



Athletic Council

McFadden Team Room

January 7, 2014

3:32 PM

Chair, Webb M. Smathers Jr., PhD. Professor, School of Agricultural, Forest, and Environmental Sciences. 235 McAdams Hall

In attendance: Scott Baier, Jim Brown, Eric Benson, Matthew Boyer, Sean Brittan, Debra Charles, Steve Duzan, Stephanie Ellison, Mike Godfrey, Danny Gregg, Ryan Heil, Janie Hodge, Barbara Kennedy-Dixon, Lambert McCarty, Leslie Moreland-Bishop, Dan Radakovich (AD), Ken Robinson, Kerrie Seymour, Webb Smathers(Chair), Kelly Smith, Cory Tanner

Minutes:

- I. December Minutes Approved as Submitted
- II. Welcome and introductions were made to first-time attendee Mathew Boyer
- III. FAR Report-Janie Hodge reminded the committee of the 2014 NCAA Convention will begin on January 16 in San Diego, CA. Details will follow the meeting at: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/events/convention>
- IV. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance and Rules of Compliance- As subcommittee chair Scott Baier has charged the GRC committee to review the Rules Working Group's judgments enacted in 2012 and report on the results and present stance of those rulings.
 - ii. Academic Standards and Integrity- Sean Brittan returned the discussion of the attendance policy concerning SA. As it stands SA are made aware of the general policies and penalties that apply to all students and those extra penalties that apply to SA (see pages 16-18 of the student handbook attached). Where the issue may be lacking is with regard to faculty solicitude for the SA obligations. The Faculty Senate would be in charge if any changes are to be made but Faculty Senate president Kelly Smith counseled that such changes would be inadvisable, as it would seem to interrupt the sovereignty held by Professors in their classroom.
 - iii. Chairman Smathers suggested the possibility of distributing an informational statement regarding SA travel necessity. If this came from the Dean of

Undergraduate Studies it might be better received, offered AD Dan Radakovich.

- iv. Fiscal Integrity and Facilities Planning- Lambert McCarty deferred to the AD concerning the ongoing Facility projects. The baseball stadium and player facilities redesign has been confirmed and will enter the construction stage after the contractor bids have been assessed. The Clemson Memorial Stadium project will likely not be completed before the 2015 football season but will not interfere with the normal operations of the facilities. The timetable for the Core Campus build has not been addressed yet but the architectural-engineering and design agency Stevens & Wilkinson has been chosen and contractors are scheduled to be interviewed during the beginning of 2014.
 - v. Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship- Debra Charles had no report.
 - vi. Campus and Community- No report
- V. Athletic Department- Director Radakovich- The Orange Bowl win for Clemson and the ramping up of basketball matches has the Athletic program and the University, with the participation of President Clements, highly motivated to keep the excitement going.
- VI. Comments from the Council- The Team breakdowns of the Fall 2013 academic assessment will be presented at a later meeting but Stephen Duzan added that the initial review of Fall 2013 grades were very good and is highly encouraged by the promises presented by GradeFirst to generate timely and meaningful reports. The Clemson Athletic Department should be commended for containing costs while increasing SA resources and support.

Mike Godfrey reassured the council about the registration for the GPA to Play event that is being planned for April 12, 2014. After some difficulties with early registration the website has been running correctly since January 1 and is receiving an encouraging number of participants that will benefit from the informational sessions and discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM

Minutes taken by Tullen Bums