



Athletic Council Minutes

201 Vickery Hall

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Warren Adams, Luca Barattoni, Eric, Benson, Matthew Boyer, Sean Brittain, Matthew Burns, Paul Buyer, Paul Dawson, Steve Duzan, Sandy Edge, Kathy Edwards, Stephanie Ellison, Shannon Finning, Hayden Garrett, Ryan Heil, Kitt Moore for Andrew Hill, Janie Hodge, Antonis Katsiyannis, Barbara Kennedy-Dixon, Lambert McCarty, Graham Neff, Kerianne Pacheco, MaryAnne Raymond, Sheri Webster, Leslie Moreland, Skye Arthur-Banning

AGENDA:

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. November minutes were approved after striking the Chair's Note and a rewrite of the last paragraph of IV. Final minutes are located at the [Athletic Council website](#).
- III. FAR (Faculty Athletics Rep) Update – Janie Hodge- In a review of the [UNC report](#) and the [Actions and Initiatives](#) initiated by UNC, Clemson is taking a more rigorous review of Athletic Academic Oversight and Compliance (AAOC). This group combines the previous purviews of the Clemson Academic Group and the Compliance Team. This group reviews all the policies that might impact the reputation of Clemson University. In doing, a report will be made to the Provost and the President on grade changes, changes of major, major clustering, online courses and those approaching the 25% cap on SA enrollment as well as issues with admissions. This report will also be made available to the Athletic Council and the Faculty Senate. Dr. Hodge stressed that this review is not in response to any suspected abuse at Clemson but will be maintained as a preventative and as a transparency measure which will continue to build confidence in the University's program and procedures.

At the ACC meeting on December 6-7 the expected topics concerning Clemson are Cost of Attendance being capped to a specific value above total tuition and fees, as well as issuing a waiver so that "loss of value insurance" could be paid for by borrowing against future earnings as opposed to only being allowable for disability insurance. Clemson will also be supporting a measure to prevent schools from reducing a student's aid due to poor performance in a sport.

- IV. COIC (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics) Update – Sean Brittain reminded the council that Clemson will once again be joining the meeting of the Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), an association of faculty senates from FBS schools, and asked that AC committee chairs please bring him any topics in which the

university has an interest. Policies proposed by the COIA will be seen as endorsed by Clemson as they are ratified by the coalition.

V. Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards & Integrity – Ryan Heil said that they are at the beginning stages of deciding on the duties of the AC committees as suggested by the Athletic Oversight Committee.
- Campus & Community Relations – Mary Anne Raymond asked the council for suggested topics that her committee could take on and it was suggested that a review of student criminal conduct around game days be assessed.
- Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship – Sean Brittain is reviewing SA self-assessments for common issues that could be addressed by this committee.
- Fiscal Integrity & Facilities Planning – Sandy Edge is continuing to work with the Athletic Department in reviewing the Student Athletic Fee that has been previously discussed and further fulfilling the charges of his group and the AC. Sean Brittain suggested that with regard to the latter point, the Chair of the Fiscal Integrity and Fiscal Planning committee should be invited to take part in the planning for Athletic fiscal proposals before they are made public. Athletic Director Dan Radakovich was not in attendance for comment but Graham Neff, Associate Athletic Director of Finances & Facilities, stated that the participation of AC members in such decisions is being explored by Brett Dalton and the Athletic Director.

Graham Neff was also asked if shuttles to Greenville would be made available during the renovation of LittleJohn Coliseum and he replied that the topic was being discussed, at length, to determine the best course of action for University and the Conference. He also told the Council that the special seating and club renewals have been posted and that the overall footprint of the facility will only be expanding 20-30 ft. on the Annex side.

Graham also stated that the creation of a new soccer field beside the rowing facility is still moving forward but that proposals will now include rerouting the running path into a multi-use path around the field that would connect to the highway 93/University Beach bicycling lane.

- VI. Vickery Hall Tour and Services Provided – Steve Duzan, Assoc. AD for Athletic Academic Services began by introducing the council members to the exhaustive work that is done in Vickery where 1200 or more tutoring appointments are carried out per week to help teach SA the skills that prepare them for success and a safe and supportive environment in the students off time. Steve made the point that, “At Clemson, Student Athletes are Students first” and that the realization of that ethic has received Clemson national recognition for its support of student academics. After an assessment of students’ and staffs’ use of the building however, a renovation is sorely needed to make Vickery a place that represents the pride in, and commitment to, our students success in vision as well as function.

- VII. Adjourn 4:19PM