



Athletic Council

McFadden Team Room

February 4, 2014

3:32 PM

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

In attendance: Eric Benson, Matthew Boyer, Steve Duzan, Hayden Garrett, Danny Gregg, Ryan Heil, Janie Hodge, Lambert McCarty, Leslie Moreland-Bishop, Dan Radakovich (AD), James Satterfield, Webb Smathers(Chair), Cory Tanner, Sarah Winslow

Minutes:

- I. January Minutes Approved as Submitted
- II. Head M. Soccer Coach, Mike Noonan discussed some of his history before coming to Clemson and relayed some stats about the outstanding Clemson Soccer players that we have attending Clemson this year with whom Clemson is making a name in an already highly competitive conference. One such student is Thomas MacNamara who is not only an NCAA All-American for 2013 but is also Clemson's first Draft pick since 2007 and was recently selected to be one the Weaver-James-Corrigan Award Recipients for 2014. Domestically Clemson is known to be a school where the standard of excellence is high but the support and spirit are also second to no other. Internationally that recognition to SA is less so but Coach Noonan has set a goal to have ~1/3 of the recruits be international students.
- III. FAR Report-Janie Hodge congratulated Thomas MacNamara for his achievement.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance and Rules of Compliance- No report.
 - ii. Academic Standards and Integrity- The student attendance policy is defined across the university with interpretation given to professors regarding what should and should not be an excused absence in their course. Research into the other ACC schools revealed a similar concern but no recommendation for a best practice. The committee's recommendation is to have a memo discussing

student absence, including those for athletics, be sent to all students and faculty.

- iii. Fiscal Integrity and Facilities Planning- No report.
 - iv. Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship- No report.
 - v. Campus and Community- A series of Basketball tickets for a series of games are being offered for the reduced price of \$10. The notice was posted in ClemsonNOW.
- V. Athletic Department- Director Radakovich met with the FARs and ADs for the other ACC universities at the end of January. No Decisions were made. The discussion of increasing the number of in conference games was raised at this meeting to which Clemson is apposed as it would result in decreasing the number of Clemson Home games and would negatively impact the local Clemson economy. The Athletic Director finished by saying that we just need to continue with the positive momentum generated by the previous season's excellent performance.
- VI. Faculty Athletic Representative, Janie Hodge reported on the proposal for the ACC to remove the division classifications between sporting teams. The objective of this action is to increase the ease with which the games could be scheduled within the larger ACC.
In addition to Thomas Macamara, Emily Howard, a Clemson Diver and Psychology major also received the ACC Postgrad scholarship, along with Chandler Catanzaro, a Football walk-on and Biology major who intends to attend medical school. In April or May the NCAA is expected to submit newly defined governance structure between the FAR, AD, SA organization and University Presidents. Clemson's Institutional Academic Assessment reaccreditation is estimated to begin later this year after being held for 2 years due to the change in policy. The program will be reviewed over the summer and will be fully implemented in Fall 2014.
- VII. Comments from the Chair- Webb Smathers-In May a new AC Chairman will be voted on. One of the major undertakings of the new chair will be to asses whether the new IAA reaccreditation warrants changing the structure of the AC, which is based on the past program, and if so organizing that transition with the Faculty Senate.
- VIII. Comments from the Council- Steve Duzan- 9 of the sports teams scored greater an average 3.0 GPA for Fall 2013 and W. Soccer scored an average 3.54 GPA.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM

Minutes taken by Tullen Burns