

PRESIDENT'S ATHLETICS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Academic Integrity & NCAA Rules Compliance

Institutional Control

Student-Athlete Welfare

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2017

Present: David Buckman, Katie Egloff, Jim Herbert, Randy Kennedy, Zach Kerns, Marina Koether, Scott Larisch, Dan Niederjohn, Brittney Reed, Steve Ruthsatz, Heath Senour, Rick Siegel, Debbie Smith, Lynn Stallings, Patrick Vickers, Vaughn Williams, Humayan Zafar

Special Guest

Laura Maness, Women's Lacrosse Coach; Gail Scott for Patrick Devine; Cindy Gillam for Kim West; Charles Parrott for Rebecca Makus; Bob Mattox for K.C. White

Introductions

Dr. Stallings called the meeting to order at 12:29pm. Introductions were made around the room.

Coach's Corner

Dr. Stallings introduced Laura Maness, Head Coach of Women's Lacrosse. Coach Maness provided a handout "Kennesaw State University Women's Lacrosse 2016-2017 Snap Shot."

- Team Academics
 - Team cumulative GPA of 3.19
 - Taylor McGhee received "Wise Owl" award
- Team Community Engagement
 - Free youth lacrosse clinic in Roswell
 - 100 young athletes attended
 - Team Spring Break event – Books for Africa
 - Post-game letters for Army Athletes
- Recruitment
 - 2017: 9 new student-athletes recruited from Georgia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan
 - 2018: 9 new student-athletes recruited from Georgia, Michigan, Maryland, North Carolina, Canada

- 2019: XX new student-athletes recruited from Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Canada
- Current team standings
 - Most wins in a single season in KSU history
 - 7 wins / 8 losses
- National Rankings
 - #2 in country in ground balls per game
 - #3 in country in draws per game
 - #6 in country in shots per game
 - #13 in country in scoring offense
 - #16 in country in draws per game
 - #19 in country in points per game
 - #31 in country in assists per game
 - Sydney Farwick is #16 in the country in draws per game and #17 in the country in ground balls per game
 - Haley Swift is #40 in points per game nationally
- Team academic majors
 - 2 Engineering
 - 2 Nursing
 - 1 Graphic Design
 - 3 Education
 - Communications
 - Business
 - Sports Management
 - Undecided
- Questions from the floor:
 - What has she done to get the team to improve?
 - Brought in new Assistant Coaches from more developed programs
 - What are the advantages / challenges of coming to Kennesaw State University?
 - The growth is exciting
 - Challenging work environment with stable structure
 - New facilities (residents halls) are what recruits are looking for when selecting a University
 - KSU has majors that lead to a career after college athletics
 - Challenges getting residents housing for the student-athletes
 - How strong is high school lacrosse in Georgia?
 - Not as strong as other high schools in the North

- Only Division 1 Women's Lacrosse opportunities at KSU and Mercer, so her goal is to recruit Georgia's best supplementing the roster with national and international student-athletes

Approval of the Minutes

With no objections or further discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Vickers, and seconded by Debbie Smith, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2017 PAOC meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

State of the Department

Vaugh Williams presented the State of the Department.

- 52 student-athletes graduating in May
- Several student-athletes will be attending summer school
 - \$350,000 spent on summer school for student-athletes
 - Most spent on summer school in Athletics history
 - Summer school enables the student-athletes to graduate on schedule
- Baseball
 - 7-5 in conference play
 - Currently in 4th place
- Men's Golf
 - Won ASUN Conference Championship
 - Won ASUN Tournament
 - Freshman of the Year
- Women's Golf
 - Finished 3rd in ASUN
 - Player of the Year
 - Women's Golfer of the Year for 2nd year in a row
- Women's Lacrosse
 - Coach Maness from Detroit Mercy
 - Most wins in the history of the Lacrosse team
- Softball
 - 8-6 in conference play
 - 32-15
 - Ranked in top 5th of the country
 - 32 RPIs
- Men's & Women's Track and Field
 - Won Indoor Championship
 - Men for the 5th time
 - Women for the 1st time

