



*Kennesaw State University  
Athletics Board  
November 14, 2012  
Meeting notes*

Members/liaisons present: Dan Papp, Tom Keene, Vanessa Biggers, Maria Britt, J. C. Bradbury, John Culvahouse, Jim Herbert, Jerome Ratchford, Susan Rouse, Rick Siegel, Randy Stuart, and Vaughn Williams

Members/liaisons not present: Stephen Braden, Barbara Calhoun, Earl Holliday, Ronco Johnson, Bob Mattox, Don McGarey, Kandice Porter, Sean Stickney, Jewelia Strickland, and Jamel Williams

Non-voting members present: Ana Edwards, Michael 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, especially our two newest members, Maria Britt and Susan Rouse. Maria is representing University Operations. She said that she is excited to be participating on the Athletics Board. Susan is an HSS representative and has previously chaired two studies of the SASS office for this Board. Everyone then introduced themselves.
2. The September 12, 2012, meeting notes were accepted and approved as presented.
3. Vaughn Williams presented the State of the Department. In the fall sports volleyball didn't make the tournament but had a good season; women's soccer finished third; women's cross-country finished fourth in ASUN and the men finished second; women's basketball has a 0-2 record; and men's basketball has a 1-1 record.

Karen Pfeifer and Brian Wooten continue to work through the year with the Leadership Program. Their main focus is community service and leadership enhancement. They have hired Sterling Brown to help the student-athletes with character development and also are working with Career Services to establish a foundation for them to reach their potential as a human. All of this is for the development of our student-athletes so that they can continue to learn and grow.

This is their first year with Adidas, which is a great step toward establishing and protecting the brand for KSU. Teams will be black on the road and gold at home. The equipment manager, Bryan Hill, started in June, which is late for ordering new equipment, but it will make everything

more consistent in the future.

Athletics hosted their first Flight Night back in October, allowing the communities an opportunity to get an early look at the men's and women's basketball teams before the opening of their season. They had a great showing, and they introduced the new Scrappy.

The new Black and Gold Student Group also made their debut this fall. Students are encouraged to participate to help raise funds for student-athlete scholarships and general Athletics operating budget needs.

Dr. Papp gave an update on football. It continues to be worked on. There is a major ASK out there, and they are very optimistic that it will be accepted. They still need to talk with the BOR, but they need to make certain that they have all of their I's dotted and T's crossed. Dr. Papp spent a lot of time over the summer talking with fifteen of the Regents, as well as talking with them yesterday at the BOR. All but two of the Regents agreed with KSU beginning football, and the other two said they wouldn't support it, but they wouldn't oppose it either. What will impact positively is that GA Southern had two items that were passed unanimously at yesterday's meeting. Hopefully ours will be passed as well at the next meeting. It may still be realistic that we start in the fall of 2014, but a determination will not be made until we are certain that it will not put us in jeopardy of doing it the wrong way. If we make the January BOR meeting, it is doable, but will be a challenge.

4. Heath Senour reported on Compliance. Today is the initial date for the National Letter of Intent. It is a big day for our coaching staff, as they sent out 30 - 35 Letters of Intent for every sport except soccer and track. Over the next week, we'll be receiving responses of commitments for next fall. Any response information can be found on the website.

He distributed the attached self-reports for last year. The first three are from his office, and they have addressed these issues. The rest have been submitted or are in the process of being submitting. Last year KSU had 30 – 31 last year, and this year we are more in line with institutions the same size as ours.

5. Randy Kennedy discussed the Graduation Success Rate (GSR). Attached please find data regarding GSR and APR (Academic Progress Rate), both required by the NCAA. The NCAA looks at the APR for penalties, which follow for four years. This year, we have come above the 930 mark for basketball, so there will not be any penalties or sanctions; women's basketball is below 930, so we are required to submit an academic improvement plan report to the NCAA; Women's golf is excellent (1000); and the overall is 975. Vaughn Williams is trying to surround the student-athletes with programs to continue to improve the APR.

They continue to work on the portable APR for coaches. They have it for men's basketball and track, and it may be expanded to other sports in the future. A portable APR means that coaches cannot escape accountability for a bad APR by moving to another school.

Attached is the 2011 – 2012 APR Institutional Report, but you can find the whole report on the I:\ drive. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Kennedy.

6. Randy Stuart presented the results from the Exit Interview Process Review Committee. They are in the process of reviewing the process and actual exit interview instrument. They are polling constituents, as well as FARs across the country. Coaches would like to know why they don't see

the report. We might like to discuss whether to share the results with coaches in the future. Because there are no set rules by the NCAA, this is a work in progress.

Randy Stuart also gave an FAR update. She came back from the annual FAR meeting, which was very good, with lots of good ideas from lots of good speakers. One thing that was brought out at the meeting was that the NCAA is moving from control to local control.

7. Please see the attached Bylaws, with proposed amendments in red. Vaughn Williams made a motion to accept the changes, and it was seconded as amended. It was voted and seconded.
8. Randy Stuart announced that the Admissions Advisory Committee would be reviewing a student on Friday. Other than that it has been a quiet fall.
9. Nancy King was not in attendance to report on the Minority, Gender, and Life-Skills committee, but Karen Pfeifer reported that it has not met yet this year. Once they find out whether we are getting football, they will need a five-year plan.
10. The Academic Support Committee has not met yet this semester, but they are hoping to have a meeting after the Thanksgiving holiday.
11. Vaughn Williams encouraged everyone to come out to any events pertaining to Athletics. He suggested that we have an Athletic Board event to partake in the excitement and thank us for your time. He mentioned that we have great coaches and amazing student athletes. A date for the event will be chosen in the future.
12. There were no other matters, so the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting notes submitted by Judi Walper  
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