



Athletic Council

McFadden Team Room

February 5, 2013

3:32 pm

Chair, Webb M. Smathers Jr., PhD. Professor, John E. Walker Department of Economics 205 Surrine Hall

In attendance: Clementina Adams, Warren Adams, Debra Charles, Mike Godfrey, Phil Grayson, Robert Green, Danny Gregg, Ryan Heil, Janie Hodge, Loreto Jackson, Ken Marcus, Lambert McCarty, Leslie Moreland-Bishop, Dan Radakovich, Kyle Young

Minutes:

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Minutes from the December meeting were approved as submitted
- III. FAR Report –Janie Hodge recently returned from the NCAA convention where the board approved phase one of the proposed deregulation of policies that can not be consistently tracked or enforced. The earlier first contact date between a team staff member and a student that was scheduled to change to the completion of the student's sophomore year was tabled pending objections concerning the fact that many schools have differing graduation dates.
The Miscellaneous expense allowance that was discussed in several past meetings is still under review by the Student Athlete Wellbeing working group which is expected to make a statement by August.
Concerning the new initial eligibility standards that were to effect current high school freshman, objections were heard from high school councilors that not enough time has been given for these freshman student athletes to be prepared for the 2016+ college sport season. No judgment has been made at this time, but delaying the requirements to come into effect next year, or creating intermediate standards for current term freshman may be considered.
During the ACC winter meeting SA Rashard Hall (football), Natalie Patzin (volleyball) and Alexa Rand(volleyball) were nominated to receive awards for recognition of their considerable achievements in competition, in the classroom and in the community. They

will each be presented with \$5,000 to support their studies at the annual Postgraduate Scholarship luncheon held in April.

At the ACC winter meeting an inquiry was made into the support staff that the 15 ACC schools have aiding SA. While Clemson remains a model as one of three schools with and accredited tutoring program, and continues to lead with our certified academic services personnel it is encouraging that most other schools are following suit with a similar level of academic and compliance support staff.

IV. Committee Reports

- i. Governance and Rules of Compliance- Chairman Smathers read the report submitted to the council by Scott Baier.

“We discussed the changes to the NCAA rules that were adopted on January 19 25-26 rules were adopted with the intent to make the rules more meaningful, enforceable, and supportive of student athlete success.

Some of the rules — such as text messaging and contacts are difficult to monitor and enforce, and as technology evolves it will become even more difficult to monitor. One of the other changes to the rules is that the NCAA recognizes that some schools will have a natural (or derived) competitive advantage. The NCAA objective is to have *fair competition* not to have equal competition. How this change impacts recruiting is to be determined. There are two concerns with the rules changes: Since institutions will self-regulate, this may lead to a "race to the bottom". Another concern that may arise is that the changes result in more resources being designated to the revenue generating sports and away from other student athletes. These changes to the rules will be evaluated after two years to see if any changes need to take place.

The other notable issue that came up during our meeting was: In the past, the Athletic Council has been informed when a sport was under investigation before the school issued a statement to the press. This was not the case with the recent NCAA investigation into our Track and Field Program. We were informed that this was an oversight as the Athletic Department is still in transition.” [CORRECTION: The aforementioned incident with Track and Field was reported by the Athletic department to the NCAA without any request or investigation by the NCAA. Clemson has a strong record of self-reporting on all questionable conduct and will always continue with that same ethic.] The GRC Committee Chair's request to be notified about reports to the NCAA has been recognized by the AD.

- ii. Academic Standards and Integrity- Bob Green yielded his report for Leslie Moreland-Bishop to present on the Vickery aid and services. LMB-Clemson offers one of three nationally accredited programs in the United States. SAs receive tutoring as well as help in social transitioning to the university environment and career/major advisement by trained employees and staff members. Tutors working in Vickery receive training each semester and work part time for approximately 2-3 year. All interactions in Vickery are tracked and logs are submitted for each session. Tutoring sessions are also routinely observed by fulltime staff members.
- iii. Fiscal Integrity and Facilities Planning- Lambert McCarty had no report but informed the Council that Katie Hill will be presenting at the March 5 meeting.
- iv. Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship- Debra Charles- The SA Assessment is being looked at to develop a report that will be offered at some point in the future.

- V. Athletic Director Daniel Radakovich reminded the council that the Spring signing period starts February 6 and then listed a number of upcoming sporting events and mentioned the ongoing organization of the future season as Louisville and Notre dame enter the schedule. DR continued on the topic of the ongoing talks concerning an alliance with the Big 12 and explained that the issue is complicated as ESPN has sole television media rights to the ACC.
- DR also informed the Council that both Katie Hill and Becky Bowman are leaving the Clemson Athletic program and that the search to fill their positions is underway. In addition, the leadership of IPTAY will be changing with the election meeting at the end of March.
- On the topic of the Littlejohn renovations DR told the Council that two studies have been commissioned to ascertain the feasibility of either renovating Littlejohn or to build a new facility that would take the place of Littlejohn. These studies are underway and all consideration will be given before any decision is made.
- VI. Comments from the council-Danny Gregg announced that the Fort Hill Clemson Club has sold out for seating a full week in advance of their upcoming 700 seat event.
- Information concerning stating the complementary bowl tickets on the 2013 tax forms will be forthcoming.
- VII. Comments from the Chair – Chairman Smathers thanked the Athletics department on behalf of the members of the Athletic council for the privilege to attend the Chic-fil-A bowl game in Atlanta on New Year’s Eve. The Chair also extended his willingness to meet with bowl committees or fruitfully assist with the Bowl in any way at future Bowl events.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes taken by Tullen Burns