



Kennesaw State University
KSU Athletics Board
February 16, 2011
Meeting Notes

Members/liaisons present: Tom Keene, Steve Benton, Stephen Braden, J. C. Bradbury, Ron Bullock, Jim Herbert, Nancy King for Jerome Ratchford, Bob Mattox, Dan Papp, Jorge Pérez, Karen Pfifer, Michael Redd, Heath Senour, Rick Siegel, Sean Stickney, Randy Stuart, Judi Walper, Mark Warner, Kim West, and Vaughn Williams

Members/liaisons not present: Rachael Albright, Barbara Calhoun, Steven Cole, John Culvahouse, Gerald Donaldson, Daniel Johnson, Ronco Johnson, Linda Lyons, Don McGarey, and Brenda Stopher

Guest: Diane Walker

1. Because there were new members on the committee, everyone introduced themselves.
2. The November 16, 2011 meeting notes were accepted and approved as amended adding Ron Bullock as being in attendance as Staff Senate Representative.
3. Tom Keene noted that some changes have been made on the website. Please see an attached screenshot. Minutes and agendas have been added for your information, as well as for your constituents. Shortly we will discuss a change in the Grievance Committee, which will be changed on the website accordingly.
4. Vaughn Williams presented the State of the Athletics Department. As discussed in the past, we will be adding women's lacrosse in the fall.

The staff has done a tremendous job of getting things done, and he has had a great ten months.

As reported at other meetings, the student-athletes have achieved a record overall GPA of 3.11, which is better than the average KSU student. Men's basketball had a great semester in the classroom with close to a 2.8 GPA.

The coaches have been encouraged to follow the risk assessment model regarding recruiting the right students. Athletics wants to limit the number of special admits so as not to put Athletics at a disadvantage.

Regarding compliance, there have been 21 self-reported violations. It is very important to have violations, because without them it looks like we are not doing our job. The current environment is that of doing the right thing. Heath Senour has been very busy trying to create an environment of

doing the right thing.

Regarding ASUN, because we do not have a radio station, we have been announcing some games with live streaming. Also, Northern Kentucky has been added to A-Sun to replace Belmont. We believe that Northern Kentucky is very similar to KSU, and even shares our black and gold, which may be a problem.

The College Cup was a successful event, exceeding the number of expected ticket sales by 30 – 40%. They are now waiting for an announcement of whether the 2013 event will be held at KSU.

The new official fight song was unveiled at last Friday's basketball game, where we broke the attendance record for men's and women's basketball. Vaughn advised the board that the fight song can be purchased as a ringtone.

Vaughn announced that the track at the sports park, the dugout restrooms at the baseball area, and the strength training facility at Chastain Point have been completed. They have also moved offices around and have almost completed a master plan for next 20 years. Installation of the new video board should be sometime prior to spring graduation.

Student Government has approved the \$15 additional fee increase for scholarships and women's lacrosse. It now needs to be approved by the Board of Regents.

Next week a company will be visiting regarding branding. We also have a bid out for apparel.

Nancy King and Karen Pfifer have been working on orientation for student-athlete welfare. We are also taking them out into the community to show their support of the community. On March 15th they will have a talent contest. Vaughn will be the MC, and all proceeds will be donated to the Golden Soldiers, a faith-based, non-profit organization focused on spreading the meaning of "The Golden Rule" as well as hosting events in honor of individuals with special needs.

We are still working on our infrastructure by following our core values for the year--trust, transparency, and teamwork. They are holding regular meetings and attending "Owls Night Out" by visiting different venues once a month. They are also challenging each other to read books about how they can improve the department.

They have reorganized several positions and have eliminated 8. They plan to offer the following positions: Owl Fund Director to manage an annual fund program to raise scholarship funds; Director of Athletic Communications and an assistant to be responsible for their website and video board; Director of Strength and Conditioning, Assistant Business Manager, etc. SASS will also be assessing their resources to determine if they are sufficient to serve the needs of the student-athletes.

A copy of the current org chart is available on the website, and they will try to keep it updated.

Beginning March 1st they will advertise for the best lacrosse coach possible, and then an assistant. Currently they have a host of people interested.

We are in the third quarter regarding football. Currently Coach Dooley and Dr. Papp are fully engaged in making contacts, and they are seeking naming rights of stadium. They are looking for good partners that will be with KSU for a long time. They have gone over expenses involved and have a good business model. The next thing is to take it to the Board of Regents. There have been

about 3,000 names requesting 2 – 4 tickets, so there is a lot of interest out there for football.

In March, we will have a sneak peek of Phases I, II, and III of the Sports Park. Dr. Papp says that it is stunning and very impressive.

5. Heath reported on compliance. In January, the NCAA reviewed 77 proposals, and they tabled 50. The ones that were adopted were not so significant. He went over those adopted in October at our last meeting. Because of controversy over the proposal of the \$2,000 miscellaneous expense, it is no longer in existence. It may be revived again later, but will be stated differently to make people more comfortable with process. Heath said that soon there may be a paradigm shift on how NCAA is governed. It will be interesting to see how it plays out, and he will share the outcome as soon as he receives the information.

He had a rules education session with coaches this morning and will continue at the April and May meetings.

