

## PRESIDENT'S ATHLETICS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Academic Integrity & NCAA Rules Compliance  
Institutional Control  
Student-Athlete Welfare

### Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

*Present:* Jason Brown, David Buckman, Jimmy Calloway, Patrick Devine, Katie Egloff, Rick Franza, Jim Herbert, Randy Kennedy, Marina Koether, Scott Larisch, Chao Mei, Dan Neiderjohn, Steve Ruthastz, Heath Senour, Karen Vickers, Patrick Vickers, K.C. White, Vaughn Williams, Christine Zelt

*Special Guests:* Mike Kelleher for Debbie Smith; Cindy Gilliam for Kim West

#### *Introductions*

Dr. Franza welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:31pm. Introductions were made around the room.

#### *Coach's Corner*

Dr. Franza introduced Al Skinner, Head Coach of Men's Basketball, as the most accomplished Coach (and former player) KSU Athletics has ever had. Coach Skinner holds the distinguished titles of National Coach of the Year and 2-time Big East Coach of the Year prior to coming to KSU.

- Video clip of Jordan Jones at practice that made Sport Center's "Top 10 Plays of the Day" was shown
- Exciting time for Men's basketball at KSU
- KSU has some success, but not at Division I level
  - Hoping to attain more success this season
  - .500 in the league and beating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in the second half of the season last year; tremendous amount of improvement throughout the year
  - Last year's Seniors all graduated
    - He is committed to the academic success of his student-athletes
    - The future of these young men is based on the education they receive at KSU

- Extremely important to Coach for his players to obtain their degree and a career post-graduation
      - Commitment and balance to their education is challenging during the season
- In comparison the other KSU sports, Men's basketball travel is extensive throughout the regular season (not including post-season travel)
  - For student-athletes to be successful, it requires cooperation and assistance from campus resources in the academic community
  - Team will travel to PA, MA, and CA all within a week's time
    - Student-athletes will miss a number of classes
    - This is required to play at this level
    - KSU does not have the financial resources to pay teams to visit us at home, so the team needs to travel, at least 4-5 games, to compete at a higher level
    - All ASun teams face a similar situation
- Another challenge for the team is that they play across 2 semesters; basketball is not a one-semester sport
- Coach's ultimate goal is to make sure the student-athletes are doing their part to get their education
  - Every player who has played for him for 4 years has graduated with a degree
  - He does not allow the student-athletes to participate if they are not doing their part to succeed with their education
- He is attempting to attract young men who are successful both on and off the court
- **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**
  - Patrick Devine – is there a draw for the players not to graduate and to accept a position with a Pro or European league?
    - Coach responded that he has been fortunate to retain his players until they complete school, but he is not opposed to it and would support a player if he were drafted / 1<sup>st</sup> round lottery pick
    - As the team moves forward and draws more talent, there is more potential for this to happen
  - Randy Kennedy – How much court time does Coach anticipate playing the newcomers this year? Coach responded:
    - Players returning from last year will supply the leadership
    - The Freshman and rookies are a talented group this year
    - Potential for this Freshman class to have an impact on the program

- Nick Masterson has a sprain and will be out for a week, so a new player will be stepping in and contributing
- Good upper classman leadership
- Total of 15 players: 2 walk-ons; 13 scholarship players
  - 6 Freshman
  - 3 Sophomores
  - 2 Juniors
  - 3 Seniors
  - 1 Graduate Student
    - Coach and Dr. Franza provided information on Aubrey Williams, who is in KSU's MS-IS program with Coles College: Aubrey graduated from the University of Toledo in 3 years with an undergrad in Business

#### *Approval of the Minutes*

With no objections or further discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Vickers and seconded by Patrick Devine to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 PAOC meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### *State of the Department*

Dr. Franza introduced Vaughn Williams to present the State of the Department.

- Owl Athletics won 80% of its competitions in October
- Pete D'Amour new head softball coach
- Board of Regents audit is completed; final report is pending
- Strategic Planning process has started
  - 8 month process coordinating with Office of Institutional Effectiveness
- Impact on Athletics from Fair Labor Standards Act
- Team Updates
  - Soccer team travelling to Florida Gulf Coast for the Final 4 of the Conference Soccer Championship
    - KSU is playing a semi-final game Friday night at 7pm on ESPN3
    - If they win, they will play the other semi-final winner on Sunday at 1pm
    - The team qualified 4<sup>th</sup> and won the 1<sup>st</sup> round game against Jacksonville
    - Soccer: #1 in the Conference of goals scored
  - Men's Golf: Ranked #23 in the country; finished Fall season winning 2 tournaments
  - Women's Golf: 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in last event of the Fall season

- Volleyball: 9-1 in Conference play; team is in 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Men's/Women's Tennis: good strides this Fall; last tournament this weekend
- Basketball starts this weekend: Men's Basketball starts this Friday; Women's Basketball starts this Saturday; anticipates both programs will be better this year and fun to watch
- Football: 6-2 for the season, 2-1 in Conference play; 2 home games left
  - 350 fans traveled to NJ to follow the team for an away game

