



*Kennesaw State University
Athletics Board
September 12, 2012
Meeting notes*

Members/liaisons present: Dan Papp, Tom Keene, Randy Stuart, Vanessa Biggers, J. C. Bradbury, John Culvahouse, Don McGarey, Jerome Ratchford, Jewelia Strickland, and Jamel Williams

Members/liaisons not present: Stephen Braden, Barbara Calhoun, Gerald Donaldson, Jim Herbert, Earl Holliday, Ronco Johnson, Bob Mattox, Kandice Porter, Rick Siegel, Sean Stickney, and Vaughn Williams

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

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

Guest: Colleen Nolan (ACE Fellow)

1. Tom Keene welcomed everyone, and because there were a number of new folks, we all introduced ourselves.
2. The May 2, 2012, meeting notes were accepted and approved as presented.
3. We are still waiting for a representative from HSS. Also, we need to reword the By-Laws to accommodate HPSS and ESSM. Kandice Porter will represent HPSS and J. C. Bradbury will represent ESSM.
4. Tom Keene introduced the new Director of SASS, Dr. Randy Kennedy. He is excited to join KSU and is very impressed with campus. He is from the University of Oklahoma (one of the leading academic support universities in the country) and has been in academic support for about 13 years. We are all looking forward to working with him.
5. Vaughn Williams is at an Atlantic Sun Conference for Athletic Directors, so Karen Pfeifer gave an update on Athletics. They are off to a great start with Volleyball and Cross-country, and Soccer defeated the University of Arkansas.

At Orientation, before the semester began, a great group of people presented sessions regarding various subjects dealing with student-athletes' needs. They also worked together with First-Year Programs and the Center for Student Leadership to kick off the Leadership Academy for all

incoming students.

An offer has been made to fill the Character Development position, and it has been accepted. This new position will insure that student-athletes leave KSU as good humans and additions to society.

6. Dr. Papp gave us an update on football. There are a couple of major ASKs out for large sums of money, and we have our fingers crossed that they are accepted. If one of the major ASKs is accepted, it may land approximately \$5 million or more. If accepted, we will go to the Student Fee Committee on October 6th for their support of football and unto the BOR for their permission. Vaughn Williams will then hire a coach between November and January. If no ASKs are accepted, we will begin the process all over again by going back to the Student Fee Committee in the Fall of 2013 to see if they are still willing to support football with additional fees.
7. Heath Senour reported that Compliance is making strides in institutional control. He commended Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Registrar's office for their help, because they couldn't do what they do without them. Paul Parker in Financial Aid is knowledgeable about compliance and has given them some suggestions of what needs to be improved. They are working with the Bursar's office regarding a new system for distributing financial aid and book purchases and continue to develop new processes to be more compliant and detailed.
8. Brenda Stopher presented the current budget. She said that we are going into this fiscal year with an \$865,000 loss. This substantial loss is the result of several items including personnel costs, team travel related to North Kentucky joining the conference, scholarship increases and rebranding efforts. Last fall they asked for a \$15 increase to cover additional travel costs and scholarships and women's lacrosse. Unfortunately, the Board of Regents only approved an \$8 increase. We have a surplus that we can tap into if the major ASK doesn't happen, but they will regroup and pull back on additional spending and become much more conservative. Please contact Brenda if you have any questions.
9. Randy Stuart shared copies of this year's Exit Interview process results. A copy of the entire report can be found on the I:\ drive. She explained that the process took place between April and June of this year, and there was nothing outstanding.

Randy turned it over to Tom Keene to explain the history of this process. It is required by the NCAA to get a general sense of the Athletic program and the well-being of the student-athletes. It is also good for this Board to get a snapshot of the program. That way, if there are any significant problems, they can be recognized and dealt with immediately.

At the last Executive Committee meeting Vaughn Williams explained that the program administrators are asking individual student-athletes for their feedback on an individual bases, but as an oversight committee we still need this information.

Because of the low response rate, we need to review our process to determine how to encourage students to participate. We also need to determine how to handle issues that are brought up and who is responsible.

It is proposed that we assign a sub-committee to review the whole process of administrating the questionnaire and how the results are utilized. Tom Keene, Randy Stuart, and Karen Pfeifer met and suggested the following committee: Randy Stuart (FAR), Maureen McCarthy (FEAP), Karen Pfeifer (Program Administrator), and one representative from each of the following groups: head

coaches, SAAC, SASS, and teaching faculty from the Athletics Board.

Randy is also checking with other institutions as to how they are responding to the NCAA's requirements regarding Exit Interviewing, because the NCAA hasn't provided any guidelines. Originally we looked at Berkeley and Stanford in the Big 10 and tailored their processes to fit to our program. Randy will also request that this subject be discussed as an agenda item at the upcoming FAR meeting.

There was a motion to go forward with this proposal, it was seconded, and it was voted.

10. Randy Stuart reported on the Admissions Advisory Committee. This committee meets to discuss candidates for admissions who don't meet regular requirements. It was a busy summer with 17 candidates, and all but two were approved. Academic Performance Agreements have been signed by the student-athletes, their head coaches, SASS advisors, etc., and they will be held accountable. We need to work on streamlining the process for late-admission requests in order to maintain the integrity of the program.

Karen Pfeifer reported on the Committee for Minority, Gender, and LifeSkills. They haven't met for a while, but they have worked through the five-year plan, made improvements, and attained all of their goals. It ends in 2013, and they know that if football comes to KSU, changes will need to be made.

The Academic Support Committee works closely with the staff at SASS so that we have strong academic support. Last year they worked on risk assessment for use by the coaches to make them aware of how their team is doing academically. It has improved, but it still needs more work.

Jerome Ratchford asked what we need to do to become recertified. It used to be every ten years, but the NCAA is currently working on this requirement.

11. Heath Senour was asked whatever happened to the NCAA working group proposals that he mentioned last fall. He hasn't had a chance to look at the report yet, but each institution is to review it and get back to the NCAA by the middle of October. He said that significant changes are on the way and there is going to be a relative dynamic shift of rules and application.
12. Dr. Papp commented on the athletic fee request. Of 22 universities in Georgia, 11 have fees larger than KSU. We have been very conservative, and seven currently have larger athletic fees. If we request and receive an additional \$100 fee, we would go from twelfth to eighth place in overall fees, and from eighth to third place in athletic fees, which is still very conservative.

He has been visiting with the Regents this summer to discuss the Strategic Plan, Engage KSU, new degree programs, Montepulciano, football, and Title IX. Of the 16 Regents whom he visited with, 14 will support football, assuming the numbers work. The other two said that they wouldn't believe any numbers that we would present, so they wouldn't support football, but they wouldn't stop it either.

13. There were no other matters, so the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting notes submitted by Judi Walper
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