

Faculty Athletics Committee
February 5, 2019

Present: Committee Members: Lissa Broome, Jaye Cable, Melissa Geil, David Guilkey, David Hartzell, Daryhl Johnson, Jeffrey Spang, Kimberly Strom-Gottfried, Erika Wilson

Student-Athlete Liaison: Toby Song (Golf)

Advisors: Michelle Brown (ASPSA), Bubba Cunningham (Athletics), Vince Ille (Athletics)

Guests: Debbi Clarke (Provost's Office), Dwight Hollier (Athletics), Anna Rose Medley (Office of the Chancellor), Audrey Smith (Media Relations), Emily Summers (Office of the Chancellor)

I. Preliminary Matters

Minutes. The minutes from January's meeting were approved.

Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) Update. Toby Song from Men's Golf discussed a mental health video by student-athletes scheduled to be released during the Gymnastics meet on February 9. He also mentioned a Career Fair for student athletes that had taken place and noted that the Rammy's awards celebration will be on April 22. Song mentioned some potential NCAA legislative proposals that were of interest to SAAC: (1) Requiring at least one day free from required athletically related activities every ten days (although student-athletes receive one day off per week, it may be possible to go thirteen days without a day off), (2) Requiring a certain ratio of sports psychologists to student-athletes to ensure adequate access, (3) Involving student-athletes in coach searches, and (4) Allowing golf to participate in more international tournaments.

Preliminary Matters.

- Kim Strom-Gottfried announced that the SAAC-FAC focus groups were being rescheduled to a night that was better for FAC members.
- She asked any committee members whose terms were ending to let her or Daryhl Johnson know if they wished to be nominated to run for a second term. Steven Knotek has previously indicated that he does not want to run for a second term. Jaye Cable and Melissa Geil are interested in being nominated for a second term. Rita Balaban was suggested as a potential nominee for the committee. Strom-Gottfried has served two consecutive terms and is therefore not eligible to be nominated.
- Tania String is in London for the semester. She is the liaison with Volleyball and Men's Tennis. Strom-Gottfried suggested that another committee member volunteer to cover Men's Tennis since String said she had not had an opportunity to make contact with that team.
- Strom-Gottfried reported on joining the Men's Basketball team for its holiday shopping trip for four families from Onslow County. Each player had \$150 to spend. This money was earned by selling signed basketballs. Each family member, including the mothers,

received presents. Strom-Gottfried reported that this was a profound experience for the student-athletes.

- She also reported that a colleague had commented favorably on the softball team's participation in a Pen Pal program.

Priority Registration. David Guilkey reminded the committee that one of the issues discussed with the head coaches last fall was how to improve the priority registration system. He suggested that in the upcoming SAAC-FAC focus groups we ask about issues students were encountering under the current system. Debbi Clarke, David Guilkey, and Melissa Geil, the Advising and Enrollment topic group members, will also meet with Registrar Lauren DeGrazia, who heads up the Priority Registration Advisory Committee (PRAC) to discuss and learn more. If FAC believes policy or process changes should be made, it can formulate a recommendation to the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics.

II. Faculty Athletics Representative Report

Lissa Broome asked if the committee would like to create a resolution to honor Chancellor Folt. If so, she asked committee members to send information to her include in the resolution and she will put it together. She also discussed updating the onboarding document for the new Interim Chancellor.

Broome mentioned that Mia Hamm was honored at the NCAA Annual Convention's Awards Dinner as part of a group of student-athletes in the silver anniversary class (twenty-five years after graduation), recognizing their contributions to society following their graduation from college.

Other highlights from the NCAA Annual Convention:

- Five independent board members will be added to the NCAA's Board of Governors (which governs all three Divisions). These board members will not be employees of member institutions. This was a recommendation from the College Basketball Commission.
- The five autonomy conferences (ACC, Big 10, Big 12, PAC 12, and SEC) adopted
 - A resolution to bring forward legislation during the coming year to provide student-athletes greater access to agents or advisors regarding planning professional sports careers.
 - Legislation permitting room and board to be provided to student-athletes participating in required summer athletic activities when classes are not in session. Right now, only Football and Men's and Women's Basketball have required summer athletically related activities, but there is a Division 1 Council proposal that will be considered in April to extend required summer athletic activities to all sports.
 - Legislation to require that mental health services to be available to all student-athletes.