*Compliance Report and NCAA News*

Heath Senour provided hand-outs:

- Summary of self-reports and violations that KSU has submitted to the NCAA and the Conference office
  - Least amount of self-reports for this time of year
    - Generally at 9-11; currently at 5
- Summary of the Rules Education Sessions
  - Meetings with every team at the beginning of the Fall semester
- UNC fraud case update
  - NCAA provided a 78-page response to UNC
    - Disagreed with UNC's contention that the NCAA did not have jurisdiction
    - NCAA had a rare jurisdiction hearing to determine if the NCAA had the appropriate authority to site violations and go through the case
- Next week, for every sport except for Soccer and Football, beginning November 9 – November 16, high school seniors will be signing National Letters of Intent to play sports at KSU next Fall
  - 30-35 student athletes are prospects for signing to KSU Athletics
  - Next signing period is in April 2015
- Potential for revised Football signing dates
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of February is traditionally signing week
    - Talks of adding a June early signing period and another proposal for a December signing period
      - 3 signing periods per year: June, December, February
      - This would change the recruiting calendar
      - Controversy with these proposed signing periods for some institutions
    - Vaughn commented that FCS Football schools would benefit from an early signing period; would give a level playing field to the smaller schools; will also help FBS lower level schools as well

- Student-athletes support this proposal because they would be done with the process earlier

*Scheduled Reports: GSR & APR Report*

Randy Kennedy provided 3 hand-outs

- Graduation Rates:
  - 6-year graduation rate data reported to NCAA last Spring
    - 54% for KSU student-athletes compared to a 42% graduation rate for the University overall
  - 73% student success (without transfer students) rate for KSU student-athletes
  - 2015 was the first year for KSU to report rates in Division 1
  - Anticipates seeing this graduation rates climb in the coming years
- APR:
  - An NCAA measure of student-athlete eligibility and retention
  - KSU is required to maintain a multi-year APR rate of 93% or higher
    - All teams are above the 930 benchmark for the multi-year rate
    - Football's APR was 935 with statistical adjustment of 957 (only in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of reporting)
    - Baseball, Men's Golf, Men's tennis, Women's Golf, Softball and Volleyball all achieved a perfect score of 1,000 for the 14-15 academic year
  - In process of submitting data for 15-16 academic year

*FAR Special Admits Process Results Update*

Dan Neiderjohn provided a hand-out of Special Admit Data and Institutional GPA Variables.

- Reviewed processes for assessing risk of prospective student-athletes and described the Types of special admits
- Reviewed the 2.55 rule
  - Gives Coaches more flexibility with recruiting
- Type II and Type III student-athletes are reviewed by the Committee to confirm KSU has the support they need and that the student-athlete has the drive needed to attend KSU
- QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:
  - Marina Koether inquired about the GPA for Type 1
    - Randy replied that the far right column was the Kennesaw GPA, not high school GPA

## *Oversight Committee Updates*

### *Admission Advisory Committee (AAC): Dan Niederjohn*

- Debbie Smith and Patrick Devine are new members of this committee
- Allotments of Type II and Type III special admits has been determined for each team; Coaches meetings to start in January

### *Academic Support Committee (ASC): Randy Kennedy*

- Scheduled to meet in November to discuss the charge of the Committee
- 1 more open faculty member spot on the Committee

### *Student-Athlete Welfare Committee (SAW): Katie Egloff*

- Katie distributed a hand-out of the Committee's Purposes & Procedures proposed charge and membership list
  - Membership list – Committee would like to include a Coach representative and a Faculty member representative on the membership list
  - Main focus is how to reach the student-athletes and let them know what resources are available to them
- QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
  - K.C. White asked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, "...reviews and assesses the accessibility and effectiveness...student-athletes."
    - Katie responded that programs are available only to student-athletes, as well as tapping into resources that are available to all students
  - K.C. White asked about "effectiveness of the minority, gender, and student well-being."
    - Katie responded the Committee is keeping the same verbiage from the previous Committee so as not to lose that focus
    - K.C. requested an off-line conversation with Katie to revise the proposed charge to meet, support, and accomplish the Committee's mission

## *Other Business*

- Marina Koether inquired about receiving a list of the degrees the Football team is pursuing; suggested to put this information in the game-day programs
  - Vaughn will bring this suggestion to Athletics
- Dr. Franza recognized Humayun Zafar for qualifying for the Boston Marathon in 2018
- Dr. Franza announced this is his last PAOC meeting; he has accepted a new position as Dean of the Business College at Augusta University
  - He will meet with Mr. Olens to discuss transition of his position on PAOC for his successor and prepare that person for the 2017 meetings
  - Thanked everyone for serving on the PAOC
  - May have a new meeting location for 2017 at the discretion of the new PAOC Chair

Dr. Franza announced the next meeting date of February 8, 2017. Dr. Franza closed the meeting at 1:40pm.