

Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Revised April 6, 2018
IPTAY Multipurpose Room
March 1, 2018, 3:30pm

Voting Members Present: Mike Godfrey, chair; June Pilcher; Sheri Webster; Abel Bartley; Robert Kerr for Lambert McCarty; William Baldwin; Brenda Burk; Bob Brookover and Hook Bruner

Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Duzan; Elliott Charles; Janie Hodge; Dan Radakovich; Brad Woody and Rhonda Todd

Godfrey convened the meeting at 3:30 pm

Introductions

Godfrey welcomed the committee.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

The committee approved February meeting minutes.

Comments from Chair

Godfrey stated the council needs to elect a new chair for the next two-year term; however, there is not quorum to vote. He suggested putting the matter up for an online vote, and the members in attendance agreed. He reminded the committee that Bill Baldwin and Sheri Webster are the candidates. Godfrey stated that another matter of importance is determining which colleges will have a member roll-off next year (2019). In an effort to be fair, Todd pulled three strips with college names from a hat. Brookover stated three college names are needed since June Pilcher is coming off this year, so College of Behavioral, Social and Health Science (CBSH) will have someone to take her place for a year, then the college will join the others in electing a new member in 2019 for a three-year term. Todd drew the other three: College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences (CECAS), College of Science (COS), and College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities (CAAH).

Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Hodge reported that she had just returned from Women's Basketball where the Women Administrators met to discuss sexual misconduct and job opportunities for women and other diverse populations. She stated that while the standards are the same, there is additional risk factor for women as it applies to coaches, trainers, and physicians. Radakovich stated that if a former students files a complaint, we work with outside counsel to chart a course to investigate any allegation; however, the process is very different for current student athletes than with former student athletes. Hodge stated that the investigation and information is strictly confidential due to legal issues.

Hodge reported that in the Compliance Newsletter there was good information about academic misconduct. She stated this will be a good one to share. Charles stated that he would be glad to add anyone to the listserv, but he will forward this one to Todd to distribute to the Athletic Council.

Nieri Student Athlete Academic Area Report

Duzan reported that progress reports for this semester was completed with a 65% return rate. He stated that he appreciates the feedback of faculty and staff concerning student athletes. He reported that the Tiger Unite program had a diversity initiative. He reported that they met with minority student athletes, and one suggestion was an opportunity to meet up with non-student athletes, so they offered an event call Soul Food Sunday. He reported they worked with the Gantt Cultural center to set it up and they had 108 students to show up, and this group wants to build off this in the future as they develop an international meet and greet. Duzan reported over 3000 community service hours and still working on the Habitat for Humanity house. He stated they are still working on Tiger Track event where 16 student athletes will go to Nicaragua to work on a schoolhouse for children, and a literacy program for adults sometime in June.

Athletic Department Report

Radakovich ran through some of the sport highlights:

- Men's Basketball team will make the NCAA Tournament
- Women's Basketball has ended
- Spring Football practice has begun, and it is exciting to see the old and new players on the field; Football season ticket sales will begin on Monday
- Tennis team is moving from place to place with the construction of the new Tennis facility
- Golf programs are early in the season, but both won their recent tournaments
- Track hosted a very success ACC track event where our teams finished third
- Baseball has not lost a game to date and the stats are looking good
- Rowing begins soon
- The new softball field construction is in progress.

Committee Reports

Academics Policies and Integrity Committee – No report

Student Athlete Welfare and Experience Committee - Godfrey reported that his committee did not meet, but he met with some former student athletes to discuss mental health issues among student athletes, and how speak with a professional. He stated that one student stated that most students consider this a weakness, so they will remain silent rather than discuss with others. Godfrey stated that he would like this committee to spend more time on this subject in the fall.

Administration and Communication Committee – no report

Other

Godfrey provided an opportunity for both candidates to an introduction to the members who were present:

William (Bill) Baldwin – Baldwin stated that he is from the College of Science, Professor of Biology. He stated that the last few years, he has been the chair of the Academic Standards and Integrity Subcommittee, which recently changed to Academic Policies and Integrity Subcommittee. He thanked Godfrey for his work the last few year. If elected, he looks forward to the working with Faculty Senate and the AAOC.

Sheri Webster – Webster stated that she is an Assistant Professor, Nursing, in the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences. She reported a strong passion for Clemson as far back as her years as a student here. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve if elected.

Future meeting dates: April 5, and May 3

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Todd