

NC State Council on Athletics  
Friday, August 23rd, 2024 - Talley 4140  
12:00pm

**Attendees:**

Joel Pawlak - Faculty, Forest Biomaterials (*Chair - Council on Athletics*)  
Randy Woodson - Faculty, Chancellor - Ex-Officio  
Boo Corrigan - Athletic Director, Athletics - Ex-Officio  
Marion Martin - Faculty, Chemistry  
Steven Lechner - Faculty, History  
Wendy Crumpler - SAAR, Student Aid Association  
Laura Bottomley - Faculty, Engineering Education  
Jason Bocarro - Faculty, Natural Resources  
Grant Johnston - AAR, Alumni Association  
Katie Graham - Academic Support for Student Athletes - Ex-Officio  
Sheri, Schwab - Faculty, Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity  
Buzzy Correll - Faculty, Wolfpack Club  
Tara Mullins - Faculty, Performing Arts & Technology  
Jason Osborne - Faculty, Statistics  
David Elrod - Faculty, Equal Opportunity  
Shawn Troxler - General Counsel - Ex-Officio  
Lance Patterson - Student-Athlete, SAAC  
Keith Edmisten – Faculty, Crop & Soil Sciences

**Guest Attendees:**

Michelle Lee, Beverly Armwood, Stephanie Menio, Carrie Doyle, Rollie Gieger, Raymond Harrison, Rachel Conway, Ariane Smith Machin

**Online Attend:** N/A

**Unable to Attend:** Amanda Edwards, Joy Gayles, Kanton Reynolds, Ben Brousaard

1. Welcome. Dr Joel Pawlak welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
2. Previous Minutes.

It was MOVED to:

“Approve the minutes of the April 19 Council on Athletics meeting.”  
(*APPROVED - Unanimously*)

3. Chancellor Speaks. Dr. Randy Woodson thanks the group for their service. Chancellor Woodson talks about the union of athletics and faculty and how special this group is. The Council on Athletics serves as an advisory body to me. There are not a lot of other schools that are able to put a group like this together. The work of this group is important and one that is taken very seriously. This is a very challenging and interesting time in collegiate sports. Most rules governing athletics are being determined by the courts and

not the NCAA. Mostly antitrust. The NCAA has always tried to level the playing field. However, the market levels the playing field in America, not a governing body. There are exceptions in how they are measured in other major professional leagues. We allow student-athletes to study at a world-class university and perform within their sport at the highest level. He discussed his upcoming retirement and addressed some of the reasons why he is making that decision. The chancellor expressed his thanks to everyone involved and all of the groups that make this work.

Kieth Edmisten asks the chancellor about legislation moving forward. The Chancellor mentioned the passion for college sports. Also, he mentioned that Congress does not see an issue with how things are currently. If the settlement is certified by the court (roughly \$2.7 billion), there will not be any action anytime soon. The two main political parties view the problem very differently. It was noted that until the voters speak up, Congress may not take action. There are still discussions as to how Title IX will be handled in the settlement. Dr. Pawlak thanked the Chancellor for his support of the Council during his tenure.

4. Guest Coach Speaks. Coach Geiger began by discussing academics in track and field and cross country. There are over 80 athletes in the track and field program, and all of the athletes are over 3.0. Rollie talks about the importance of recruiting for his program and for athletics in general. Philosophy of the program: find athletes that buy into the process of the program. Players must believe in what you are trying to do for it to lead to winning. Individuals need to fit NC State academically and be committed to their sport. Winning is challenging. NC State is looking for individuals that can score at the national level. Coach explained the points and scoring with cross country and how it is truly a team sport. You must have the right players to win three national titles. Leadership comes from coaches, administration, and recruiters. Coach Geiger praised Coach Henes' success as both an athlete and coach. Coach Geiger spoke about the Men's Cross country team this year and their resilience. Many high school coaches in this area are NC State grads and ran at NC State. Lists off a number of schools in the local area that are part of the wolfpack. Joel asks how things have changed over time. Michelle mentions that Laurie Henes was his recruit and is a testament to his leadership. Boo speaks to what Rollie means to our department.

5. Student-Athlete Guest. Lance talks about his love for Raleigh and his reason for coming to NC State. All of his siblings attended NC State before him. He spoke about how important the training staff is and Tonya Washington's help with getting involved. Raymond Harrison helped emphasize the importance of education for him as an athlete. Lance spoke on the culture of trust and his excitement moving forward. I want to show the new team members that you are more than an athlete and how to get involved. He encourages student-athlete engagement through voting and other outlets. He hopes to bridge the gap between athletics and other students. Lance talks about the basketball run and the special moments from the Wolfies.

6. Athletic Department Update. Boo talked about Lehigh AD retiring (a good friend of his). It is important to have good people who are willing to engage both academically and athletically. Our staff meeting shows the power of culture. We develop "think and do" student-athletes that do "the most right thing." The world is becoming very transactional. Transfer rules have changed the world and require that we rely on culture and who we are at NC State. This stretches far beyond the athletic department. There is a lot of

pride and differentiation that comes from being a part of NC State. Boo discussed recent athletic successes and having four more championships than any other team in the ACC. It is a culture that everyone has to latch on to. Boo emphasizes “we.” He mentioned the athletics department being a part of the university and not just a building up the hill. Talks about legislation/scholarship changes. People want to be a part of the university for the long haul. We are winning and graduating at our highest rate ever. Joel asks about the importance of our football team playing Tennessee in Charlotte. “Big-time programs want to play big-time games.”

7. Mental Health and Performance Update. Rachel Conway began by talking about the culture at NC State and where we are headed within the department. Now, we have four full-time staff members and one part-time psychiatrist to help student-athletes. Services are delivered through team sessions as well as confidential, free, individual services. New things are coming to the department: QR code leading to an interest form that allows them to customize their services and funnel them to the correct resources, triage hours for urgent needs the day off, and suicide prevention (Pack cares). An attendee asked what percent of student-athletes utilize the services. Roughly 45% of student-athletes utilize some form of the services. They are looking to get more of those statistics to help others better understand the importance of the work. Dr. Conway spoke to the balance of both mental health and sports performance.

8. Legal Update. Shawn Troxler spoke of the House case. The House settlement involves three outstanding cases. House, Carter, and Hubbard vs. NCAA and others. The settlement terms involve back damages paid out over ten years or roughly \$260 million per year. The universities will not determine how the money is getting dispersed, as this will be the role of the plaintiffs' lawyers. The athletes in the class will be those student-athletes who were active in June 2016 -through current student-athletes. AD Corrigan mentioned that the 20% revenue share in the settlement is slightly misleading, as it is 20 % of the ticket sales and media revenues and not the total athletics budget. The NCAA will withhold about \$1 million of our distribution to help pay for the settlement. The settlement could get final approval next March or April. A third party will be used to disperse the money. Mr. Troxler discussed roster caps and Alston payments as well. NIL reporting would be required for anything over the amount of \$600. Third-party NIL would also be limited to fair market value. Enforcement will now largely go to arbitrations to be completed within 45 days (this period can be extended). Student-athletes are still eligible during this period of time. Title IX is still being discussed regarding what applies and what does not.

9. Subcommittee Updates. Sub-committees will be assigned in the coming weeks. Tara Mullins has taken over as the chair of the Student Wellness sub-committee.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:42 pm.