

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, August 25, 2023 – Talley 3285  
12:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Joel Pawlak – Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair – Council on Athletics*)  
Keith Edmisten - Faculty, Soil & Crop Sciences  
Amanda Edwards - Faculty, Public & International Affairs  
Chris DePerno - Faculty, Forestry & Environmental Resources  
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics  
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Performing Arts and Technology  
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry  
Kanton Reynolds - Faculty, E.P. Fitts-Industrial & Systems Engineering  
Christopher Roland - Faculty Senate, Physics  
Wendy Crumpler - SAAR, Student Aid Association  
Buzzy Correll - NC State Student Aid Association (Wolfpack Club)  
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

**Guest Attendees:**

Michelle Lee, Stephanie Menio, Todd Stansbury, Garrett Munro, Beverly Armwood, Colin Hargis, Carrie Doyle, Paige Timberlake, Carson Shaner, Lindsay Leftwich (Guest Head Coach), Noah Henderson (Guest Student-Athlete), Andrew Carter (News & Observer)

**Unable to Attend:**

Laura Bottomley, Cathy Crossland, Kimberly Bush, Steven Lechner, Sheri Schwab

1. Welcome. Dr. Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. A video from Chancellor Woodson was shown to the Council.
2. Previous Minutes. The minutes of the April 21 meeting were reviewed.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2023 Council on Athletics meeting”  
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Guest Head Coach. Lindsay Leftwich was hired as the new Head Softball coach in June 2023. Spoke about the people choosing to make the jump to head coach because Raleigh and NC State felt like a family. Excited about the staff she hired to support her due to their experience. The staff sent out a survey to alumni, the current team, and all who touch the student-athletes asking what the culture should be and they came up with Work, Ownership, Love, Fight (WOLF). Start

practice this week and then shift to 20-hour practice weeks in October. Hosting Tennessee as a Fall game and want to see how they stand at the end of the Fall schedule. Was asked how ACC Softball compares to the rest of the country and she said the ACC has been 3rd in the RPI for conferences. 4-5 teams in the ACC are competitive and then it falls off, but she sees the potential of going to a College World Series here and softball is the fastest growing sport in North Carolina so that gives a lot of opportunity. Carson Shaner, former player and new Director of Operations, also spoke about the excitement of staying on staff and being able to build up the program to what it should be.

4. Guest Student-Athlete. Noah Henderson is in his fifth year on the Men's Swim and Dive team. From Gibsonville, NC and majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a Minor in Business Administration. Swimming accolades consist of being a 9-time All-American, 3-time ACC Champion, and 3-time All ACC Academic. Said when deciding where to go to college he immediately fell in love with NC State. Talked about career at NC State and being a part of the team in 2022 that scored the most points in ACC Championship History. Also spoke on the support of the coaching staff and teammates. Was asked if technology is playing a large role in swimming and he touched on how NC State revolutionized the relay start for the entire world by implementing the flyover relay start. This is where a swimmer stands behind the wedge and steps over to give a running start. Was also asked the team goals for the coming year and he said the number one goal is always winning a National Championship but his personal goal is to support the team in any way he can.
5. Athletic Department Update. Boo Corrigan, NC State Athletic Director, provided the update. Boo spoke about finishing 19th in the Director's Cup and how it is the first time finishing Top 20 in back to back years. Also gave an update that the Academic Progress Report was a 993 and student-athletes had a cumulative GPA of 3.18. Discussed Pack United and how they continue to find their voice in the community and how members will display a patch on their jerseys. SAAC representatives had a meeting at Boo's house and discussed how to meet the larger mission of a good collegiate experience. Boo also spoke about NIL and how there are different state laws that dictate what happens. Discussed NC State's collective called One Pack. Conference realignment was discussed and Boo said the focus is on the student-athlete experience. Also mentioned gambling and how there have been discussions with coaches on preventing gambling since it is becoming a big deal in college athletics. Overview of the sporting events happening in the coming week with Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country all starting up. Mentioned Laurie Henes is the new Director of Track and Field and Kelsey Chmiel is in the Women's Top 30 Nominees. Was asked about the new scoreboard at Carter-Finley and brought up it is the 11th biggest in college football now. Was also asked about ticket sales and 6 football games are sold out and had the highest amount of season tickets sold ever.
6. Name, Image, and Likeness. Carrie Doyle, Senior Associate AD for Compliance, gave an update on NIL and the progression of the guidelines. Spoke about recruiting inducements, keeping student-athletes at institutions, and pay for play. Also discussed what collectives are and the NCAA guidelines around the collectives. Was asked about the new President of the NCAA and

changes coming. Interested in if the NCAA passes its own legislation that requires disclosure and registration for agents. The appendix includes more specific details on the NIL update.

7. Student-Athlete Transfer Trends. Joel Pawlak, Faculty Athletics Representative, gave an update on transfer trends seen over time. Discussed the different types of transfers and the rules and steps behind getting the student-athletes on campus. Provided data on the amount of transfers to and from NC State and factors that influenced this. Discussed the mid-year transfers and how challenging it is to get through the steps with the University shut down during break. Working through how to make it more efficient with all offices involved. The appendix includes more specific details on the Student-Athlete Transfer Trends.
8. SAAC Updates. Update provided by Bayne Bennett. Spoke about the first SAAC meeting coming up at Boo's house and that they are coming up with a game plan for the year. Working with other ACC SAAC representatives to do more for student-athletes. Said NC State other schools are using NC State as an example in regard to student-athlete resources being provided. Discussed SAAC having a presence at Welcome Back Pack and New Student-Athlete Orientation to show the leadership opportunities available. A member of the Swim & Dive team is from Hawaii and collected donations for the Maui wildfires and the Dive team is mirroring SAAC and doing community service projects. In the process of deciding which student-athletes will be on each committee and will have in depth goals for SAAC at the next Council on Athletics meeting.
9. Sub-Committee Updates.
  - Faculty Academic Committee - Committee is not formed yet. Identified the head of the committee as Laura Bottomley.
  - Student-Athlete Health and Wellness - Committee is not formed yet. Identified the head of the committee as Keith Edmisten.
  - Legislative - Committee is not formed yet. Identified the head of the committee as Kanton Reynolds.
10. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:54pm.