



Athletic Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 3:30pm

<https://clemsom.zoom.us/j/97076916509>

Chair, Jasmine Townsend, Associate Professor, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, 280A Lehotsky Hall, jntowns@clemsom.edu

Attendance: Jasmine Townsend, Brian Booth, Deborah Smith, Janie Hodge, George Marks, Bill Baldwin, Jack Wolf, Dan Radakovich, Michael Godfrey, Greg Batt, Jae Espey, Mary Anne Raymond, Mark Roberts, Danny Shaughnessy, Amanda Gray, George Smith, Sarah Cooper, Abel Bartley, Stephanie Ellison, Hunter Bond, Steve Duzan, Pat Layton, Brenda Burk

- I. March 2020 minutes approved with no amendments.
- II. New council members introduced.
- III. Reduced number of council meetings this year so meetings may last a little longer.
- IV. Committee Membership
 - a. Academic Policies and Integrity – Chair (Bill) – Focus on curriculum and support affecting student athletes (attendance); hopefully get grade reports this year.
 - b. Student Athlete Welfare and Experience – Chair (Mike) - Stay in touch with student development group; how athletes are feeling and understanding processes.
 - c. Administration and Communication - Chair (Jack) – Special topics, responsible for communicating back to university; updating policy and procedures.
- V. SAAC report – George Marks, President of SACC
 - a. Showed document with current projects, which included image likeness, transfer guidelines; mandatory day off on election day (voter engagement); social justice and uniform patch; unity tee shirts; show appreciation for sports medicine staff.
 - b. Other updates –noted community service as toughest thing affected by virtual platform; finding ways to get most student athletes in front of other groups
 - c. Questions: Student athletes all on board regarding unity and social justice. Not everyone in community has been totally receptive. Athletic department knows they're doing right thing and majority is behind them.
 - d. Tee shirts available at downtown stores and online; short sleeve - \$20.
- VI. Director of Athletics report – Dan Radakovich
 - a. Reiterated that community response has not been level, but allows conversations with staff and students. Proud of student athletes who participate and use opportunity to talk through issues. Proud of activism and how using voice.



- b. Facility and operations summary. Document for Dr. Birtz showed mitigating factors put in place in stadium. Feedback overwhelmingly positive.
 - c. Tickets, games, and procedures. Many options for IPTAY members. 28,000 tickets opted-out! Piped in noise; no Tiger Walk; no tailgates; no pass-outs; students (must have cleared status to enter game) - South upper deck (own entrance and exit). Expensive with only 23% of stadium filled; \$45 – 50 million loss; balance with savings (furloughs, less travel; NCAA not allowing recruiting; IPTAY keeping revenue and may use line of credit (501 3C) and reserves. Reserves (IPTAY and athletics) - \$70 million; reserves doing well, don't want to jeopardize.
 - d. Medical protocol- student athletes – tested 3 times/week including Friday prior to football; purchased machine for saliva testing; outfitted lab on campus – results in one day; Covid expenses – working with campus.
 - e. Q & A: Suites were lowered in capacity (50% but some leeway – add seat or two); no adjustment on television contract; been able to host most competitions to date; built in space for games to be rearranged not cancelled; players must put themselves in safe environment; trying to keep as normal as possible with team cohesion; mental health – have resources available for students to get through difficult times.
- VII. Athletic Academic Oversight Committee report – Janie Hodge, FAR/AAOC
- a. AAOC reports to President.
 - b. Grad transfers – students graduate from one institution and transfer to another. New legislation (approved by NCAA) allows students to take undergraduate classes, not necessarily enroll in degree program (limited to 18 hours as special status at Clemson). Talking with other schools about General Studies degree so students can go above 18 hours.
 - c. Cap in classes (25%) - reviewing trends so some courses are not overpopulated; some expected such as Athletic Leadership; majors of incoming athletes – Sports Comm (large enrollment).
 - d. Special Admissions Process – Any student athlete can have appeal to admissions. AARC looks at prospective student athletes; numbers have increased over last seven (7) years.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned.
- IX. Future meeting dates for Athletic Council:
- November 4, 2020 @ 3:30 pm <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/93500389311>
 - February 17, 2020 @ 3:30 pm <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/99314877929>
 - April 7, 2020 @ 3:30 pm <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/95435870519>