6. Randy Stuart reported that she, Vaughn Williams, Karen Pfifer, and Scott Whitlock have met to discuss the affect that Friday classes will have on practice and travel. Kim West said that they should have the fall schedule out soon.

Dr. Papp commented that the first semester or two with Friday classes will have frustrating bugs that need to be worked out, and the coaches and the SASS staff will need to get used to 5-day schedule, but it will be OK.

Randy advised that she will be administering an NCAA survey to several of the teams regarding wagering and social media.

7. Tom Keene, Randy Stuart, Diane Walker, and Heath Senor discussed a change of the Grievance Committee, which was established when we became a Division I school, and came up with its replacement, the Athletic Board Appeals Committee. Unfortunately, the Grievance Committee makeup couldn't handle grievances. Student athletes are not able to speak with other universities without permission, and all requests to transfer are denied. We have to afford the student-athlete a way to appeal; thus the creation of the Athletic Board Appeals Committee. Requests need to be turned around in 15 days from the initial written request, and if not, the release to speak is automatically given. The third paragraph of the attached proposal needs to add, "from the date the complainant's written appeal is received by the chair." The proposal is framed so that it can also quickly answer other questions regarding academics.

Diane Walker, Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, framed the attached document. She has been a tremendous help and has agreed to chair the committee.

This proposal is approved as revised, Tom will make all changes and a final draft will be attached to these notes.

8. Tom advised that Randy Stuart has agreed to replace him as Chair of the Admissions Advisory Committee. Members of that committee will meet tomorrow to discuss procedures. With the use of the risk assessment vehicle and an increase of the coaches' knowledge, hopefully they will recruit the right students in the future. Program administrators and SASS staff meet on a regular basis and are very involved in educating the coaches regarding recruiting.

9. Nancy King reported that the MGLS Committee will be meeting around the first of March and will present a complete report at the next meeting.
10. The next meeting will be May 3, 2012 from 12:30 – 1:50 p.m. in **SO 4060** (Please note change of day and meeting place).

Meeting notes submitted by Judi Walper and Tom Keene
February 16, 2012

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Athletics Board 2011-12 Meeting Schedule

September 21, 2011 - 12:30 pm	SO 4060	Agenda Minutes
November 16, 2011 - 12:30pm	SO 4060	Agenda Minutes
February 16, 2012 - 12:30pm	SO 4060	Agenda Minutes
May 3, 2012 - 12:30pm	SO 4060	Agenda Minutes

Executive Committee 2011-12 Meeting Schedule

September 7, 2011 - 12:30 pm	CCHS	Agenda Minutes
November 2, 2011 - 12:30pm	CCHS	Agenda Minutes
February 1, 2012 - 12:30pm	CCHS	Agenda Minutes
April 18, 2012 - 12:30pm	CCHS	Agenda Minutes

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Athletic Board Appeals Committee

Purpose:

The Athletic Board Appeals Committee is convened when necessary, usually when a student-athlete desiring to transfer to another institution for the purpose of participating in a sport at that institution has been denied permission by KSU to contact or accept contact by another institution and wishes to appeal that decision.

Procedure:

In such cases, a committee of three KSU faculty and/or staff members, none of whom are employed by the Athletics Department, shall be formed to hear the appeal of the student-athlete. In order to initiate such an appeal, the aggrieved student-athlete (complainant) must submit his or her appeal in writing to the chair of the committee within 15 business days from the date of receiving the letter denying contact permission. The complainant must be informed by KSU student email by a representative of the Athletic Department of the right to submit a written appeal, the deadline for submitting the appeal, and to whom the appeal is to be submitted and the contact information for that person.

The committee chair and the alternate chairs are *ex officio* positions, tied to the official position, not to the individual who may hold the position at any one time. The alternate chairs will serve when the chair is not available. The positions are:

Chair – Director, Dept. of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

1st Alternate – Faculty Athletics Representative

2nd Alternate – Registrar.

The chair of the committee shall call a meeting of the committee as soon as is practicable, and, in any event, soon enough to complete the entire appeals process within 15 business days from the date the complainant's written appeal is received by the chair. The complainant must be offered the opportunity to participate in the hearing either in person, by telephone, or by other feasible electronic means. The coach who denied permission must also be offered the opportunity to participate in the hearing either through a written statement or in person, by telephone, or by other feasible electronic means. The committee will proceed with due haste to examine the merits of the complaint and to render a decision in writing to the complainant within 15 business days from the date the complainant's written appeal is received by the chair. During the proceedings, the student-athlete may present any and all evidence that he or she deems necessary to support the appeal, except that the committee must agree that the evidence is in some way relevant. Such evidence may consist of documentation and/or testimony, within reason, as determined by the chair of the committee.

Both complainant and respondent may be accompanied by an advisor; the role of advisor must, however, be restricted to advice. Complainant and respondent must make his or her own case before the committee.

If the committee by a majority vote overturns the denial, permission to contact (along with the release) shall be granted to the particular institution(s) about which the student-athlete was appealing the denial of permission to contact. If the committee denies the appeal, permission to contact the particular

institution(s) or for use of the one-time transfer exception will be withheld, and the appeals process required per NCAA Bylaws 13.1.1.3.1 and 14.5.5.2.10 is complete.

The decision of the committee is final and there are no further appeals regarding the decision.