



*Kennesaw State University
Athletics Board
May 1, 2013
Meeting notes*

Members/liasons present: Dan Papp, Tom Keene, Maria Britt, J. C. Bradbury, Gary Cook for Barbara Calhoun, John Culvahouse, Rick Franza, Jim Herbert, Earl Holliday, Bob Mattox, Don McGarey, Jerome Ratchford, Susan Rouse, Rick Siegel, Randy Stuart, and Vaughn Williams

Members/liasons not present: Vanessa Biggers, Stephen Braden, Ronco Johnson, Kandice Porter, Sean Stickney, Jewelia Strickland, and Jamel Williams

Non-voting members present: Michael Redd, Randy Kennedy, Maureen McCarthy, Karen Pfeifer, Heath Senour, Brenda Stopher, and Judi Walper

Non-voting members not present: Ana Edwards, Mike Harders, Erik Malewski, and Kim West

Guest: JuLee Childre

1. Tom Keene welcomed everyone for attending this last meeting until next fall. He reminded everyone of the request for donations for Patrick Devine. Any who would like to donate, please see either him or Maureen McCarthy by next Monday.

Because there were some newcomers, everyone introduced themselves. Rick Franza introduced himself as the incoming chair and introduced JuLee Childre as his staff support assistant.

2. The February 27, 2013 meeting notes were accepted and approved as presented.
3. Scott Whitlock represented Vaughn Williams and gave the Athletic Director's State of Department report. Our student-athletes have attained a 3.0 gpa for the last three semesters, and we are hoping for another good semester.

Brian Bohannon has been hired as the inaugural head coach for football and has hired three assistants. They are on the road recruiting until May 20th. Temporary office space will be located at Fifth Third Bank on Chastain Road, and long-term space will be located at Town Point.

Almost 500 Letters of Intent for football tickets have been received since April 1st requesting an average of four tickets per application. The goal is 2,500, so that leaves a balance of about 500.

The A-Sun outdoor track championship is May 10 and 11; Women's golf tied for second at the A-Sun championship; Men's golf is ranked 50th in the country and are anticipating a bid for regionals; Men's tennis beat Mercer for the first time; Women's tennis qualified for the A-Sun tournament as the #6 seed; softball is #5 seed for the A-Sun tournament; baseball is in a tight race; and lacrosse won their first game on April 12th which qualifies them for the A-Sun tournament.

When softball season ends, Scott Whitlock will be coming off the field to become a full-time administrator.

90% of the baseball team (including Coach Sansing) participated in St. Baldrick's event shaving their heads to raise \$3,000 towards childhood cancer research. Over \$13,000 has been raised for charity this year which more than doubles the amount raised last year.

The department has started the strategic plan process, and they are working on raising \$4 - \$5 million in the next five months for capital projects.

Scott Whitlock presented a windbreaker jacket and commemorative helmet to outgoing Chair Tom Keene for his fine work as Athletics Board Chair these past six or seven years. Dr. Papp also presented Tom with Owls mugs and expressed his many thanks for all of his hard work.

4. BOR policy 4.5. Dr. Papp went through it very quickly and stated that this policy was not brought forward seeing we were getting football. The motivator is that out of the 35 requests for increases in fees that various colleges and universities submitted, only 13 were for intercollegiate sports. After much discussion by the Regents, this policy was finally adopted.

A, B, and C are basically statements of purpose. D is what follows the process. We have followed this perfectly over the past four years to get football. E is nothing new. This is something that had to be done as well, and we have followed every one. The only item that is new to KSU is F. Prior to this policy there have been occasional reviews, but it is now mandatory to send periodic formal reviews to the Chancellor. Also, there will be an annual audit of all athletic associations by the USG Chief Audit Officer.

This policy went into effect at the April BOR Board meeting, but it is not clear if this will be applied to this year. Mike Redd will send Dr. Papp the details of when the report is due to the NCAA.

Dr. Papp announced the Athletic Board leadership transition but was told that Rick Franza and JuLee Childre were already introduced.

