athlete Experience.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the April 29 meeting were reviewed, correct attendee list.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the April 29,, 2022 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Jennifer Patrick-Swift with Softball attended the meeting. Jennifer is heading into her 5th year with NC State and is a wife and mother to three girls. Family is important and wants her players to see that you can go to the highest level in your career and still have a family. Role modeling the balance of family and life for her student-athletes as the NCAA statistics are showing female coaches are less and less every year. She talked about her philosophy on the homerun mindset and winning in everything you do in life. Softball has never had a losing season under Coach Patrick-Swift and she is looking forward to an exciting upcoming season.

There was a question and conversation surrounding the use of girls vs. women. Additionally, there was conversation surrounding the mental health of student-athletes specifically related to the sport of softball. Coach shared the concern with NIL and the disparity between men's sports and women's sports.

4. Committee Charge from Chancellor. Thank you for giving your time for intercollegiate athletics as an advisory committee to the Chancellor. Collegiate athletics is changing rapidly, Chancellor currently sitting on NCAA Division I Transformation Committee, designed to help Division I transform to a new model. Very proud of what we do with compliance and the success of our student-athletes and pleased with the progress of the athletic department under Boo's leadership. Chancellor serving on another committee to related to federal legislation regarding college athletics.
5. Guest Student-Athlete. Bayne Bennett, Men's Swimming and Diving in his 3rd year. As a member of SAAC attended the ACC SAAC meeting and agreed to co-chair the Mental Health Committee for the upcoming year. Mental health has become a passion and taking on leadership roles to make an impact and creating the best experience for student-athletes. Looking to encourage student-athletes to use the resources available to them as soon as possible - also to look ahead to life after college. Case building has been renovated and is a great environment.
6. Athletics Department Update. ACCN will offer an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at NC State Football with the *All Access with NC State Football*, three-part program. The first two episodes have aired and the third will air on August 31.
 - Football is ranked 13th in the AP preseason poll
 - Quarterback Devin Leary was voted the ACC preseason Player of the Year
 - Open the season at East Carolina on September 3
 - Men's Soccer has their first game tonight, August 26
 - Women's Soccer has a 3-0 start to the season
 - Forward Jameese Joseph was named national player of the week for week 1
 - Volleyball opens the seas on the road in a tournament this weekend at Kansas State
 - Cross Country opens with its only home meet of the season, the adidas Cross Country Challenge, on September 16 at WakeMed Soccer Park course
 - Facility project updates:
 - Football weight room is almost done and usable
 - New lights at the football stadium
 - Cross Country locker room is complete
 - Women's Basketball locker room will begin on September 15
 - Men's and Women's Soccer has a new field
 - Baseball will be getting new lights, new seats, and new field starting on October 1, with a new video board coming in the spring
 - Case Study renovations will be completed September 15
 - Weisiger-Brown Nutrition Center renovation will be completed the middle of September
 - Ticket Updates:
 - 34,000 in Football Season Tickets
 1. 2,000 over last year at this time

- Women's Basketball sold out season tickets, highest revenue and season ticket number ever
 - Men's Basketball 81% renewed and we are almost at our revenue goal for season tickets
7. Spring Academic Performance. Katie Graham provided an academic update. Student-athletes are doing a phenomenal job in the classroom.
- Term GPA of 3.18
 - 21 of 23 teams are over a 3.0 GPA - most we've ever had
 - No students under 2.0 at this time
 - Graduation Success Rate 89%, new number in October
 - 123 incoming Freshmen and 43 new transfer students
 - Wolfpack Academic Incentive Program begins this semester
 - Student-athletes will receive additional financial support if they meet NCAA continuing eligibility requirements and return for their next semester. The amount of financial support will be based on a percentage amount that is equivalent to their athletics scholarship percentage
8. NCAA Rules Update. Review of the transfer proposal that will go to the Division I Board of Directors meeting on August 31. Recommended rules are intended to provide greater clarity for student-athletes and member schools within the transfer landscape across all sports. Student-athletes are under no obligation to tell the Head Coach. Joel Pawlak is serving on the NCAA Infractions Process Committee, working to define the penalty structure and process.
9. Sub-Committee Updates. Not assigned yet - waiting on council members to be assigned
- Faculty Academic Committee - first meeting in September
 - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness sub-committee - No update
10. SAAC Updates. Jaiden Thomas, Womens' Soccer. Attended ACC SAAC meetings in July. Top initiative is to increase student engagement. First committee meeting last week to collaborate common themes
11. Other Business. Joel invited council members to Football practice. Kanton Reynolds attended and was warmly welcomed by coaching staff and Coach Doeren.
12. Next Meeting. Friday, September 30, 2022
13. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Walston