**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
McFadden Team Room  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 3:30pm

**Voting Members Present**: William Baldwin, chair; Mike Godfrey; Jaimil Faiza; Jasmine Townsend; Lambert McCarty; Hook Bruner; Matthew Macauley; Jae Espey; Abel Bartley; Mary Anne Raymond; Brandon Lockhart; Jack Wolf; George Fadel; Brenda Burk; Andy Wesolek; Banner Brock; Nolan Lennon; Julia Meredith.

**Non-Voting Members Present**: Steve Duzan; Elliott Charles; Graham Neff; Janie Hodge; Brad Woody; Dan Radakovich; Stephanie Ellison; Kyle Cutler; Natalie Honnen; Leslie Moreland

Baldwin convened the meeting at 3:30pm

**Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

The committee approved May’s meeting minutes.

**Committee Charges**

**Academic Policies and Integrity: Sheri Webster**

Partner with AAOC and Athletic Academic Services to assess data related to academic policy and academic integrity of student athletes. Data will include AAOC reports as well as team rules, class attendance, and grade change/academic forgiveness documents.

**Administration and Communication: Jack Wolf**

Determine the university’s debt limit and the percentage of the debt limit taken up by athletics. Compare Clemson University to other public universities in the southeast.

**Student Athlete Welfare and Experiences: Mike Godfrey**

Work with Natalie and others to evaluate best practices for student welfare, including mental health accountability.

**Nieri Student Athlete Academic Area Report**

Leslie Moreland reported that 228 student athletes made the student honor roll. Three Student athletes earned NCAA post graduate scholarships. All programs’ APR, Academic Progress Rate, got 962 or higher, 11 with perfect scores. Student Athletes at Clemson served 3180 community service hours, second highest in the ACC. 95% student-athletes participated in community service this year. Ranked 13th nationally for total service and 3rd in the ACC. Clemson earned the ACC game changers award this year. We had 51 UPIC interns. Clemson also started a Tiger Trust program that allows alumni to come back and earn their degree.

**Athletic Department Report**

Five years ago our budget was 65 million; our budget is 115 million now. The total debt outstanding at the end of the year is 138 million. Tuition or State GED’s are not included in this budget. Personnel expense increased from 27 million to 45 million.

The College Football Brand Rankings, based off of student-athletes, awarded Clemson number 1 as the best brand. Ticket availability 99.5% exhausted for season. Clemson introduced the opportunity for students to purchase tickets for the first time. Clemson pays 5% admission tax to the State of South Carolina. Major revenue driver for IPTAY, and close-to stadium inventory has reached saturation.

In addition to remaining competitive in football, several other sports will need to be addressed to remain competitive on both ACC and national levels. New “autonomy” legislation allows department to provide further support to our student-athletes, and costs in areas of nutrition. New softball team is on campus and almost ready to go. Softball will have the first pitch in Spring 2019. As of right now there are 7 softball players on campus.

An all staff meeting was held in August to make sure we monitor, educate and proactively manage national issues, such as sexual violence, student-athlete mental health concerns and healthcare protocols.

**Ask Dan**

1. University of Maryland. Wow! What happened? Is there any insight from Clemson athletics? What do we have in place to make sure that this could not have at Clemson?

You can’t prevent the tragedy by process but you prevent it by the people. They must meet the proper credentials to be hired here at Clemson. The NCAA provides the Independence Medical Care. From a process and structure stance we have it covered, but so did Maryland. Clemson is different by the culture it provides and the people that they hire. Last April, United State Council of Athletic Health provided a survey that focus on care for the student athletes. The report that we got back was positive. Overall, the training staff must be autonomous from the coaches and in charge of student athelete health.

1. Clemson Athletics provides a support payment to Clemson University. What is the process of formula for determining this payment? This past year this payment was reduced by the sale of Vickery from athletics to the university (about $1,223,000). How was this determined and is there a reason that this was not part of a donation-in-kind to the university?

Vickery Hall was built by IPTAY; not by state or other funds. Over the last 5 years we almost double the revenue. The institution paid 2 million dollars for Vickery Hall. Athletics pays 8.6 million to the university over a 5-year period of time as part of donations received to athletics primarily from IPTAY and this 2 million was subtracted from that donation.

1. The track no longer appears available for community use. At least it was not available at the scheduled times in the mornings or evenings of May and early June. Has there been a change in its availability and why? Previously, areas of the tennis facility were available for community use. What will be the availability and protocol for students and faculty in the new facility?

Available times will be posted for the outdoor track for the community. The track will be closed between 1-6pm due to practice. The track will be open for the community most of the morning and from the end of practice to dusk.

New Tennis facilities: Community members will have the opportunity to join a Tennis Club. Members will also have to pay a yearly fee and sign up for monitored times for use of the indoor facility. The information will be online around October 1 with a media blitz for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm. Minutes submitted by Anthony Hines