

NC State Council on Athletics
Friday, April 19, 2024 – Carmichael 2150
12:00 pm

Attendees:

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)
Amanda Edwards - Faculty, Public & International Affairs
Chris DePerno - Faculty, Forestry & Environmental Resources
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry
Steven Lechner - Faculty, History
Christopher Roland - Faculty Senate, Physics
Kanton Reynolds - Faculty, Undergraduate Programs
Wendy Crumpler - SAAR, Student Aid Association
Grant Johnston - AAR, Alumni Association
Ralston Turner - 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
Bayne Bennett - Student-Athlete, SAAC
Jaiden Thomas - Student-Athlete, SAAC
Catherine Carter - Faculty, Operations
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Performing Arts & Technology
David Elrod - Faculty, Equal Opportunity
Cathy Crossland - Faculty, Special Education
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop and Soil Sciences

Guest Attendees:

Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Beverly Armwood, Carrie Doyle, DeAngelo Giles, Katie Walston, Kevin Keatts (Guest Head Coach), Jordan Snell (Guest Student-Athlete)

Online Attendee:

Grant Johnson

Unable to Attend:

Laura Bottomley, Buzzy Correll, Megan Aljian

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 23 meeting were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the February 23 Council on Athletics meeting”
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Kevin Keatts, Head Coach for Men's Basketball for the last seven years, expressed appreciation to the committee for their support. Coach Keatts spoke about the team's ACC Championship win, starting with the goals of each of the team members. Started off the season well and it did not end like they wanted. Spoke about the adversity they were facing as they went into the ACC tournament and how they came together as a team. Amazing win, delivering the first championship since 1987. Hard reset as they were now playing in the NCAA tournament. The run this season was a miracle, as this was a group of guys that came from different places and they came together as a team. They blocked out social media and what everyone was saying about them and about their coach and they played the game. Discussed the transfer portal and how that plays into the team dynamic, encourages student-athletes to do what is best for them.
4. Guest Student-Athlete. Jordan Snell is a student-athlete on the Men's Basketball team and has joined SAAC. Jordan discussed his experience of the tournament ride and the challenges of playing weekly and getting school work completed. Tutors were on site and kept the team on track to get it all done. Discussed the struggles of his first year and made a shift the past year to focus on being himself and not worrying about what others think about him. His parents and advisors really encouraged him and he learned from his mistakes and worked to do better. Jordan discussed the significance of the boom box the team carried out before each game. They decided to customize it and use before each game to bring the team together and get their energy flowing.
5. Athletic Department Update. Boo Corrigan, NC State Athletic Director, provided the update. Boo discussed the challenges of social media this year ranging from the College Football Playoffs to the Men's Basketball team and the amount of hate that was thrown at our programs. Since the last council meeting there have been (4) ACC Championship wins, (2) teams in the Final Four, and NC State is 7th in the Directors Cup, as of this meeting date. Spoke with Faculty Senate earlier this week and there were a lot of questions and discussion around NIL, student-athletes becoming employees, and the transfer portal. Right now the university can not be involved with NIL and we have no responsibility or control over it. Compliance staff does a great job trying to keep it straight and working with our coaches. Hired a media company to provide media value from teams run over the last few weeks, looking at the value back to NC State. We came here to be great in everything.
6. Academic Update. Katie Graham, Asst Vice Chancellor and Sr Assoc Athletics Director over Academic Support for Student Athletes provided an [end of year review](#) on our student-athlete academic performance. Final APR number will be released in May.
7. Title IX Update. Raymond Harrison, Sr Assoc Athletics Director, provided a Title IX update. [Presentation overview](#), discussed compliance rules, participation numbers, and scholarships. Discussed empowerment and what matters to them, matters to us; we become champions of their passions. Unsure of how the recent DEI changes will affect what we do but Title IX will not change. From a scholarship perspective we are in compliance; it's the participation numbers we

need to help. So much is changing so quickly, trying to evaluate what the enterprise will look like in the next 3-5 years.

8. SAAC Updates. Update provided by Bayne Bennett. This is Bayne's last council meeting. Bayne and Jordan have been in a lot of meetings with the NCAA recently regarding the upcoming legislation. Working to find ways to get student-athletes more engaged. Bayne went to the ACC meetings this year and there was a lot of discussion around NIL and the transfer portal. Discussion of mental health availability at ACC schools and having enough staff to work with the student-athletes. Work to create a baseline of how many health professionals per student-athlete and this would be a common practice. The council commended Bayne and SAAC committee for their thoughtfulness and research into the mental health program.
9. Sub-Committee Updates.
 - Faculty Academic Committee - Faculty should have received an invite for spring academic eligibility review. It is expected that all faculty will take part in the review.
 - Legislative - Five items have been approved for the student-athlete handbook, wording should minimize restrictions. Discussion of the upcoming lawsuit and what is best for our student-athletes.
 - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness - Wellness activities would be better for students if they were earlier in the semester. Continue to think of other ways to engage students.
10. Other Business. Thank you to the members that have served and will be rolling off the committee. This committee will reconvene in August.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:16pm.