- Andy Eggerth - Coach of the Year
- Men's Tennis
 - Finished 3rd
 - Best finish in team history
 - Simon Pritchard
 - 1st Team All Sun
 - Dr. Waples Total Person Award
 - 3.97 GPA from Coles College of Business Department of Finance and Accounting
 - Team GPA 3.61
- Women's Tennis
 - 6th place
- Women's Basketball
 - Participated in the conference tournament for the first time in team history
 - Won the first round of the tournament
 - Hosted first conference tournament in team history
- Anonymous donor gave \$25K to both Men's and Women's basketball (\$50K total donation)
- Football
 - 2,500 attended the Friday night Spring game
 - 75-80% ticket renewal sales for next season
 - Ahead in season ticket purchases from April 2016
 - Plans for more student engagement on football game day
- Hired an Associate AD for Finance for the Athletics Department
- Annual Dot Martin Golf Tournament on May 8, 2017 at Marietta Country Club
- Strategic Planning Process
 - SWOT analysis completed
 - Survey completed
 - Focus groups are scheduled
 - Action steps and assessment of accomplishments are next in the process
 - ETA for completing the Strategic Plan: 2 – 2 ½ months
 - Strategic Plan will cover the next 2-3 years
- Fund raising
 - Football facility
 - Tutoring facility for SASS
 - Sports medicine / strength and conditioning facility

Questions from the floor

- Will Football team roster include the players' majors?

- Vaughn will follow up, as the request was already presented at PAOC earlier in 2016

Compliance Report

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- Provided a handout of progress of self-reports that have been submitted to the Conference Office and NCAA
 - Least amount of self-reports to date: 17
 - Vaughn commented that KSU is the University with the highest number of self-reports
 - This is an indicator that the Coaches are doing a great job and a high number of self-reports is a positive thing for KSU Athletics, supporting student-athlete character and integrity
- Provided a handout of Coaching Staff education sessions
 - Legislative Council adopted proposals that are moving to the Board of Directors for vote
 - PAOC was invited to attend the review of these new rules with the Coaching staff scheduled for May 18, 2017
 - New legislation will be effective August 1, 2017

NCAA Updates

Vaughn Williams

- Division 1 NCAA Council
 - 60 members of this Council nationwide
- Serving on a Legislative sub-committee that reviewed 110 proposals
- Early recruiting/early signing day for Football
 - If approved in the next two days, early signing may be a benefit to the student-athletes
- How to get recruiting back in alignment and under control
 - Women's Lacrosse is taking the lead
 - When can high school student-athletes can be contacted/signed/give a verbal commitment
 - Some high school student-athletes are being recruited as early as 9th grade
 - Legislation pending nationally to limit recruiting to Junior year of high school
 - Legislation effective April 15, 2017
 - Women's Lacrosse Coaches are no longer allowed to receive communication from prospective student-athletes or their parents prior to September 1st of the prospective student-athlete's Junior year of high school

- Women's Lacrosse Coaches are no longer allowed to take unofficial visits
 - This could impact what is already scheduled for KSU Women's Lacrosse, which may require KSU filing a waiver to allow the student-athlete to attend their pre-planned unofficial visit
- Legislation to lengthen Football season (from the A5 Level)
- Time demands of student-athletes
 - Form that outlines the expectations the University has of student-athletes
- Brittney Reed provided an update of the study-abroad legislation
 - For student-athlete professional development, student-athletes can participate in study-abroad programs
 - Time in a study-abroad program does not count against their 5-year eligibility
 - Same for co-ops, internships, and pre-professional employment

FAR Update

Dan Niederjohn

- Exception Request for PAOC Policy handout was approved by the PAOC Executive Committee on April 12, 2016
- Women's Basketball requested to compete in a home game the day before finals start in the Fall semester – this was approved
- End-of-season surveys and exit interviews pending
 - Will be reported at September 2017 PAOC meeting
- Randy Kennedy sent out notifications to the Coaches with student-athletes' schedules so any conflicts with finals week can be addressed

Oversight Committee Updates

Admission Advisory Committee (AAC): Dan Niederjohn

- AAC reviews prospective student-athletes who do not meet admission requirements
 - Reviewed 7 student-athletes in the past few months
 - Student-athletes were approved and recommended to the next level of review by another University committee
 - Anticipate interviewing several more student-athletes prior to summer

Academic Support Committee: Randy Kennedy

- Student-athlete recognitions
 - All ASUN Academic members for spring teams announced
 - Christina Perez Martin– Women's Tennis

