

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, February 23, 2024 – Carmichael 2150
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Laura Bottomley – Faculty, Engineering
Keith Edmisten - Faculty, Soil & Crop Sciences
Amanda Edwards - Faculty, Public & International Affairs
Chris DePerno - Faculty, Forestry & Environmental Resources
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry
Kanton Reynolds - Faculty, E.P. Fitts-Industrial & Systems Engineering
Steven Lechner - Faculty, History
Christopher Roland - Faculty Senate, Physics
Buzzy Correll - NC State Student Aid Association (Wolfpack Club)
Grant Johnston - AAR, Alumni Association
Katie Graham - Academic Support for Student Athletes - Ex-Officio
Boo Corrigan - Athletic Director, Athletics - Ex-Officio
Shawn Troxler - General Counsel - Ex-Officio
Megan Aljian - Student Senate Representative
Cathy Crossland - Faculty, TELS
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Performing Arts and Technology
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics

Guest Attendees:

Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Beverly Armwood, Colin Hargis, Raymond Harrison, Ryan Hutchinson, Katie Walston, Dave Doeren (Guest Head Coach), David Elrod, Ethan Bakogiannis, Colby Trotter

Unable to Attend:

Wendy Crumpler, Ralston Turner, Bayne Bennett, Sheri Schwab, Tara Mullins

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Joel welcomed Ethan Bakogiannis, Editor-in-Chief and Colby Trotter, Sports Editor, from the university newspaper, The Technician.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the January 26 meeting were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the January 26th Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Dave Doeren, Head Coach of Football, will be entering his 12th season as the head coach. The winter program has been going well and introduced 32 new players. Spring practice will be starting soon, and the spring game will be on Saturday, April 6. Many veteran players but a lot of new players, good things are happening in the program and moving forward with a lot of momentum and excitement. Academically highest GPA of 2.81 since took over the program. The transfer portal continues to be a challenge, and every year has been different, The coaches are looking at it in concert with NIL. The spring transfer portal is more challenging as it's less time. Scouting teams and recruiting have worked hard to manage the transfer portal to still maintain connections and communication. High schools are having to change their signing dates to give high school kids a chance over the transfer portal. Coaches and tutors work with the students on mental health and keeping them engaged. It's hard with the number of games, but everyone just has to be smart and support each other. AD Corrigan said a special thank you to Coach Doeren.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Katelyn Tuohy was scheduled to attend but, due to an injury, will need to reschedule.
5. Athletic Department Update. Boo Corrigan, NC State Athletic Director, provided the update. Boo spoke about the many transfers, focus on graduation rates, GSR's, and how to keep student-athletes eligible. If a student leaves and wants to graduate, Athletics has the reconnect program. Working to provide our student-athletes with the support they need, training, academics, nutrition, and medical - graduation with great opportunities is the priority. Discussion of Dartmouth student-athletes being allowed to unionize as employees. More private schools are being affected; multiple court cases are in progress and will keep coming. All we can do is focus on our student-athletes and provide the best experience possible. Provided an update on the end of winter sports and the starting of spring sports.
6. Budget Update. Beverly Armwood, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Business Operations, provided an update for the Department of Athletics. Notable points: Adidas apparel numbers have changed due to contract changes, which has increased expenses because more items had to be purchased. Currently in negotiations for a new deal. Travel, personnel, supplies, and memberships have increased significantly. ACC expansion; travel will increase due to travel out west, and Gymnastics has joined the ACC. Sports supervisors are working to discuss travel and how to save costs; they have already switched to Breeze Airlines, and teams closer to Raleigh will be bused. Capital projects are not in the budget; they are either funded by Wolfpack Clue or separate loans. Scholarships are revenue from Wolfpack Club.
7. Health and Exercise Studies Student-Athlete Discussion. HES (Physical Education) credits across the ACC are only required by schools: NC State and UNC-CH. UNC-CH, this past year, has made their student-athletes exempt from this credit. Dr. Pawlak has discussed HES requirements with the HES Department. The department proposed reserving a portion of a HES 100 level course seat for student-athletes. This course is already in existence and is offered in online and hybrid versions. The course allows students to track their physical activities for the exercise portion of the class. Students would still be required to take part in in-person lectures. The

proposal was previously discussed at a meeting of the Faculty Academic Committee, which recommended 70 % of the seats to be reserved. Dr. Pawlak brought the matter for discussion as this higher percentage was above the 20 % guideline for student-athletes in a section. The Council discussed class percentages, GEP requirements, equitable access, and checks and balances. Concerns were raised related to having a class for student-athletes. The point was raised that this is not a class for student-athletes as other students are already taking the class, and other non-student-athletes will be part of the specific section. Cathy Crossland made a note of being uncomfortable moving forward with the recommendation. The minutes shall reflect a discussion took place, but no vote was taken regarding the proposal.

8. SAAC Updates. Postponed due to conflicts.
9. Sub-Committee Updates.
 - Faculty Academic Committee—The committee discussed the HES credit requirement and travel for student-athletes to the West Coast. Joel Pawlak and Katie Graham plan to put together a guideline and what the travel requirement might look like. Cathy Crossland does not agree with the discussion, with the notion of recovery as an excused absence. Attendance is an issue overall and bigger than the Council.
 - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness - Wellness art activities are scheduled for a Friday in March.
 - Legislative - ACC legislative meeting and student handbook recommendations
10. Other Business. Cathay Crossland asked Ethan and Colby from The Technician if they had any questions. They wanted to attend because they care about our teams and want to know more about what is being discussed instead of just reporting on scores. If you have any ideas for stories, please share them.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:01pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 19, at 2150 Carmichael.