5. Football and Title IX Update. As mentioned earlier, the head football coach has been hired as well as three assistant coaches. Before school is out for the summer, they will visit every one of the over 400 high schools in the area that have a football program.
6. Compliance and NCAA News. Heath gave a summary of information that his office is somewhat responsible for. On May 2nd the NLA will review proposals which were overridden regarding recruiting. Hopefully we will have the outcome of what has been proposed and what has been adopted very soon.

Dr. Papp mentioned an interesting article regarding electronically contacting athletics during a certain time of the year. The NCAA is trying to regulate it, because some recruits are getting up to 100 letters a day from certain colleges.

Heath Senor gave a brief synopsis of what has happened this past year regarding Rules Educational Sessions on campus as well as off. He met with most support units on campus and will continue to educate other units on campus as well.

He also distributed a list of signees for the 2013 - 14 academic year. This process is currently underway, and because we continue to receive additional signees daily, this list is not complete.

Attached also is a list of self-reports or violations and where we are in the process. There are no real trends, and most sanctions are set by precedence. Only a couple of them have come back from the NCAA with greater or different sanctions.

He also shared a list of Waivers that have been submitted.

7. Randy Stuart gave her FAR update. She mentioned that 41 student-athletes have exhausted their eligibility. She has interviewed 36 already and will do another three this week, which is a huge improvement from years past. Over the summer she will analyze the information she gathered, and will submit a report in the fall. In the meantime, if she notices any problems, she will meet with Vaughn Williams immediately.

She mentioned that the rescheduling of next year's Spring Break may be a problem. Teams have scheduled events (up to a year in advance) around the previously set Spring Break. We need to consider how we are going to handle this situation in regards to the Students-First Policy. She had hoped to meet with the coaches to get their travel schedules, but the meeting was cancelled.

All ten teams received end-of-season surveys. Only one student-athlete requested to actually talk with the FAR. What should we do with the information gathered and how are we going to handle the reporting? Only if particular issues arise, should it be taken to Executive Committee. Randy Stuart will work with Scott Whitlock and Karen Pfeifer on this. Dr. Papp agreed that if the FAR and Athletic Director determine outstanding issues, then it should be reported to the Board.

In about a month, the FAR will share Exit Interviews information with the Executive Committee via email for their comments. Then she can share it with the coaches with a report to the Full Board in September.

8. Expedited Special Admissions. The attached policy and procedure originated because Vaughn raised the question regarding student-athletes who fall just short of meeting the KSU Admissions criteria. Randy Stuart, the Athletics Admissions Advisory Committee, and the KSU Admissions Committee met and developed guidelines for Special Admits. If a candidate meets all but one of the KSU Admissions criteria, they do not have to go through the Athletics Board Admissions Committee, but will go directly to the KSU Admissions Committee via email. This is a concrete floor, and we are not lowering admissions, but this should expedite the process. We will continue to track them as special admits, and notification will come through Randy Stuart. Because of this change, the last sentence on the first page of the Student's First Policy needs to be revised, which can be approved via email by the Executive Committee. There was a motion to approve this policy, and it was unanimously approved.

9. Don McGarey reported on the Affinity Mentoring Program on campus. This program partners faculty or staff with freshman and transfer students to assist in adjusting to KSU by providing academic advice, time management skills, etc. They meet next week, and Don will bring a report back to the next Board meeting.
10. Karen Pfeifer reported on the MGLS Committee on behalf of the Chair, Nancy King. They are currently gathering information for the next five-year plan, and hope to have a plan completed by end of month.
11. Academic Support Committee. One effort of this committee was to establish a testing center to identify learning disabilities. It was determined that they needed a graduate program to staff this center. A proposed graduate program in Education and Psychology could provide the grad students necessary to staff such a testing center. Tom Keene made the point to the Provost that such a testing center would benefit the entire campus – and the communities we serve. Tom reported that Dr. Harmon agreed it was a good point and promised to bear it in mind when determining new program priorities.
12. The tentative dates for next year's meetings are: 9/11/13, 11/13/13, 2/12/14, and 04/30/13. The Executive Committee meets two weeks before the Athletics Board, and the Athletic Association meets two weeks after. Rick Franza mentioned that the meetings will probably be held in the Sales Center (Room 269) in Burris.
13. Tom Keene thanked everyone for all their support in the past several years. There were no other matters, so the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting notes submitted by Judi Walper
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