

Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
IPTAY Multipurpose Room
April 5, 2018, 3:30pm

Voting Members Present: Mike Godfrey, chair; Sheri Webster; Lambert McCarty; William Baldwin; Brenda Burk; Bob Brookover; Abel Bartley; Levertt Bruner; and George Smith

Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Duzan; Bud Pough; Janie Hodge; Dan Radakovich; Leslie Moreland; Bobby Kerr; Rhonda Todd; and Kyle Cutler

Godfrey convened the meeting at 3:34 pm

Opening Remarks and Amendment to March Minutes

Godfrey stated a change to the March minutes in regard to the colleges rolling off at the end of the next academic year as opposed to this year. No colleges will be rolling off this year as all terms were extended so there should be no colleges voting for Athletic Council – Rep or Alt; unless somebody in a college is stepping down. Brookover stated CBSH, CAAH, and COS will have elections next year for both rep and alternate. The remaining colleges will go through the voting process the following year. This will help make sure there are no wholesale changes. Hodge discussed who is eligible for the Athletic Council that with the changes and Brookover confirmed that with the changes regular faculty should be elected from the colleges.

Introductions

Godfrey welcomed the committee and announced Bill Baldwin will begin his two-year term as Chair beginning in June and Sheri Webster will be the Vice Chair. Godfrey announced that Todd would be stepping away from the group and Kyle Cutler would assume her duties. Cutler is in a new role as Assistant Registrar for Athletic Processes. Hodge added that they are still looking at his involvement with the Athletic Council and AAOC.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

The committee approved March meeting minutes with the amendment above.

Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Hodge reported on the ACC recognition for Clemson Athletics partnership with CU LIFE with the ACC Game Changers Award. She will head to Greensboro next Wednesday to recognize ACC scholars and CU LIFE will take 2 students to accept the award. Hodge announced that Clemson has three ACC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients – Daniela Ruiz Alvarez (Women's Tennis – Industrial Engineering), Marisa Messana (Women's Golf – Communication), and Grace Barnett (Women's Cross Country/Track – Elementary Education). The student athletes must have high academic achievements to go along with noteworthy athletic performance. Clemson also had an Honorary Postgraduate Scholarship Nominee, Oliver Shannon (Men's Soccer) which is designed for athletes with these credentials but are not planning to immediately enroll in a postgraduate program. Hodge commended Leslie Moreland for all her outstanding efforts putting the information together.

Hodge also discussed a few of the legislative proposals - eliminating regulations requiring institutions to establish missed class time policy and 8-hour participation rules. She mentioned that there is no standard NCAA policy for missed class so there is no need to have legislation on this if it is left up to the institution. Hodge indicated the proposal discusses altering the 8-hour participation in athletic related activity in offseason so that coaches can also use this time for skill training and not just strength and conditioning.

Nieri Student Athlete Academic Area Report

Duzan reported that his group has been gearing up for registration and has been working hard to be sure there is a plan in place for summer and fall registration. He re-iterated the prestigious Postgraduate Scholar recipients and that two of the three have already graduated and begun postgraduate programs. He also reported that they are getting ready for the end of the year Clemmy Awards recognizing the student athletes for athletic achievement, community awards, and leadership. Duzan reported they had a fashion show to educate student athletes on appropriate attire from casual all the way to formal. He announced the upcoming community service outreach on April 14th with the Be a Tiger Field Day with lots of student athlete volunteers.

Moreland stated progress reports will go out next Wednesday to all faculty who have a student athlete enrolled with a week to respond.

Athletic Department Report

Radakovich announced that there are two ACC academic consortium events this weekend comprised of teams from each of the ACC institutions— InVenture Prize at Georgia Tech and the ACC Meeting of the Minds at Boston College. Doc Redman is in Augusta participating in the Masters. Baseball team is really hot – won 7 of 8 games, but heading to South Bend, Indiana this weekend to deal with extremely cold temperatures. Spring game weekend will be full of activities – volleyball scrimmage, baseball game, and Be a Tiger Field Day. He congratulated the Men’s Basketball team on their great season and trip to the Sweet 16. Indicated great interest in Women’s Basketball coaching vacancy and hopes to have that wrapped up by next Tuesday. Looking forward to hosting the group for the May lunch meeting at McFadden. Next BOT meeting there will be 2 approvals – second and final approval for softball stadium and first approval for soccer locker room and coaches complex down near the soccer practice facilities.

Committee Reports

Academics Policies and Integrity Committee – No report

Student Athlete Welfare and Experience Committee Godfrey stated there are no major changes and getting folks up to speed with exams, etc. Issue with former student athletes is under investigation and being reviewed by the University so nothing to report.

Administration and Communication Committee – Brookover requested the athletic department and IPTAY budgets like in years past for Faculty Senate as it helps clear up misconceptions, etc. Radakovich stated the Athletic Department board meeting is on April 20 and the IPTAY board meeting in mid-May. He reported that they will plan to have these documents available to the Athletic Council at the May meeting.

Future meeting dates: May 3 at McFadden Building

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kyle Cutler