

PRESIDENT'S ATHLETICS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Academic Integrity & NCAA Rules Compliance

Institutional Control

Student-Athlete Welfare

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

Present: Jason Brown, David Buckman, Patrick Devine, Bronne Dytoc, Katie Egloff, Marty Elliott, Jim Herbert, Randy Kennedy, Marina Koether, Dan Neiderjohn, Brittney Reed, Steve Ruthsatz, Heath Senour, Lynn Stallings, Patrick Vickers, K.C. White, Vaughn Williams, Humayan Zafar, Christine Zelt

Special Guests: Diana Barber for Debbie Smith, Cindy Gillam for Kim West, Benji Walton

Charlotte Doolin distributed KSU Athletics polo shirts, courtesy of the Athletics Department, to the PAOC members. Any PAOC member who was not in attendance to receive their shirt may visit Ms. Doolin in her office, CC 1064, or contact her at ext. 6284 and request to have their shirt delivered via Interoffice mail.

Opening Remarks / Introduction of New PAOC Chair

Dr. Stallings welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:29pm. S recognized and thanked Dr. Franza for his contributions to the PAOC. Dr. Stallings gave a brief bio of her athletics and coaching experience:

- Raised a football fan
- Played high school tennis and basketball
- College athlete AIAW
- High school teacher in DeKalb County
- Coached several high school men's and women's teams including: tennis, basketball, volleyball, softball, gymnastics
- Experience with student-athlete recruitment
- Kennesaw State University since 2000
 - Three colleges, including College of Science and Math, Bagwell College of Education, University College
 - Faculty for 8 years
 - Chair for 7 years
 - Associate and now Interim Dean

PAOC Self-Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

Coach's Corner

Dr. Stallings introduced Benji Walton, Head Coach of Women's Soccer.

- Finished first season as Women's Soccer Coach
 - The experience has been better than he expected
- Inherited a great team of women
- His primary project was to get the team to buy-in
- Working on changing the team culture
 - How they play
 - Team environment
 - Accountability
 - Leadership
 - empowering the team to speak up and learn their voice
 - trying to identify team leaders
 - community service
 - Lost in the ASUN Conference Semifinals to South Florida, 2-1
 - Off-season schedule for student-athletes includes
 - Right now, they're allotted 8 hours of training weekly:
 - Lifting 3 days per week
 - Conditioning 3 days per week
 - Practice 2 hours per week
 - Spring season will begin 20 hour/5 day per week
 - Practice games scheduled
 - Emphasis on academics
 - 2.9 team GPA when he started
 - 3.4 team GPA end of Fall semester
 - Team and class GPA goals for Spring semester
 - Recruiting/Signing Day last Wednesday, February 1, 2017
 - Signed 12 student-athletes
 - 11 are from Georgia
 - 6 are local to Cobb County
 - Southeast region (Georgia and Florida in particular) has some of the best women's soccer players in the country, so recruiting locally was a priority
 - 1 student from Orange County, California
 - Interest in the University, the facilities, what campus had to offer
 - State and national coaches are calling him now with student-athletes interested in becoming a part of KSU and KSU Athletics

- QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:
 - Brittney Reed discussed the benefits of the Leadership Groups Benji had instituted.
 - One of the most impactful changes for the team, since it gave them more of an opportunity to provide input.
 - Every student-athlete was involved in one of the five Leadership Groups:
 - Academic
 - Social media
 - Event planning
 - Uniform selection
 - Health & Wellness
 - Student-Athletes were able to select the top 3 committees on which they wanted to serve, and were assigned based on a list of criteria set by the Coach

Approval of the Minutes

With no objections or further discussion, a motion was made by Marina Koether and seconded by Patrick Devine to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 PAOC meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

State of the Department

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

- The student-athletes finished the fall semester with an overall 2.96 GPA
 - Men's tennis finished with the highest team GPA at 3.64
 - 11 of the 14 teams have a GPA of 3.0 or above
 - February 16th Top Flight Night to honor the student-athletes with 3.0 GPA or above (approximately 280 of 400 student-athletes)
 - President Olens will be participating in the presentation
- Development of a Strategic Plan is in process
 - 2,500 people will be surveyed
 - Building Mission and Vision statements
 - Next step in the process is Action Planning
 - Addressing temporary facilities and where staff and training facilities will be housed
 - Finding better space that is more conducive to practices and day-to-day operations
 - The facilities will be identified in the KSU Master Plan
 - Estimated date of completion June 1, 2017

