

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, October 9 | 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Location: South Building, Suite 105

ATTENDEES

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:

David Berkoff, Lissa Broome, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Shawn Kane, Aimee McHale, Abbie Smith-Ryan, Carmina Valle, Abbie Smith Ryan, Erienne Weight

ADVISORS:

Michelle Brown (ASPSA), Dwight Hollier (Athletics), Vince Ille (Athletics)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Elijah Green (Football), Kiersten Thomassey (Field Hockey)

GUESTS:

Jesus Enriquez (Chancellor's Fellow), Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office), Shelby Swanson
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FAC UPDATES AND BUSINESS

- Chair Erienne Weight announced that UNC and Duke are co-sponsoring an athletics conference and will host an event at the UNC-Duke football game for the FACs from each school to meet.
- There were not team liaison updates

FAR UPDATE

- Lissa Broome, the Faculty Athletics Representative, reported
 - The NCAA Federal legislative push continues. The NCAA is seeking uniform NIL legislation, a safe harbor from some litigation, and wants to ensure that SAs are not considered employees
 - The NCAA D1 Council took several actions in October
 - Transfer windows were reduced from 60 to 45 days (proposal was for 30 days. Coaches wanted fewer days and SAs wanted more)
 - Each institution must designate a senior level administrator with appropriate training as an athletics diversity and inclusion designee
 - Primary responsibilities include initiatives related to the institution's obligations to create environments and an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person as required by the NCAA constitution

- In January, the NCAA D1 Council will consider
 - NIL regulatory framework
 - Voluntary registration for all NIL service providers with specific information collected at registration
 - Mandatory SA disclosure of NIL agreements >\$600 to institution within 30 days of executing agreement
 - Institutions report twice a year to NCAA aggregate, anonymized information
 - NCAA to establish standardized contracts for use in NIL agreements, including best practices and education on contractual obligations
 - NCAA to manage comprehensive educational programming, including taxes and brand management
 - Infraction penalties- legislation to establish meaningful infractions penalties for individuals responsible for underlying rules violations
 - Nontraditional courses- HS courses part of NCAA core may be taken in online format
- In January, the D1 Council is expected to review
 - Sports wagering guidelines with increased flexibility for certain types of sports wagering violations; determine if legislative changes need or are appropriate.
- Tez Walker received a waiver from the NCAA and is playing now after sitting the first four games
- ACC Updates
 - Conference meetings will be later this month
 - New members have been invited to attend
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 - Potential change to ACC Post-Graduate scholarship
 - Reducing the number of scholarships from to 2 but offer an increased amount from \$6000 to \$9000
 - Redesignate the *Honorary Post-graduate Graduate Scholarship Award* to the *Pride of the ACC*
 - ACC research initiative reviewing grant proposals
 - Coordinated by the Center for Research on Intercollegiate Athletics

ASPSA UPDATE

- Michelle Brown, Director of ASPSA reported

- A dinner at the Carolina Inn was held to recognize the Women's Tennis and Men's Fencing teams which had the highest team GPAs. The dinner is funded by a donor. Men's Tennis has won every year the recognition has existed.
- SA Development recently hosted a
 - Career Fair and a
 - Major/Minor Fair.
- APR information is due on October 16, but will not be released until next spring.
- GSR should be released prior to the next FAC meeting and will be presented then.

MINUTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

- The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.
- SA Mental Health resources and potential next steps for FAC
 - Discussed possibility of a for-credit course that might help reduce the load on the SA mental health counselors.
 - The course could teach skills like mindfulness and how to combat anxiety.
 - There is a sports psychology course (EXSS 190) that has three sections.
 - Could a fourth section be created specifically for SAs?
 - Dr. Shannon and her staff might be able to assist but likely don't have the bandwidth to teach the course themselves.
 - Kiersten Thomassey and Elijah Green supported exploring this idea.
 - Thomassey noted that it would be helpful to have a course available for SAs who were not EXSS majors.
 - Considerations related to a course with enrollment limited to SAs
 - Aimee McHale likes the idea in theory but cautioned that UNC has a history with concerns regarding SAs being steered to certain courses.
 - There is a leadership course offered in the KFBS with enrollment limited to SAs. There is also a section of the same course with enrollment limited to leaders in Greek organizations.
 - Next steps include discussing the idea of a SA section with others, including
 - Abigail Panter and Chloe Russell from Arts & Sciences
 - The Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics, headed by the Provost
 - Other ways to support student athletes' mental health
 - Dedicate games around mental health to create conversations with coaches and teammates.
 - Next steps might be to discuss this with SAAC, Student-Athlete Development, and coaches.
- Topic Groups
 - Reminder that FAC is trying to do more things outside of meetings, so everyone is assigned a topic group to bring some information back to the group.

