

Athletic Council
IPTAY Multipurpose Room
February 2, 2017
3:30pm

Voting Members Present: Mike Godfrey, chair; William Baldwin; Abel Bartley; Eric Benson; Portia Botchway; Bob Brookover; Ed Rock; Stephen Fizmaurice; Carl Hollingsworth; Jamil Faiza; Lambert McCarty; Jesse Moore; Mary Anne Raymond; George Smith; Mark Roberts; Christopher Talley; Sheri Webster; William Deveraux; Debbie Smith; Danny Gregg; June Pilcher

Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Duzan; Graham Neff; Dan Radakovich; Leslie Moreland; Rhonda Todd

Godfrey convened the meeting at 3:30 pm

Introductions

Godfrey welcomed the committee.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

The November and December meeting minutes were approved.

Vickery Hall Update

Duzan reported he has received grade reports from the fall semester and the numbers are looking good with an average of 2.95 GPA. He stated that these are new times for many of our student athletes. Many are graduating in three years instead of the usual four-five. A committee member shared that classroom grades are published publically. The committee discussed.

Athletic Department Update

Radakovich reported that at the recent NCAA Convention a lot of the legislation was passed by the autonomy groups as it relates to time demands for student athletes. There is now going to be a 21 mandatory days off during the semester. He stated there will be a plan in place by coaches to ensure this happens for our athletes, and there will be some leeway for life skills programs and recruiting opportunities. Radakovich reported that the Reeves Football Operations building opened yesterday, so they are in the process of moving over there. The Student Enrichment Center will be moving to the offices at the West End Zone after it is renovated. Facilities development is working on plans for the new Tennis arena and offices, and the Soccer facilities. Radakovich reported there is a lot of illegal merchandize since the Championship, and our people are making an effort to track these distributors and stop them. He offered a tour of the Reeves building at the March meeting.

Proposal of Changes to the Athletic Council

Godfrey stated that he had emailed everyone a copy of the Phase II proposal (attached). He reported that Phase I was approved at the last meeting and we now have a new mission statement, purpose and

committee structure. He stated that Phase II deals more with the membership and downsizing the council per the request of the President. The committee discussed the different types of memberships and appointments to the council. Godfrey stated that one suggestion would be to eliminate the alternate faculty from each college which would bring the college appointment to two faculty members beginning this May. The committee discussed the elimination of several groups on campus and expressed some concern. Godfrey reminded the committee that a good measure for particular groups to maintain membership is what they bring to the new committee structure as it relates to student athlete welfare. He charged the council to review the Phase II proposal, and feel free to email any questions or concerns to him.

Future meeting dates: April 6 at 3:30 PM, and May 4 at 12:00 PM (lunch will be served)

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Todd

Athletic Council Changes

Official Proposal of Phase I Changes

Proposed: November, 2016

Vote: December, 2016

APPROVED (21/0/2)

Mission

The Athletic Council is a presidential council that serves as the liaison between the Clemson University faculty and administration and athletic department. The primary role of the AC will be to assist the president and Academic-Athletic Oversight Committee in ensuring that the welfare of our student athletes remains a top priority while maintaining the academic integrity of the institution.

Purpose

The purpose of the Athletic Council will be to review and recommend policies related to and that impact academic issues and integrity as well as student athlete welfare and experience. Additionally, the athletic council will conduct annual reviews of athletic budgets, facility plans, hiring practices, and promoting public relations between the athletic department, University Colleges, and broader campus community.

Current Committee Structure	Proposed Committee Structure
Governance of Rules and Compliance	Academic Policies and Integrity
Academic Standards and Integrity	Student Athlete Welfare and Experience
Fiscal Integrity and Facility Planning	Administration and Communication
Equity, Welfare, and Sportsmanship	
Campus and Community Relations	

Academic Policies and Integrity

The Academic Policies and Integrity committee will address all policies and procedures related to admissions, academic standards, academic support, registration, curriculum issues, and other related issues affecting student athletes.

Student Athlete Welfare and Experience

The Student Athlete Welfare and Experience committee will address issues related to the overall college experience of student athletes outside of the classroom and on and off of the playing/practice field. This will include but is not limited to issues regarding equity, university resources, and campus community relationships.

Administration and Communication

The Administration and Communication committee will address issues related to the overall administration of athletics that will include annual reviews of athletic budgets, facility plans, hiring practices, and other related issues. Additionally, this committee will create and execute a communication plan to convey appropriate and relevant information from the Athletic Council to the campus community.

Athletic Council Changes

Official Proposal of Phase II Changes

Proposed: February, 2017

Revision of athletic council voting membership

Goals:

1. Realign membership with the new committee structure that was approved in December meeting; Promote institutional control between athletics and academics; Work consistently with the AAOC; and Align the committees to meet the needs of changes to academic policies and associated needs of the Athletic Department.
2. Membership of the Athletic Council should be consistent with other committees on campus that conduct similar business.
3. In restructuring, be aware of communication processes across campus. Some positions are being proposed for change due to receiving this info as a part of another council/group or representation on other committees. Ex. Faculty Athletic Rep has to report on the Athletic Council in the IPTAY Board Meetings.
4. Restructuring of membership affects every section of membership except for the selection of Student Athletes.

Non-Voting Members would not change and include:

- i. Faculty Athletic Rep
- ii. Athletic Director
- iii. Assistant Athletic Director
- iv. Compliance
- v. Senior Women's Administrator
- vi. Vickery (Director of Academic Support Services)

Current Make up of Athletic Council Voting Members	Proposal of New Athletic Council Voting Members
2 elected members from each college (and 1 alternate) -Originally 5 colleges	1 elected member from each college (and 1 alternate) -Now 7 Colleges
1 Library Faculty	1 President of the Faculty Senate (Or Appointee)
3 Student Members	1 President of the Undergraduate Student Government (Or Appointee)
2 Student Athletes	1 President of the Graduate Student Government (Or Appointee)
1 Rep from Clemson Alumni Association	2 Student Athletes from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) -1 Revenue; 1 Non-Revenue
1 Member of IPTAY	1 Library Faculty
1 Member of the Faculty Senate	2 Presidential Appointees 1- Student Affairs
1 Unclassified Staff Member	
1 Member of the Staff Senate	
3 at large Presidential Appointees	
TOTAL: 24 Voting Members (11 from Faculty/13 non-faculty)	TOTAL: 15 Voting Members (8 from Faculty/ 7 non-Faculty)

The process for implementing change:

1. Athletic Council membership terms will end May, 2017
2. All 7 colleges will revote
 - a. It will be suggested that each college take the 2 elected members and vote for one member and one alternate
 - b. Current alternate positions will end May, 2017
3. Presidential appointees are annual appointees and will end May, 2017. New appointees will begin their term in August, 2017.
4. Current membership for the Library Faculty, Student Athletes, Undergraduate appointee, Graduate Appointee, and Faculty senate appointee will serve out their voted membership terms.
5. Current membership not being retained, membership terms will end May, 2017.

Conclusion/Discussion:

Overall, the feeling is that this would streamline the process of the athletic council, provide better use of the council's and athletic department's time, and provide a clear and concise purpose of the council consistent with the President's agreement to decrease the size of the council and create a more effective working council. These changes would align the purpose of the athletic council with the areas needed for the NCAA Certification Process, while still providing adequate representation among parties.

Open for Discussion:

