

PROVOST'S ATHLETICS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Academic Integrity & NCAA Rules

Compliance Institutional Control

Student-Athlete Welfare

PAOC Meeting of November 4, 2020

Virtual Meeting on Teams

12:30-1:30PM

In attendance: Rita Bailey, Lisa Bauer, Tariq Bradford, Austin Brown, Bret Cowley, Mindy Debruce, Patrick Devine, Mark Geil, Aaron Howell, Amani Johnson, Randy Kennedy, Gloria Laureano, Daniel Niederjohn, Milton Overton, Wes Rhea, Kathy Schwaig, Tiffany Sornpao, Patrick Vickers, Mark Warner, Jessica Watkins

Welcome, and Introductions – Dan Niederjohn, Faculty Athletics Representative

Dr. Niederjohn thanked the committee and student athletes in attendance (Amani Johnson-Women's Basketball and co-President of SAAC, Tariq Bradford-former track and field and SGA President, Jessica Watkins-Women's Track and Field, Tiffany Sornpau-former women's soccer and co-President of SAAC).

Student-Athlete Welfare and SAAC Update – Mindy Debruce, Senior Woman Administrator

Ms. Debruce reported on a great semester considering all hurdles. She is especially proud of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and their impressive job of pushing athletes to vote. Fueling Stations at practice facility and weight room are running again with pre-packaged meal supplements.

There are currently no active COVID cases among athletes. Everyone is preparing for basketball (first sport returning to active competition since COVID) and a safe return to play.

The addition of sub-committees to SAAC has provided an opportunity for involvement of more student athletes. The Mental Health sub-committee has put out social media with encouraging messages. Hoot Out Hunger was very successful with more participation that last year.

Recognition of graduated student athletes is still in discussion. There will be a formal recognition; details are forthcoming.

State of the Department – Milton Overton, Director of Athletics

Mr. Overton thanked all for their service and expressed his extreme pride in the student athletes and how they have pushed through this unusual semester. Of approximately 1050 COVID19 tests for student athletes, our overall 1.36% positivity is excellent and there are no positives at the current time.

We look forward to approximately 170 athletic competitions this spring. Basketball will be starting first with approximately 20% capacity for fans. KSU is in a good position to move forward and continue to grow and Mr. Overton is appreciative of the efforts of all, especially our athletes.

Compliance Report and NCAA News – Bret Cowley, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance

Recent changes from NCAA due to COVID should provide the maximum allowable flexibility. Season of competition wavers have been extended to fall and winter sports. Every sport has now been provided with an additional season of competition; most athletes will be given the opportunity for a fifth season.

Transfer legislation will hopefully pass in January regarding year of residence. The NCAA will propose that student athletes in all sports can transfer one time and not have to sit out a year if they notify their coaches by a certain date. NCAA is also going to provide a two-year hiatus for APR penalty. Data will still be collected, but not published.

All coaches are still in a recruiting “dead period” until January 1. This could be extended. Signing day is November 11 and an update will be provided at the next meeting regarding the incoming class.

Name, Image and Likeness is still being discussed. More information will come from NCAA in January.

Student-Athlete Academic Update – Randy Kennedy, Director of Student-Athlete Success Services, Assistant Athletics Director

Priority registration was October 16. 92% of student athletes were registered as of that date and the process went well.

APR numbers have been submitted to NCAA. All teams were above 930. Average single year score was 981. It has been a good year.

Last year, the NCAA announced some disbursement of funds to schools based on APR/graduation rates. This year we will qualify based on our graduation rate of student athletes; this is projected to be \$111,000. It's important for us to continue to manage this process well.

Dr. Kennedy shared that some changes are taking place with the Integrative Studies Program and he is appreciative of participation in those discussions.

Progress reports were sent to faculty last week. Feedback has been received for 41%. Tutoring is going well; approximately 2300 sessions have taken place so far.

His unit is down a staff member and a couple part time positions, so they are working hard to get our students ready for the spring and stay on top of the academic success of our student athletes.

FAR and Admission Advisory Committee Update – Dan Niederjohn, Faculty Athletics Representative and Associate Professor of Psychology

The committee met and determined the number of permissible special admits. They have not yet reviewed any individuals.

PAOC was recently notified about a vote on an exception. The request is for the Men’s basketball team to schedule an event that would potentially take place on a Saturday during finals. The link will be emailed for this vote and was placed in the meeting chat. Any student that would have an exam during this period would be excused from the competition.

Other Business

Upcoming Meetings: February 3, 2021 and April 21, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

The Provost’s Athletic Advisory Council approved the November 4, 2020 minutes on February 3, 2021.

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