Athletic Council
IPTAY Multi-purpose Room
December 1, 2015
3:30pm

In attendance: Lambert McCarty (Chair), Graham Neff, Steve Duzan, Warren Adams, Skye Arthur-Banning, Luca Barattoni, Matthew Boyer, John Cajk, Mike Godfrey, Sandy Edge, Janie Hodge, Matthew Macauley, Bob Brookover, Jesse Moore, Tina White, Dana Zielinski, June Pilcher, MaryAnne Raymond, Ed Rock, Debbie Smith, Sheri Webster, Jayson Santos, Davis Babb

Minutes:

I. The October minutes were approved as submitted.

II. FAR Update- Janie Hodge- Clemson Student Graduation Success Rate (NCAA metric of student success) continues to be strong, the lowest being 79%. Several teams completed the 2014-2015 year with a 100% GSR. Comparing the Federal Graduation Success Rate to the general student body, which is 82%, the student athletes are still performing well. Baseball does show a greater difference but that has most to do with those students leaving for professional careers.

ACC Legislative meeting in Charlotte will precede the NCAA meeting and voting for the Big 5 autonomy and Division 1 proposals. The conference has asked for a university opinion on each of the proposals to be considered in the conference vote. Patrick Andrews will be representing the conference again and one of the two SA reps in the new NCAA autonomy structure. Patrick has been an outstanding representative for Clemson and all student athletes.

III. Compliance Update- Jayson Santos- polled SACS, Coaches and Sports supervisors to create the university opinion for the upcoming meetings. Jayson presented the following summary concerning the most concerned proposals.

a) Autonomy Proposal 2015-19: That a Student Athlete may use his or her likeness to promote his or her own business, provided that it is not athletically related and that the promotion does not reference the student’s athletic affiliation.

b) Autonomy Proposal 2015-25: Specifies that a travel day related to competition will not be considered a day off. This would amend bylaw 17.1.7.4 that states that SA must be given one day off each week but would have allowed travel to count as that day.
c) Autonomy Proposal 2015-26: Would prohibit any kind of mandatory athletic activity for 3 weeks following the championship period. The Athletes felt that 3 weeks was too long but a period of 10 days would be appreciated.

d) Autonomy Proposal 2015-26: Says that Athletic activities are prohibited from 9PM to 6AM. This would amend bylaw 17.1.7.6.3 which had formerly made that period Midnight to 5AM. Major issue with this is related to travel from competition.

e) General Proposals include the requirement that institutions have all of a student’s documentation in the clearinghouse before ever offering a scholarship. This can be a very time consuming task for some SA and Clemson does not support the proposal. We will however support the initiative to offer stipends up to $2500 to cover travel expenses for family members to attend NCAA playoff competitions.

IV. Athletic Update- Graham Neff-Coach Dabo Swinney was selected as the ACC Coach of the year, a prestigious and well deserved honor as the football team heads to the Championship games. A Pizza Party is being held in Death Valley to celebrate the accomplishment. M. Soccer team ranked #2 nationally. The final M. Soccer before going to the final four is hosted at Clemson this year. As a NCAA event all tickets must be charged for (IPTAY will be paying the charge for Students) but many ticketing promotions/packages are being offered.

The move to Jervey for W.BB has been very successful. The LittleJohn project is on schedule and on budget with 11 months to go. The first Friday in November will be a great event to debut the new renovation for that BB home game. The rest of the 2016 schedule will be available in February. The feasibility study of a Tennis and IPTAY renovation is still underway. A Track field renovation is also in its earliest phase. The Track Field was redone relatively recently but is unable to host competitions. The priority for that would be to create a banked track though and a study for that will be ongoing.

IPTAY- Davis Babb- recounted the history of IPTAY from its start in 1924 as a model for fundraising in College Athletics and continued support of Clemson scholarships (both for Athletes and Non-Athletes), academics, facilities, Clemson Band, uniforms, student services and life skills. This is currently all being managed by 19 staff members and the 4-6 student interns.

V. Committee Reports:

a) Fiscal Integrity and Facility Planning- Sandy Edge- Points were addressed in the Athletic Update. Thanked Graham for his help and summary and thanked everyone for their participation in the Military Appreciation events. As a rep of the Alumni Association Sandy noted that the issues with parking at the ring ceremony in the Garrison Arena will not happen again. Sandy also offered to arrange tours of facilities if groups would be interested in doing so.

b) Campus and Community Relations-Mary Ann Raymond- Group is researching ways to Thank the local businesses for their support during the Athletic events that make Clemson such a fantastic place to watch a game. Suggestions include a window sticker or mailing.

c) Governance and Rules- Matthew Macauley- has created a google doc with faculty comments related to each of the NCAA proposals.
VI. Comments from the Committee- electronic ticketing rules were somewhat inconsistent. The Athletic department will be reviewing this system with the Student Government body and implementing enhancements in the next season.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:48pm

Minutes recorded by Tullen Burns

Future meetings: Jan. 5; Feb. 2; March 1; April 5; May 3, 2016
Clemson University Athletic Council
Policies and Procedures

I. Responsibilities & Function

A. Institutional Control

At Clemson University institutional control of intercollegiate athletics rests with and is exercised by the President of the University. In this capacity the President is ultimately responsible for insuring that Clemson’s athletic policies and programs are in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

B. Director of Athletics

Authority for the administration and management of intercollegiate athletic programs is exercised by the Director of Athletics who is accountable to the President of the University.

C. Athletic Council

The principal function of the Athletic Council is to advise the Clemson University Administration on all major decisions affecting the administration of the Athletic Department. The Athletic Council shall recommend policy on intercollegiate athletics to the Director of Athletics, and when appropriate to the President of the University. Specific duties of the Athletic Council include:

1. Monitoring the recruitment, scholastic eligibility, admissions and academic progress of student-athletes by receiving regular reports and responses to requests for information from the Council on these activities from the Athletic Department, and any other university division as appropriate.
2. Reviewing athletic schedules and ticket prices.
3. Advising the University’s faculty representative to the NCAA and ACC on matter of pending legislation.
4. Evaluating athletic policies and programs to ensure their compatibility with overall aims and mission of the University.
5. Participation in the screening and selection of applicants for the position of Director of Athletics.
6. Participation in the nomination of candidates for the position of Faculty Representative to the NCAA/ACC and for recommending the endorsement of a one time renewal of the Representative’s term upon request of the President.
7. Performing other functions as requested by the President of the University and/or the Director of Athletics.