

Athletic Council
Minutes Meeting
IPTAY Multipurpose Room
April 5, 2016, 3:30 PM

Voting Members Present: Bert McCarty, chair; Luca Barattoni; Abel Bartley; Matthew Burns; John Cajk; Sandy Edge; Kathy Edwards; Mike Godfrey; James McCubbin; Jesse Moore; Mary Anne Raymond; Ed Rock; George Smith; Sheri Webster Joey Wilson; Chris Talley and Dana Zielinski

Non-Voting Members Present: Tullen Burns; Steve Duzan; Stephanie Ellison; Janie Hodge; Natalie Honnen; Neff Graham; Dan Radakovich; Tina White; John Griffin; Eric George Mike Echols and Rhonda Todd

McCarty convened the meeting at 3:31 PM

Introductions

McCarty welcomed the committee. He opened the meeting with introductions of Joey Wilson who is the 2016-2017 Student Body President and Chris Talley from the Extension Senate replacing Matthew Burns.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

The March 1, 2016 meeting minutes were approved with no edits or corrections.

FAR Update

Hodge reported she listened in on an ACC conference call last week for legislative proposals to be voted on. She stated one proposal dealt with mandatory time-off after championship season, but after some discussion, it was decided to include this in the student athlete time-demand study already in progress. Hodge reported there was also a proposal for coaches to participate in camps within a 100-mile radius of the university.

Wilson questioned time-demand issues during national championships since it is often within the second semester. Ellison stated legislation dictating when student athletes can practice is currently in place for national championships.

McCarty welcomed Stephanie Ellison back from maternity leave.

Student Athlete Input and Updates

Zielinski noted student athletes have organized an event before the spring games called Tiger Field day planned for this Saturday. She reminded the committee tomorrow is National Student Athlete day and a Chick-Fil-A breakfast will be provided by Athletics to all student athletes.

Radakovich reminded the committee next Monday will be the Clemmy Awards to recognize and award student athletes for their academic and athletic achievements this past year.

Athletic Department Budget Review

Neff reported he is working on the 2017 budget to present to the Board of Trustees next week, thus, will present additional information at the May meeting. He asked Edge if he wanted to go ahead with the committee report, but he wanted to wait until May.

Radakovich reported a proposal was made to the College Playoff committee to purchase tickets for participating school's students for payoff games, this would be a cost saving of \$300k plus. The committee will meet in two-weeks to discuss this proposal.

Webster discussed the Monday night National Playoff games and students who missed two-days of classes. Radakovich reminded the committee these decisions are motivated and decided by television contracts. McCubbin reported the Faculty Senate is interested in hearing about any concerns from faculty or staff concerning teaching and/or student absence.

Athletic Department Update

Radakovich reported on a full slate of activities occurring this spring semester. Baseball series, the track team is at Texas relays, men and women's golf team hosted the first ever Clemson Invitational, and the events surrounding spring games and Alumni events this weekend. He stated facility improvements continue, and he looks forward to hosting a tour of Littlejohn when the council reconvenes in September.

Duzan reported 14-days of class are left this semester with registration currently going on, and his staff is working with athletes concerning degree completion. He added his staff is working to juggle schedules, especially for traveling teams and tutoring sessions this semester.

Radakovich stated the athletic department is interviewing this week to replace four positions: Director of Ticket Operations; Football Academic Advisor; Strength Coach for Men's Basketball; and Facility Director for Littlejohn Coliseum.

Blending Academics with Agronomy and Athletics

McCarty introduced Mike Echols, Supervisor of Athletic Grounds. He has seen Echols dedication to agronomics, athletics, and students. Echols gave several examples of student workers and situations of teaching and progressing students academically, and teaching students to think for themselves. He reported that he strives to teach student workers to pay attention to details; to make an excellent first impression; and the value of everyone working together to keep the operation running. Echols reported he currently has on staff ten student workers, working 28-hours per week, and five full time staff members. He stated his relationship with McCarty, Don Garrett (Manager of Walker Golf Course), and himself is unheard of at other institutions since they share information, borrow equipment, and have great respect for one another.

Radakovich and McCarty thanked him for his expertise and dedication to the student's success, this institution and athletics.

Committee Reports

Fiscal Integrity and Facility Planning Committee (report attached) – Edge reviewed the attached report. George distributed a handout (attached): ACC NCAA Basketball Tournament Shares

AC Policies and Procedures – (proposal attached) Godfrey stated he emailed the draft proposal yesterday for the committee to review. He reminded the committee this is only a draft proposal and he wants this restructuring process to be transparent, and total committee involvement with the development and the finished product. He stated the last update to the policy was in 2003, and the current mission (5 designated subcommittees) was developed to support the NCAA certification process. Godfrey added the AC is currently viewed as ineffective and this perception, right or wrong, should change. The committee would like to streamline and provide a clear understanding of the purpose of the Athletic Council. The proposal involves three main areas:

- 1) Restructuring of the Mission/Purpose
- 2) Revise Standing Committee Structure within the AC
- 3) Revise AC membership/voting member

The committee discussed the update to the mission and purpose statement was needed along with the Standing Committees; however, several thought Alumni and IPTAY was value added to this committee and disagreed with removing their participation.

Webster reported upon reviewing the current mission statement, she realized how out of context the policy was to current operation; however, she advised hearing from President Clements and Athletics of what their true expectations of this committee really are. She added we should not hurry in any of these processes, but take our time and get it right.

White from Staff Senate encouraged them to realize it is staff who implement any policies campus wide and to consider their importance and input into changing and implementing any new policies or procedures.

McCubbin stated the AC Policies and Procedures subcommittee understood this would be the hardest part of this change to voting membership. He encouraged groups to provide rationales as to why participation is value added to the membership or not.

The committee stated the mission must be developed before membership participation can be determined. McCubbin stated no official timeline has been developed; however, this is more about getting it right. The committee agreed.

Ellison recommended the Institutional Control remain in the discussion because it is very important.

McCarty reminded the council any changes would require approval by Faculty Senate and President Clements, thus, add to the timeline. He stated there are a lot of opinions and different directions this can go, so please send your input to Godfrey or others on the ad hoc committee.

McCarty reported Mike Godfrey will be the AC Chair and Sheri Webster will be the Vice Chair for the next two years. He added due to the generosity of Athletics, a lunch will be served for our final meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Todd