Broome also highlighted some of the issues that would be discussed at the upcoming ACC meeting. These are identified on her written report that is attached. The ACC is hosting a student-athlete mental health summit May 21-22 in Durham. She circulated a letter she recently

received from the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America recognizing the UNC's Women's Swimming and Diving Team for the Scholar All-America award.

III. Review of Academic Processes for Student-Athletes

Process 5.0 - Enrollment and Advising and 7.0 - Academic Support for Student-Athletes:

David Guilkey asked why student-athletes who hired an outside tutor were not permitted to use a tutor for that subject in ASPSA. Michelle Brown explained that ASPSA tutors receive training about what level of assistance is permissible, so outside tutors should receive some training too. Student-athletes may take advantage of peer tutoring on campus that is available to all students. ASPSA does not hire undergraduate students as tutors, although there are some exceptions. For instance, undergraduate tutors have sometimes been used in the past few years for foreign languages. Students who have concerns about their tutors and their level of knowledge about the subject are encouraged to relay those concerns to their academic counselors. The Tutor Coordinators try to work with the tutors to help them improve their performance; in some cases, however, tutors are not retained. There is no tutoring when student-athletes are traveling to or from a competition, although sometimes academic counselors travel with their teams and conduct study hall.

Process 18.0 Student-Athlete Development and 19.0 Supporting Non-Participating Student-Athletes:

Jeff Spang presented recommendations that he and Tania String developed regarding Processes 18.0 and 19.0. He appreciated the opportunity to host the student-athlete mental health forum (geared for faculty and staff) last fall and he and Tania want to get even more community awareness of the stress on student-athletes. Specific recommendations are: (1) implement the new excused absence policy and improve education of faculty about how student-athlete travel is handled under the new policy, (2) expand access to mental health care for both crisis management and the development of long-term relationships and treatment plans, (3) increase accessibility of distance learning courses through the Friday Center for student-athletes seeking to complete their degrees through Complete Carolina, (4) institutionalize the fall SAAC-FAC focus groups for fall sports student-athletes, and (5) ask the Department of Athletics to share a meaningful summary of the annual student-athlete surveys with FAC.

IV. Academic Performance Fall 2018 Summary

Michelle Brown reported on the academic success of student-athletes during the fall 2018 semester. The average GPA for all student-athletes was a 2.96 for the term and 2.98 cumulative. Over fifty percent of student-athletes had in excess of a 3.0 cumulative and term GPA. Nineteen student-athletes earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester and 180 student-athletes were named to the Dean's List. Twenty-nine student-athletes graduated in December, three of whom were Complete Carolina students. The Women's Cross Country team had the highest GPA with a team average of a 3.5. Fifteen teams had a team GPA exceeding 3.0.

Beginning in fall 2018, a liaison from the Study Abroad spends some time at Loudermilk and twenty-four student-athletes have expressed interest in Study Abroad opportunities. Advisors from the Academic Advising Program and some of the professional schools also have office hours at ASPSA to provide more convenient services to student-athletes.

V. Review of Academic Processes for Student-Athletes

Process 8.0 Faculty Relations and Governance:

Daryhl Johnson and Kim Strom-Gottfried presented on Process 8.0. Strom-Gottfried spoke about how the committee can help reinforce with their colleagues the importance of completing the grade reports requested periodically by ASPSA to help flag students who are having issues in a timely manner. She also mentioned that the committee might want to formulate a recommendation for the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics about creating a grade replacement policy for all students.

Strom-Gottfried discussed Process 8.6 regarding faculty responsibilities with NCAA regulations. A recommendation was to better inform faculty about rules around student-athletes. Daryhl Johnson asked if ASPSA could provide faculty education and be the place where faculty direct questions. [The ASPSA website has information regarding these items, including a downloadable document providing NCAA Rules Education for Faculty and Staff, <https://aspsa.unc.edu/for-faculty-who-have-student-athletes-in-class/>]. Jaye Cable suggested that this information could be effectively disseminated at the Council of Chairs or Divisional meetings to reach a wide audience that could then take the information back to their faculty. Erika Wilson suggested ensuring that graduate student teaching assistants also be included in this education effort.

Other recommended actions on processes previously discussed by FAC should be emailed to Strom-Gottfried or Johnson so they may be included in future meeting agendas.

