

**Kennesaw State University**  
**Athletics Board**  
**February 27, 2013**  
**Meeting Notes**

Voting Members present: Vanessa Biggers, Stephen Braden, Maria Britt, Gary Cook, Jim Herbert, Ronco Johnson, Tom Keene, David Kehler (for John Culvahouse), Randy Kennedy, Bob Mattox, Maureen McCarthy, Don McGarey, Dan Papp, Karen Pfeifer, Kandice Porter, Jerome Ratchford, Mike Redd, Susan Rouse, Heath Senour, Rick Siegel, Randy Stuart, Kim West and Vaughn Williams

1. The Athletics Board and Athletic Association held a joint meeting due to the impact the Board of Regents approval of football has on both Boards. It is important both Boards hear the same message and understand where we are going. Both boards introduced themselves. The Athletic Association members were then excused and continued meeting upstairs.

The minutes were approved by committee consent.

2. Dr. Papp reviewed the steps that were taken to get to this point.
  - a. In the spring of 2006 an exploratory committee recommended the university move forward in the pursuit of adding football as an intercollegiate sport.
  - b. Another exploratory committee was appointed, chaired by Coach Vince Dooley.
  - c. Students voted to increase the intercollegiate athletic fee.
  - d. An external funding source was secured. There will be a ceremony to name the stadium in September.
  - e. Student Fee Committee voted for a \$100 increase in athletics fee.
  - f. Board of Regents pulled Kennesaw State from the January agenda.
  - g. Subcommittee visited campus on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - h. Placed on the February 13<sup>th</sup> agenda and approved.
3. Vaughn congratulated everyone for their hard work. Football is for the university, not just athletics. Still working out the details with Fifth Third Bank. In the midst of the search for the head football coach. We are doing the search ourselves with Coach Dooley's assistance. Looking for someone with roots in Georgia. Hope to have a coach hired by the end of March. Need to have the coach hired before the Final Four and spring recruitment begins. Next February we will have an NLI signing day. There were 19,000 hits in the AJC the day following the football announcement.

March 4<sup>th</sup> will be the launch for the microsite and ticket information. We will have billboards in Athens as well as the metro area. There will be open forums for faculty, staff, students and the community to learn about the process for tickets.

April 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin collecting Letters of Intent. The goal is to sell out by December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a link on [ksuowls.com](http://ksuowls.com).

The next big event will be the press conference to introduce the head football coach.

Dr. Papp will appoint a search committee by Friday. This committee will act as advisory to Vaughn Williams.

Flora Devine reminded everyone there will be Title IX issues and women's lacrosse was added to help address the issue. Marty Elliott mentioned the first lacrosse game is Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

H.E. "Doc" Holliday thanked Dr. Papp and Vaughn Williams for their efforts to bring football to Kennesaw State.

Vaughn continued with the sports update. The fall gpa was 3.01. There were over 190 student-athletes recognized at the men's basketball game for having a 3.0 or higher. March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. will be the second annual Student-Athlete Talent Show. This is a fundraiser for Golden Soldiers. Last year KSU won the community service award from the A-Sun conference.

Men's basketball ends their season this weekend. They are currently 2-14 in the conference, 3-25 overall. There will be a noticeable improvement next year.

Women's basketball is currently 3-13 in the conference, 7-21 overall. Based on results this weekend, they have a chance to get into the A-Sun tournament.

Men's tennis is 2-4; women's tennis is 3-4.

Men's golf is ranked 60<sup>th</sup>; women's golf is ranked 78<sup>th</sup>.

Women's lacrosse is 0-3. First home game is Saturday at 1 p.m. There will be 13 recruits attending the game. Current players are mostly club players.

Softball is 10-2.

Baseball is 5-3. #1 in the country last week based on RPI.

Men's Indoor Track finished first in the A-Sun championships. Women's Indoor Track finished third.

The Department of Athletics will begin the strategic planning process. KSU's Small Business Development Center will be assisting, Football and the additional fee brings responsibility and accountability.

Sterling Brown has been hired for the character development position and reports to Karen Pfeifer. This position is funded by a \$100,000 grant. Sterling has started Habitudes with the student-athletes and staff. Will help us reach this Y generation.

This is Coach Whitlock's last season on the field. He will be in administration full time. There will be a function to honor him at the end of the season. He has done great things for KSU. He loves this this place and is an owl through and through.

We are in fourth place for the all sports cup.

4. Dr. Papp announced Tom Keene is retiring in June. There will be a new chair for the Athletics Board in July. Dr. Papp appoints the chair with the Board's advice. The person needs to be familiar with the NCAA and the Board so we aren't starting from scratch given where we are headed. The responsibilities include compliance with the NCAA, academic integrity, institutional control and faculty and administrative experience. Dr. Papp proposes Rick Franza.

Tom Keene mentioned Rick Franza was a member of the Athletics Board for three years and is now on the Athletic Association Board.

Randy Stuart said the position should be someone from the faculty and Rick is in an administrative role. He is not eligible for Faculty Senate. She also was concerned that the FAR and the chair of the Athletics Board would be from the same college (Coles) and the other colleges are not represented.

Jim Herbert asked if there were other candidates to consider. Dr. Papp said no. He also said that all academic administrators maintain their faculty status and will always be faculty.

Tom Keene said Rick was on the search committee that hired Vaughn Williams. Rick's strong suit is that he does understand the NCAA as well as administration.

Randy Stuart asked if Dr. Papp had discussed this with the Faculty Senate Executive Council.

Susan Rouse pointed out that we are entering a new era with football and NCAA experience is critical.

Dr. Papp said he would meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Council.

5. Heath Senour distributed a handout of NCAA adopted legislation and discussed several specific rules.
  - 11.4 – proposed with the thought it would save money
  - 13.3 – would allow text messages
  - 13.5A – printed recruitment materials, media guides. Big Ten is not supporting this change.
  - 16.2 – parents, spouse, and relatives of student-athletes can attend an awards event
  - 16.3 – can finance academic support, career counseling or personal development for student-athletes
  - 16.4 – can provide medical and related expenses to student-athletes
  - 16.7 – would allow travel suits

6. Randy Kennedy said 200 student-athletes earned at least a 3.0 and 34 earned a 4.0. They were recognized as Top Flight student-athletes at a men's basketball game. The FAR, Program Administrator, Head Coach and Randy Kennedy met with every sport re APR. Academic contracts are in process and will be completed by Friday. Student-athlete credentials are 60% complete. This is a letter given to each faculty member identifying the student as a student-athlete and containing a copy of their travel schedule. Grades First emails have been sent.
7. Due to a low response rate to the exit interviews, a committee was formed to review the process. Two recommendations were made: (1) end of season survey sent to the entire team and administered by the FAR. The NCAA would consider this an exit interview. (2) an in-person interview with the student-athlete and FAR (or a designee). The head coaches have requested feedback. Tom Keene expressed concern this would add to the FAR responsibilities and to look at using a designee. There was a motion to approve the report. Motion made and seconded.
8. There was no update from the FAR.
9. Students First revision was approved.
10. AAC – one student denied due to TOFL score.  
MGLS – Dr. Nancy King is serving as the chair, first meeting held yesterday. There is a mix of new and self-study members. The next five year plan will be finished by the end of spring.  
ASC – Next meeting is March 11. Main agenda topic will be how SASS prepares for football.

The Board thanked Lauren Katovsky for arranging lunch.