- Focusing on student-athlete recruitment and employee hiring
- Men's Basketball
 - Regular season almost over
 - 5-4 in the conference
- Women's Basketball
 - Regular season almost over
 - 5-3 in the conference
- This season is the first time both basketball teams are above 500 in conference play
- Men's Baseball
 - Opening Day Friday, February 17th
- Women's Softball
 - Opening Day Friday, February 10th
- Indoor Track & Field
 - Indoor Championships in 3 weeks
 - Women in 2nd place
 - Recruiting from Georgia
- Men's and Women's golf
 - Ranked 21st in the country for the season opening
- Football Signing Day was February 1st
 - 12 recruits
 - 75% of the recruits are from Georgia
- Spring Football game scheduled for Friday, March 24th at 7 p.m.
- Vaughn is serving on:
 - NCAA Division 1 Council and Legislative committee meetings
 - Review 98 proposals for vote in April
 - NIT committee for basketball

NCAA Updates/Compliance Report

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- NCAA convention ended in January
 - Committee adopted a proposal allowing student-athletes to have an additional season or academic year of eligibility if they're involved in co-ops/internships/study abroad programs.
- A proposal for the Autonomy 5 was passed related to student-athlete welfare.
 - Student-athletes have more say in the time demands (accountable activity time) they have each day
 - Social time
 - Study time
 - Community service time

- Practice time
 - Meal time
 - Other time expectations
- National Letters of Intent (NLI) signings
 - 12 student-athletes signed for Football
 - 11 student-athletes signed for Soccer
- NCAA decision on the Louisville case is pending.
 - Committee on Infractions will review the case
 - Hearings are scheduled for later in the spring
 - Louisville took preemptive actions and self-sanctioned in efforts to reduce the penalties the Committee on Infractions may determine

FAR Update

Dan Neiderjohn

- Dan provided a hand-out of the results of the End-of-Season surveys for Fall sports
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Soccer
- Survey results show:
 - Overall improvement of services
 - Concerns about facilities and space
- Word is clearly spreading to the student-athletes that they have a voice
- Admissions Advisory Committee started meeting with all of the Coaches to discuss current team APR, any team risks, and future recruitment risks and limits

Student-Athlete Handbook Revisions / Updates

Katie Egloff

- Handouts of three (3) revised handbook sections were distributed
 - Resource Guide
 - Flyer
 - Linked handbook online
 - LiveSafe mobile app
 - Katie and K.C. White demonstrated the app from their cell phones and previewed some of the functions of the app

Student-Athlete Welfare Committee Update

Katie Egloff

- Committee meets monthly

- Coach Benji Walton will be the new Coach representative for the committee

Academic Update (Fall Semester 2016)

Randy Kennedy

- Academic Update (Fall Semester 2016)
 - 2.96 GPA student-athlete overall for Fall semester
 - 13 of 16 teams earned a 3.0 GPA or above
 - 60% of student-athletes' GPAs are above 3.0
 - 26 student-athletes are Presidential Scholars with a 4.0 GPA
 - i. 4 Football
 - ii. 4 Women's Basketball
 - 93 student-athletes on the Dean's List 3.5 GPA or higher
 - 229 student athletes will be recognized as Top Flight Owl athletes for spring and fall 2016
 - Men's Tennis had highest GPA of all teams at 3.64 GPA
 - 3.57 GPA semester for Women's Basketball, which is the team's highest GPA ever
- Recognized the coaches and appreciates the variety of approaches they take with the student-athletes to achieve high GPAs
- Nominated Lilly Kidane for the Walter Byers NCAA Scholarship
- Nominated Brittney Reed and several others for the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Award
- Recognized Kristi Piedimonte and Abby Roth for their Academic All-Conference achievements

Other Business

- Dr. Stallings presented a handout with the PAOC Membership and asked the PAOC if the Colleges listed still made sense to have representation on the PAOC
 - Non-Degree Granting Colleges
 - K.C. White asked if there were student-athletes registered in the non-degree granting Colleges compared to the Graduate College
 - Jason Brown (representing College of Continuing Education) was not familiar with the history of CCE's representation on the group
 - PAOC will vote on this membership position at the April meeting
 - Proposed Term Rotation
 - 3-4 College representative terms rotating each year
 - Dr. Stallings proposed a term rotation schedule

- PAOC will vote on the proposed schedule at the April meeting

Dr. Stallings announced the next meeting date of April 26, 2017. Dr. Stallings called for a motion to adjourn. Motion from Marina Koether. Dr. Stallings closed the meeting at 1:27pm.