



Athletic Council

Doug Kingsmore Baseball Facility

February 2, 2016
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, Dan Radakovich, Janie Hodge, Matthew Macauley, Jesse Moore, Tina White, Dana Zielinski, June Pilcher, MaryAnne Raymond, Ed Rock, Debbie Smith, Sheri Webster, Jayson Santos, Jim McCubbin, George Smith, Leslie Moreland-Bishop, Tullen Burns

Minutes:

- I. The December minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. FAR Update-Janie Hodge- Spring NCAA Convention- resolutions concerning SA time demands were tabled flowing further research of the needs. SA reps were worried that a new rule would not consider the differing demands of individual students and their academic or on field success.
There has been a great deal of conversation about how to best address the mental health issues of student athletes. It has been suggested that this might be a major area of research for an AC subcommittee.
The ACC meeting discussed many issues, including time demands. The schools were charged by the board to only bring issues of “major significance” to the table of the big five schools.
- III. Compliance- Jayson Santos- 10 to 15 of the proposals were approved. The resolution concerning injured players becoming student coaches was approved. The number of student fees that institutions can cover for SA was greatly expanded. Covering lodging and meals was approved for all SA. It was also mandated that any scholarship promised for a term must be upheld for the term of that agreement regardless of performance. The requirement that students be offered an 8 hour break period a day was also approved.
- IV. Athletic Update- Graham Neff- presented the to-date costs and fees of the post season games as offset by bowl and championship prizes. Neff informed the committee that the total expenditures have not been fully processed but noted that the benefits of the student experience and added publicity for the University could not be shown on a budget spreadsheet. Year-End projections will be presented in April.

Dan Radakovich- One measurable effect of the postseason this year is that the phase Where is Clemson was searched 28,000 times more during the week of the championship game than during the same period last year. That publicity has been taken full advantage of as the University has a great deal to share about the upgraded facilities and the recognition of Clemson by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research I institution.

The Littlejohn project is on schedule to be complete in October. The experience at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena has been very positive and may see Clemson playing a game there again in the future.

The Dan Beebe group has evaluated the Athletic Department and the University to make recommendations concerning risk management and increasing everyone's access to the university resources. This group is conducting workshops and presentations to the SAs and Athletic Staff.

Soccer practice construction will start in March. The Tennis Field study has completed and will be presented to state along with other smaller projects and the Renovation of the IPTAY Facility. The Tennis facility upgrade will involve the creation on a safer thoroughfare for all students.

University Jet purchase occurred in October and can be utilized by any group on campus.

- V. Vickery Hall-Stephen Duzan- Fall Semester was very successful for the Athletes in the classroom. Men's Soccer and Football set all-time GPA records for those two sports. Students are being nominated for the ACC and NCAA academic awards to recognize their significant achievements. The 1300 or so tutoring appointments each week certainly had a great effect on that and great thanks goes to the students and staff that lead or assisted with that tutoring.
- VI. Jim McCubbin- Worked with Provost Jones on New Year's day to help students and faculty accommodate the travel associated with the post-season games. Many thanks go to the faculty for being so amenable to the students and to the Athletic department for their assistance. The 1000 student tickets that were offered and allotted to the bowl and championship games were used.
- VII. SAACS-A Town Hall will be held at the end of February with the Athletic Director and students to conclude with roundtable discussions.
- VIII. Alumni Association-Sandy Edge-The Clemson brand has never been stronger. The Bowl and championship games were both sold out and the Alumni events have been as well attended as they have ever been in memory.
- IX. Luca Blurattoni- After working with the Basketball teams to facilitate the trip to Italy in 2015 the avenues to recruit talented Student Athletes from that country have continued to flourish and a trip is planned to return to Italy in March.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:32pm with a tour of the Baseball Facility

Minutes recorded by Tullen Burns

Future meetings: April 5; May 3, 2016