- Jake Bouchillon – Men’s Tennis
- Simon Pritchard – Men’s Tennis
- Sam Slade – Men’s Tennis
- Drew Wendel – Men’s Tennis
- Teremoana Beaucousin - Men’s Golf
- Jake Fendt - Men’s Golf
- Dulcie Sverdloff – Women’s Golf
- Medy Thavong – Women’s Golf
- Hunter Arnold - Men’s Track
- Daniel McKune - Men’s Track
- Jordan Gray - Women’s Track
- Laura-Maria Oja - Women’s Track
- Kidan Kidane – Women’s Track
- Simon Pritchard also recognized as Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Jordan Gray also recognized for ASUN Winner for Life Award
 - Good sportsmanship
 - Community service
 - Leadership
- Kidan Kidan award the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship \$7,800
- Coach reminders were sent out reminding them of the PAOC policies concerning travel and restrictions
- NCAA will be releasing APR numbers nationally
 - KSU will have 2 teams of distinction on the list
 - All teams are above 930
 - NCAA will be using APR for a funding model for academic enhancement
 - Universities can qualify to receive funding based on academic performance
- 52 graduating student-athletes
 - New graduation stoles

Student-Athlete Welfare Committee: Katie Egloff

- Monthly meetings: held on April 26th
- Brittney Reed reported on ASUN Student-Athlete Welfare conference call from April 25th:
 - Proposal vote in June
 - 2 student-athletes will serve on ASUN standing committees and special/ad-hoc committees
 - Non-voting positions
 - KSU SACC Update

- Hannah Thomason, Softball, is new SACC President
 - Attended the Minority Interest and Opportunities Committee (MIOC) & NCAA Inclusion Forum
 - Topics included:
 - LGBTQ community
 - Student-athletes with disabilities – campus inclusion
 - How Athletics Departments are integrating student-athletes who do not have disabilities with non-student athletes who have disabilities
 - Diversity of Coaches / International Coaches
 - Team diversity
 - ASUN Career in Sports Program
 - Professional development opportunity
 - 30 hours of volunteer interning
 - Webinar participation
 - Mental health
 - Nutrition
 - Different aspects of sports
 - Resume review
 - Mock-interview at end of program
 - Completion certificate
- Katie presented the Student-Athlete Welfare Committee handout with proposed website changes
 - Discussed committee members
 - Marina Koether volunteered as Faculty Representative
 - Dr. Stallings opened the floor for a motion to approve the changes
 - Motion was made by Scott Larish, Jim Herbert seconded

PAOC Representative Terms for Academic Year 2017-2018

Dr. Stallings provided a hand-out with proposed changes for the PAOC membership

- a. 7 Colleges was expanded to include all Colleges
- b. Faculty Representation
 - i. 1 Representative from Continuing Education (to be appointed by the Dean)
 - ii. Honors College and Graduate College would like to be represented (to be appointed by the Dean)
- c. Administration
 - i. Update titles that are outdated or no longer exist
 - ii. Lynn to confirm titles and positions with President Olens
- d. Others

- i. Correct language for Administrative Council
- ii. List Randy Kennedy's position (and others) as ex-officio members
- iii. Vaughn confirmed that new AD of Finance for Athletics did not need to be listed

Questions from the floor:

- What constitutes a quorum?
 - Dr. Stallings read the details regarding the quorum
 - Dr. Herbert requested to have the exact number / specific details required for a quorum to be updated in the document
 - Karen to update sign-in sheet to reflect 2 columns: Faculty column (to determine quorum); Other Member column
 - Dr. Stallings opened the floor for comments on the proposed changes
 - Vote was not taken pending President Olens's review
 - Dr. Stallings will send out the final document for an electronic vote

Tentative Dates for 2017-2018 Meetings

All meetings will be held from 12:30-1:50pm in Burruss Building Room 259 (To be confirmed)

1. Wednesday September 6, 2017
2. Wednesday November 1, 2017
3. Wednesday February 7, 2018
4. Wednesday April 25, 2018

Dr. Stallings opened the floor for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 schedule. Scott Larisch motioned to approve, Debbie Smith seconded the motion.

Dr. Stallings announced the next meeting date of Wednesday September 6, 2017. Dr. Stallings closed the meeting at 1:35pm.