- Onboarding document (available on Canvas) has more information about the focus of each group
 - Admissions: David Berkhoff, Isaac Unah; Liaison, Vince Ille
 - Governance and Administration: Erienne Weight, Abbie Smith-Ryan; Liaison, Lissa Broome
 - Student-Athlete Welfare & Equity: Stacey Daughters, Aimee McHale; Liaison, Dwight Hollier
 - Advising and Enrollment: Cassandra Davis, Carmina Valle; Liaison, Michelle Brown
 - Academic Performance: Shawn Kane, Lisa Rahangdale; Liaison, Michelle Brown
 - Athletics Administration: Keia Sanderson, Kathleen Fitzgerald; Liaison, Bubba Cunningham
- Parking Challenges for SAs for weights, practice, and tutoring
 - Meeting set for October 18 with Cheryl Stout from Parking
- For-Credit Opportunities for SAs – Thrive, Triple I, Baddour Leadership Academy
 - Are there opportunities to incorporate some of the educational activities that SAs participate in without academic credit into existing courses or new courses that confer academic credit?
 - Note discussion above regarding mental health course about issues associated with classes limited to SAs
 - Thrive
 - The curriculum is set and proscribed and likely no room in the course’s current configuration for additional SA-specific content.
 - Triple I course
 - Could a Triple I course incorporate some of the aspects of the Baddour Leadership Academy?
 - Next steps: Meet with Cricket Lane, SA Development to discuss how the Baddour Leadership Academy might fit with a Triple I course
 - Broome noted that NC State offers a for-credit, graded course for SAs.
- NIL Related course
 - There is a list of some courses that might assist SAs with NIL issues (Canvas - October meeting folder)
 - BUSI 522 Personal Branding should be added.
 - Elijah Green suggested that in addition to these courses, something more specific to SAs and NIL might be helpful.
 - More emphasis on monetizing social media, legal issues regarding NIL contracts.
 - Kiersten Thomassey said SAs would benefit from learning more about how to market themselves.
 - Next step may be to contact Chris Mumford in the Shuford program regarding an NIL course.

- Consider whether enrollment should be for all students or limited to SAs.

PREPARING FOR HEAD COACHES MEETING

- Erienne Weight and Abbie Smith-Ryan reviewed plans and prompts for the October 17 meeting with the head coaches.
- At the last coaches' meeting the round table discussions were effect and helped improve the relationship between coaches and FAC members.
 - Try to sit with one or more of the coaches for the teams for which you are the FAC liaison.
 - Be sure to take notes on the discussion at your table.
- FAC discussion needs to wrap up by 9:30 to leave room for Bubba Cunningham's other topics for the meeting.
- Last year, the topics discussed included
 - Alternating times some courses were offered by semester so SAs were not precluded by their practice times from enrolling in certain courses.
 - Whether the 7 missed class day athletic policy should be reviewed
 - Some SAs appreciated this limit and thought it helped to protect them from excessive class misses for competition.
 - Some coaches thought the policy should be relaxed.
 - What impact will ACC expansion have on additional missed class days.
 - University approved absence policy
 - Next steps: Weight and Broome will follow up to learn more about the status of this policy.
 - Next steps: Follow up with the Executive Committee on whether students could have access to class recordings if they have an authorized class absence (or have a learning difficulty that justifies access to the class recording to reinforce the material presented)

ACTION ITEMS:

- Confirm Spring meeting dates with calendar invites (Amy Grau and Jesus Enriquez)
- Discuss courses for SAs mental health/sports psychology, leadership, NIL
 - College of Arts and Sciences regarding mental health/sports psychology (Erienne Weight – follow up with Abigail Panter)
 - Cricket Lane regarding incorporating components of the Baddour Leadership Academy into a Tribble I course (Erienne Weight – follow up with Cricket Lane)
 - NIL course (Erienne Weight – follow up with Chris Mumford in the Shuford Program)
 - Discuss with the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics
 - Issues related to these course ideas, including courses limited to SA enrollment (Lissa Broome and Michelle Brown to discuss with the Executive Committee)
- Dedicating games to mental health issues (Aimee McHale and Stacey Daughters to ask Cricket Lane to bring this up at a SAAC meeting)

- Learn about potential changes in the University approved absence policy and how they might affect SAs
 - (Erienne Weight and Lissa Broome to reach out to Joy Renner and subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee to learn more)
 - Advocate for recording classes for all students who miss class for an excused absence or because of a learning disability would benefit from reviewing a class recording (Lissa Broome and Michelle Brown to bring to Executive Committee of Student-Athlete Academics)

Respectfully submitted, Lissa Broome (with assistance from Jesus Enriquez)