IV. Athletic Director's Remarks

Athletic Director, Bubba Cunningham discussed the new National Championship Club where donors give \$1000 per national championship won and proceeds will be given to the winning team for rings, renovations to the stadium for new signage and trophy storage, and possibly a banquet. He mentioned Athletics is searching for a new Fencing Coach. Football Signing Day will be February 6th and FAC members are welcome to attend an event surrounding that in the Blue Zone. Cunningham concluded with an overview of the North Carolina Legislative Commission on the Fair Treatment of Student-Athletes (the draft report is posted on Sakai in the February meeting folder). Earlier in the meeting, Cunningham responded to a question about an NCAA enforcement action against Missouri for inappropriate assistance by a tutor. Cunningham noted that this was like our 2012 NCAA case which also involved inappropriate assistance from a tutor (along with agent issues) and lead to a bowl ban, scholarship reductions, and a fine. Our 2017 academic case found no extra benefits to student-athletes for courses that were also available to non-student-athletes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lissa Broome (with assistance from Anna Rose Medley and Emily Summers).

Attachment: Update to FAC from the Faculty Athletics Representative

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NCAA

1. Annual Convention, January 23-25
 - a. Board of Governors Proposal to add five independent, public members to the Board of Governors (pursuant to a recommendation in the Rice Commission Report) adopted 792-203. First Association-wide vote since 2008.
2. Autonomy Conferences (ACC, Big 10, SEC, PAC 12, Big 12) – January 24:
 - a. R-2018-1 – Adopted (74-2-4) resolution to commit to bring forward specific legislative proposals that will redefine rules concerning agents and advisors to assist SAs with career planning and decision making
 - b. 2018-112: Adopted (62-16-2) -- An institution may provide room and board expenses to a SA (including a PSA) to participate in required summer athletic activities while not enrolled in summer school
 - i. SAs must meet certain academic thresholds to not participate in summer school
 - ii. An April D1 Council Proposal could extend required summer access to all sports
 - c. 2018-118: Adopted (80-0-0) – To require an institution to make mental health services and resources available to its SAs through the athletics department and/or the institution’s health services or counseling services department.
 - i. SA reps said mental health was the # 1 issue for SAs
 - d. 2018-112: Adopted 62-18-0; SAs 6-9) – To specify that a team may conduct one end-of-season team meeting during the 7-day period after the championship segment; no countable athletically related activities may occur.
 - e. 2018-114: In sports other than basketball and football, to permit an institution to pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany a PSA on his/her official visit.
 - i. Removed – not part of January votes.
3. Division I Council – January votes (ACC Conference has 1, weighted vote)
 - a. A number of “non-controversial” proposals
 - b. 2016-18: Adopted -- To eliminate the requirement that fulfillment of the 18/27 credit-hour PTD requirement shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a SA’s specific baccalaureate degree program.
 - c. 2018-87: Adopted -- In basketball, the NCAA may provide travel expenses for family members of each SA who participates in the Final Four.
4. D1 Issues Forum
 - a. D1 SAAC Report – Priorities
 - i. Diversity and inclusion
 - ii. SA health and welfare
 - iii. Collegiate model

- b. Educational resources related to the Commission on College Basketball
 - i. NCAA.org, <http://www.ncaa.org/college-basketball-reform-resources>
- 5. NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee
 - a. I attend my first meeting as a member of this committee February 6-7.

ACC

1. AD/SWA/FAR meetings Feb. 13-15
 - a. ACC Men's Lacrosse Championship format and dates
 - b. Distribution of NCAA Academic Performance Fund
 - c. Discuss Division I Academic Misconduct Working Group Final Report (Jan. 2019)
 - i. Delivered to the D1 Presidential Forum
 - ii. Forum's Steering Committee will work over the next several months to develop concepts and recommendations regarding academic misconduct for full Forum discussion in April with a goal for the Forum to finalize its initial recommendations for membership feedback through the spring and summer conference meetings.
 - iii. Forum would then provide a final report to the NCAA D1 Board of Governors later this year.
 - iv. Key elements of the Report
 1. Should each campus have a mechanism for reviewing academic integrity issues involving SAs (such as a campus committee) or should the NCAA just develop best practices on this go help guide campuses?
 2. Is there a way to ensure truly egregious academic misconduct is captured as an NCAA violation while balancing the appropriate role of the NCAA and avoid "overreach" into the academic aspects of an institution?
 3. Referred to the NCAA D1 Council the role of interpretations in infractions matters with a report back requested for later this year.
 - d. ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Post-Graduate Scholarships selection
 - e. Key updates
 - i. Sports wagering
 - ii. ACC Network
 - iii. Litigation (if necessary)
2. ACC Mental Health Summit, May 21-22, Durham, NC

UNC

1. Prepare for onboarding new Interim Chancellor